



## Climate Change and its consequences in Soure



As a result of climate change, Portugal has suffered several extreme weather events such as floods, fires, droughts and storms.

One of the most relevant events was in February 2021 when the village of Soure was flooded by the Arunca river that joined the Anços river, which, in turn, led to the flooding of the road between Soure and other places, including Casalinhos, which made it difficult for traffic. I was able to witness these events first hand because, living in Soure, it was also difficult for me to travel to other areas of the municipality.

Another event took place in 2018, when a tropical hurricane, called “Leslie”, hit mainland Portugal on October 13th. This phenomenon left hundreds of homes without electricity, destroyed cars, uprooted many trees, and caused the Mondego River and some of its tributaries to overflow, which led to flooding and the destruction of large agricultural areas.

I also suffered the negative consequences of this extreme phenomenon: my garden was completely destroyed and the path to my house was blocked by fallen trees. My building lost some roof tiles, we lived without electricity for a few days and had to burn candles for some light. There was no running water either...

Sadly, some of these phenomena are due to climate change - the consequence of the direct action of the human beings, who do not respect the preservation of their natural "habitat" and only think about their immediate comfort needs.

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