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Climate adaptation in Africa: Sink and swim

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Sierra Leone **illustrates** the continent's struggle to adapt to climate change

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Island off the coast of Sierra Leone, Melvin Kargbo points to his old football field, now below an expanse of seawater. Never large, Nyangai has shrunk from around 700 metres in length a decade ago to about 90 metres now. Most of its mango and coconut trees have been felled by the waves. The remaining residents live in a tight cluster of houses that flood frequently. Even so, they want to stay put. "We cannot leave this land," says Mr Kargbo, a 35-year-old teacher. "I do not think there is a better life for us anywhere else."

站在塞拉利昂海岸附近的小岛尼扬盖(Nyangai)上,梅尔文·卡格博(Melvin Kargbo)望向远处,那里曾是他踢球的足球场,如今已被海水淹没。尼扬盖岛面积本就不大,十年前长约700米,如今仅剩90米左右。

中文导读

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adaptation /ædəp'teɪʃ(ə)n/ n.改编本,改写本,适应 The play is an **adaptation** of a short novel.这部戏剧是一部短篇小说的改编本

illustrates /'ɪləstreɪts/ v.加插图于,给(书等)做图表,(用示例、图画等)说明,解释,表明...真实,显示...存在illustrate的第三人称单数

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expanse /ɪk'spæns/ n.一大片,广阔,宽广,浩瀚(尤指 陆地或海洋) The snowstorm swept the vast **expanse** of grassland.暴风雪袭击了辽阔的草原。

shrunk /ʃrʌŋk/ v.(使)缩水,收缩,缩小,皱缩,(使)缩小,减少,退缩,畏缩shrink的过去分词和过去式 The peasantry has **shrunk** from 74.6 millions to 65.5.农民人数已从7460万减至6550万。

mango /ˈmæŋgəʊ/ n. 芒果 tropical fruits such as mangoes and papaya.芒果、木瓜等热带水果。

coconut /'kəokənʌt/ n.椰子,(用于烹调的)椰子肉,椰蓉 I bought a **coconut** in the market.我在集市上买了一个椰子。

felled /feld/ v.砍伐(树木),击倒,打倒(某人)fell的过去分词和过去式

cluster /'klʌstə/ n.(同类物丛生或聚集的)簇,团,束,串,(人或动物的)群,组,辅音丛,辅音连缀vi.群聚,聚集 She held a **cluster** of flowers in her arms.她抱着一束鲜花。

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glaciers /ˈgleʃə/ n.冰川glacier的复数 Glaciers gouged out valleys from the hills.冰川把丘陵地带冲出一条条山谷。

melt /melt/ v.熔化,(使)融化,(使)软化,变得温柔 The butter is **melt**ing in the heat.加热的奶油在软化。

erratic /ɪˈrætɪk/ adj.不规则的,不确定的,不稳定的,不可靠的n.漂砾,漂石 He is a very **erratic** football player.他是个技术非常不稳定的足球队员。

accelerating /æk'seləreitin/ v.(使)加速,加快accelerate的 现在分词 Our country should accelerate the economic growth.我国应加快经济增长。

erosion /iˈrəʊʒ(ə)n/ n.腐蚀,(河流、气候等的)侵蚀,(权威、权利、信心等的)逐渐丧失,削弱,(支持的)减少,(价值的)降低,(货币的)贬值 Soil conservation is intended to kurb erosion.土壤保持旨在控制水土流失。

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contributed /kənˈtrɪbjuːtɪd/ v.捐献,捐赠(尤指款或物),捐助,是...的原因之一,增加,增进,添加(到某物)contribute的过去分词和过去式 Immigrants have contributed to

岛上的芒果

树和椰子树大多被海浪冲倒。剩下的居民挤在经常被洪水淹没的房子里。尽管环境恶劣,他们依然不愿离开。35岁的教师卡格博表示: "我们不能离开这片土地。我认为其他地方不会有更好的生活。"

【2】He will probably be forced to find one. Global sea levels are rising as **glaciers melt** in the warming climate. **storms** are becoming more **erratic**, accelerating coastal **erosion**. Some 15 years from now, Nyangai is likely to be under water.Panda Foreign Magazine Intensive Reading:Respect for Originality, Piracy Must Be Punished 但他或许终究难逃离开的命运。随着气候变暖导致冰川融化,全球海平面不断上升。风暴愈发无常,加剧了海岸侵蚀。再过 15 年,尼扬盖岛或许将彻底沉入海洋之中。

[3] It is not just Nyangai. Africa has contributed just 3% to global carbon-dioxide emissions since the industrial revolution, but it will be hit harder than other places by the effects of the warming climate: longer droughts, deadlier heatwaves and less predictable storms and floods. With no power to slow warming, adapting is the only option. But money is short.

尼扬盖岛并非唯一的受害者。自工业革命以来,非洲的二氧化碳排放量仅占全球的3%,但受气候变暖影响却比其他地区更为严重:干旱期延长、热浪更加致命,风暴和洪水愈发难以预测。由于无力减缓气候变暖,适应变化便成了唯一的选择。然而,资金匮乏,让这一过程变得更加艰难。

[4] For Mr Kargbo and his family, adapting will mean moving. The UN estimates that climate change may compel up to 113m Africans, 5% of the continent's population, to leave their homes by 2050.

British culture in many ways. 移民在许多方面都对英国文化有所贡献。

emissions /iˈmɪʃnz/ n.(光、热、气等的)发出,射出,排放,排放物,散发物emission的复数

industrial /m'dʌstriəl/ adj.工业的,产业的,用于工业的,有很多产业的,工业发达的n.产业工人,工业公司,工业股票 That area of the country is **industrial**.该国的那个地区是工业区。

droughts /draut/ n.久旱,旱灾drought的复数

sandbag /'sæn(d)bæg/ n. (用于防洪、防爆的)沙袋,沙包 vt. 在...堆沙袋;用沙袋封堵;粗暴对待;猛烈抨击 They sandbagged their homes to keep out floods. 他们在房屋周围堆沙袋以抵御洪水的侵袭。

predictable /prr'dɪktəbl/ adj.可预测的,可预见的,可预料的,意料之中的,老套乏味的

storms /sto:m/ n.暴风雨,和风暴有关的恶劣天气,(群情迸发的)浪潮v.突袭,攻占,气呼呼地疾走,闯,冲,怒吼,大发雷霆

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estimates /'estimetts/ n.(对数量、成本等的)估计,估价,估计的成本v.估价,估算estimate的第三人称单数和复数 Estimates of the damage range between\$ 1 million and\$ 5 million. 估计损失在100万到500万元之间。

compel /kəm'pel/ vt.强迫,迫使,使必须,引起(反应) His cleverness and skill **compel** our admiration.他的聪明和技艺博得我们的赞赏。

mayor /meə/ n.市长,(英格兰、威尔士和北爱尔兰由议员选举产生的)镇长,郡长 The newspaper alleged the mayor's corrupt practices.那家报纸断言市长有舞弊行为。

buckle /'bʌkl/ n.搭扣,(皮带等的)锁扣v.(使)搭扣扣住,(被)压垮,双腿发软

habitable /ˈhæbɪtəb(ə)l/ adj.宜居的,适合居住的habitable land.适于居住的土地

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installed /m'sto:ld/ v.安装,设置,建立(程序),(常以正式仪式)使就职,任命install的过去分词和过去式 He's getting a phone installed tomorrow. 他明天要装电话。The new president was installed immediately after the election.

busiest /'bɪzi:st/ adj.忙碌的,无暇的,忙于(做某事),人来车往的,熙熙攘攘的busy的最高级 You say that he owns a business, but "business" covers a multitude of sins.你说他开了一家商行,但"商行"两字下面藏有种种见不得人的东西。

planted /'pla:ntɪd/ v.栽种,种植,播种,在(某处)栽种,立稳, 竖立,安放plant的过去分词和过去式

mangrove /ˈmængrəʊv/ n.红树林,红树林植物(生长在淤泥或河边的热带树木,有支柱根暴露在空气中) IT WAS the mangroves he noticed first, reduced to cobwebbed

Many will end up in cities such as Freetown, Sierra
Leone's capital. Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, the mayor, says
politicians need to "buckle up" to ensure cities remain
habitable.Panda Foreign Magazine Intensive
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Punished

对卡格博及其家人来说,适应气候变化意味着搬迁。联合国估计,到 2050年,气候变化可能会迫使多达1.13亿非洲人(占非洲总人口的 5%)背井离乡。许多人最终会前往塞拉利昂首都弗里敦(Freetown)等城市。市长伊冯娜·阿基-萨维尔(Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr)表示,政客们需要"做好充分准备",确保城市适宜居住。

[5] Ms Aki-Sawyerr has made a start. Her team has installed cooling covers on Freetown's busiest and sweatiest markets. They have planted mangrove trees on the edges of flood-prone slums to serve as buffers against the rising sea. Earlier this month, Ms Aki-Sawyerr held a "heat summit" for mayors from six cities across west Africa to discuss how to keep their residents cool, for instance by planting more trees and installing cooling roofs on public buildings.

阿基-萨维尔已经采取行动。她的团队为弗里敦最繁忙、最闷 热的市场安装了遮阳棚,还在洪灾频发的贫民窟边缘种植红树 林,作为抵御海平面上升的缓冲带。本月早些时候,阿基-萨 维尔为来自西非六座城市的市长举办了"高温峰会",讨论如何 为居民降温,比如在公共场所种植更多树木、在公共建筑上安 装降温屋顶。

[6] How they will pay for it is not clear. Adapting to climate change in Africa will cost between \$30bn and \$50bn a year over the next decade, **estimates** the UN, around 2-3% of the continent's GDP. African governments do not have the money. Most of the

wraiths as far as the eye could see.红树林,退化成纵横交织地哀鸿遍野,是他最先注意到的事情。

slums /slam/ n.贫民窟,棚屋区v.(短期)去贫穷地方,过简朴生活slum的第三人称单数和复数 The **slums** are a reproach to London.贫民窟是伦敦的耻辱。

buffers /'bʌfəz/ n.缓冲物,起缓冲作用的人,(火车头尾或轨道末端的)减震器,缓冲器,缓存区,缓冲存储区,缓冲存储器v.减少,减缓(伤害),保护,使不受...的侵害,缓冲存储,缓存buffer的第三人称单数和复数 Romantic love will buffer you against life's hardships.浪漫的爱会减轻生活的艰辛。

summit /'sʌmɪt/ n. (政府间的)首脑会议,峰会;山顶,顶峰;(成就的)最高点,顶点;最高官阶(尤指外交上所称的政府首脑);<数>棱锥体顶点,锥顶 adj. 最高级的,政府首脑间的 v. 参加峰会;登上顶峰

mayors /meəz/ n.(英格兰、威尔士和北爱尔兰由议员选举产生的)镇长,市长,郡长,(民选的)市长,镇长mayor的复数

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funds /fʌndz/ n.基金,资金,专款,现款,(相当)数量,储备v. 为...提供资金,拨款给fund的第三人称单数和复数 They allocated **funds** for the new school.他们拨出专款修建这所新学校。

bilateral /bar'læt(ə)r(ə)l/ adj.双方的,双边的,(身体部位)两侧的,对称的,(大脑)两半球的 They have been negotiating a bilateral trade deal.他们一直在商谈一项双边贸易协定。

funded / fʌndɪd/ v.为...提供资金,拨款给adj.成为有固定利息的长期借款的fund的过去式 The work is **funded** by the government.这项工程由政府提供基金。

multilateral /mʌltɪˈlæt(ə)r(ə)l/ adj.多边的,多国的,有多条边的,有多个部分的 A multilateral nuclear test ban treaty was to be signed.将签署一项禁止核试验的多边条约。

responding /n'spondun/ v. 响应; (口头或书面)回答,回应; 作出反应; 反应灵敏; 作出正确反应 n. 反应 adj. 响应的 If your device isn't responding properly to your taps, you may need to recalibrate your screen.如果您的设备没有对点击作出正确反应,则需要重新校准屏幕。

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ultimately /'ʌltɪmətlɪ/ adv.最终,最后,终归,最基本地,根本上 Vitamin C deficiency can ultimately lead to scurvy. 缺乏维生素C 最终能道致坏血病。

crops /krop/ n.庄稼,作物,(谷物、水果等一季的)收成, 产量,(同时做某事的)一群人,一批人,(同时发生的)一些事情v.剪短,剪裁,裁切(照片或图画),啃吃(青草或其他植物上面的部分)crop的第三人称单数和复数 When the summer crop is ripening, the autumn crop has to be sowed.夏季作物成熟时,就得播种秋季作物。

estimate /'estiment/ v.估计,估算,估价n.估价,(对数量、成本等的)估计,估计的成本 His arrogance lowered him in her estimation.他的妄自尊大降低了他在她心目中的位置。

invested /m'vestɪd/ v.投资,投入(时间、精力等)invest的 过去分词和过去式 The money has been invested for a

funds for Freetown's adaptation efforts come from bilateral aid and aid-funded multilateral organisations. As America and other rich countries continue to cut aid, especially for projects responding to climate change, nobody else is likely to step in. 资金来源仍是一个难题。联合国估计,未来十年,非洲适应气 候变化的费用每年将在300亿至500亿美元之间,约占非洲国内 生产总值的2%至3%。非洲各国政府无力承担这笔费用。弗里 敦适应气候变化的资金主要来自双边援助及受援助资助的多边 组织

随着美国和其他富裕国家继续削减援

助,尤其是应对气候变化的项目资金,不太可能再有其他国家 介入。

[7] That will **ultimately** make **adaptation** more expensive. The earlier it happens, the more money it saves by reducing damage to **crops** and infrastructure. According to one **estimate** by the World Bank, every dollar invested in infrastructure saves \$4 in reconstruction costs. Effective adaptation, the UN reckons, could also shrink by about a third the number of people forced from their homes by climate change.

这最终将导致适应成本进一步增加。行动越早,就越能减少对 农作物和基础设施的破坏,从而节省资金。据世界银行的一项 估算,基础设施方面每投入1美元,便可节省4美元的重建成 本。联合国认为,有效的适应措施能够使因气候变化而被迫流 离失所的人数减少约三分之一。

[8] For some, it is already too late. The sandbags that Mr Kargbo wants the government to ship to Nyangai will not keep the sea at **bay** for long. But money to move and **rebuild** on the mainland could help him keep his head above water, even as the island fixed period. 这笔款项已作定期投资。

reconstruction /ri:kən'strakfn/ n.重建,改造,复原,修复, 修理,重现,再现(犯罪过程等)的影片,重建时期

reckons /'rekənz/ v.想,认为,被普遍认为是,被看作是,料 想,预计,指望 reckon的第三人称单数

shrink /ʃrɪŋk/ v.收缩,退缩,畏缩,(使)缩水,缩小,皱缩,(使) 减少n.精神病学家,心理学家 The dress shrank when I washed it.这件衣服洗后缩水了。

bay /beɪ/ n.海湾,(海或湖的)湾,分隔间(户外或室内的,用 以停放车辆、存放货物等),(建筑物的)突出结构,栗色马,低 沉吠声,月桂(用作香料) vi.(尤指捕猎时)发出长嗥,低沉 地吠叫,厉声强要adi.深棕色的,枣红色的 They built a barrage across the bay.他们建造了一座横贯海湾的拦海堤

rebuild /ri:'bɪld/ vt.重建,重组,重新装配,使复原,使恢复 The original conservatory has been rebuilt in replica.温室 己按原样重建。

swallowed /ˈswɒləʊd/ v.吞下,咽下,(由于紧张等)做吞咽 动作,吞没,淹没,侵吞swallow的过去分词和过去式 We swallowed the chocolates in one gulp, licking our lips. 我 们一口吞下了巧克力,满意地咂着嘴。

今日词汇

contribute[kən'tribju:t] v. (to)捐助、捐献; 做出贡献;是.....的一个原因 考研出办次数: 10+

考频: ★★ 考点回顾

翻译真题例句:

[例] I have excluded him because, while his accomplishments may contribute to the solution of moral problems, he has not been charged with the task of approaching any but the factual aspects of those

[译] 我之所以把普通科学家排除在外,是因为尽管他的成就可能会有助于解决道德问题,但他承担的任务只不过是研究道德问题的事实方面。(2006年英语一翻译63题)

完形真题例句:

[例] This group generally do well in IQ test, scoring 2-15 points above the mean value of 100, and have contributed disproportionately to the intellectual and cultural life of the West, as the careers of their

and cultural life of the West, as the careers of their elites, including several world-renowned scientists, affirm.(2008英语一完型)
[译] 这个族群通常在IQ测试中得分高,高出平均分(100)12-15个点,且对西方的知识和文化生活有异常的贡献,这得到了精英人物(包括几位著名的科学家)所取得的成就的验证。

①短语:

1.原文: Even so, they want to stay

词典:stay put留在原地 例句: Once alarmed, most

insects stay put. 一旦警觉起来,大多数昆虫会静止不动。

is **swallowed** by the sea.

对一些人来说,为时已晚。卡格博希望政府向尼扬盖运送沙

袋,但沙袋无法长期抵御海水侵蚀。但如果能获得资金搬迁并

在大陆重建家园,即使岛屿被海水吞没,他也能维持生计。

②长难句

1. 原文: The UN estimates that climate change may compel up to 113m Africans, 5% of the continent's population, to leave their homes by 2050.

分析:本句包含一个宾语从句。主句为"The UN estimates that..."; "that climate change may compel up to 113m Africans to leave their homes by 2050"为宾语从句。译文:联合国估计,到2050年,气候变化可能会迫使多达1.13亿非洲人(占非洲总人口的5%)背井离乡。

2. 原文: The sandbags that Mr Kargbo wants the government to ship to Nyangai will not keep the sea at bay for long. 分析: 本句包含一个定语从句。主句为"The sandbags will not keep the sea at bay for long", "that Mr Kargbo wants the government to ship to Nyangai"为限制性定语从句,修饰先行词The sandbags。译文:卡格博希望政府向尼扬盖运送沙袋,但

③写作技巧:

沙袋无法长期抵御海水侵蚀。

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生词: hit v. (用手或器具) 击, 打; 碰撞; 击中, 命中

n. 打, 击; 很受欢迎的人(或事物)

Hit一词有很多用法,作动词时表示"(用手或器具)击,打;碰撞,撞击(造成损伤);产生不良影响,危害;攻击;到达(某水平);使突然想起"。

Hit作名词时表示"打,击;很受欢迎的人(或事物);风行一时的流行歌曲(或唱片)"。

Hit相关的词组有:

hit it off (with sb) (和某人) 投缘 be/make a hit(with sb)给 (某人) 留些很好的第一印象

be hit by... 受到······冲击 take a hit遭受损失、破坏或不利影响

例句: The airline industry took a hit last year.

去年航空业受到了严重冲击。

2.原文: Africa has contributed just 3% to global carbon-dioxide emissions since the industrial revolution, but it will be hit harder than other places by the effects of the warming climate: longer droughts, deadlier heatwaves and less predictable storms and floods.

词典:contribute to做出贡献;有助于:促成

例句: Both parents **contribute to** the maintenance of their children. 双方父母都给孩子们提供生活费用。

3.原文: Many will end up in cities such as Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital.

词典:end up in最后到了

例句: So she **ended up in** a startup.

因此,她最终进入了一家创业公司。

4.原文: Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, the mayor, says politicians need to "buckle up" to ensure cities remain habitable.

词典:buckle up做好准备

例句: But if we have a Lula-Bolsonaro contest, as one analyst put it, buckle up. The show is only just beginning.

但正如一位分析人士所说,如果卢拉真的 和博尔索纳罗竞争,那我们要做好准备。 演出才刚刚开始。

5.原文: Ms Aki-Sawyerr has made a start.

词典:make a start开始行动

例句: There is nothing more important than insulating people's homes and making a start on cutting the emissions.

没有什么比为人们的房屋隔热和开始减少 排放更重要的了。

6.原文: The sandbags that Mr Kargbo wants the government to ship to Nyangai will not keep the sea at bay for long.

词典:keep... at bay阻止,遏制(令人 不快的事物)

例句: So, for example, washing your hands can keep infections at bay, or exercising can keep heart disease at bay.

因此,例如,洗手可以预防感染,锻炼可以预防心脏病。

7.原文: As America and other rich countries continue to cut aid, especially for projects responding to climate change, nobody else is likely to step in.

词典:step in介入,干预,插手(棘手问题)

例句: There are circumstances in which the State must step in to protect children. 有些情况下,国家必须出面保护儿童。

8.原文: But money to move and rebuild on the mainland could help him keep

④背景知识: 据欧盟气候监测机构哥白尼气候变化服务局(Copernicus Climate Change Service)监测报告,2025年1月是该机构自 1940年有记录以来监测到的最热1月,2月是有记录以来全球 气温第三高的2月。哥白尼气候变化服务局副局长萨曼莎·伯 十四末三十二十四年 吉斯表示,2月延续了过去两年观察到的创纪录或接近纪录 的高温趋势

2024/2025年冬季,全球平均气温总体偏高。欧洲、俄罗斯、北美洲北部等地气温偏暖最明显,但季内阶段性起伏大,如美国在1月初经历强寒潮和强降温过程;我国冬季平均气温较常年同期偏高,但也在1月底发生了影响范围广、降温幅度大的强寒潮过程。在降水方面,全球降水空间分布不均。东亚东部、非洲中北部、北美洲南部等地降水异常偏少,度尼西亚等地降水异常偏多,部分地区遭遇较严重的洪涝灾害。国家气候中心气候都会表现出不同的对动户。对于官人员有关的成因非常复杂,既包括人为活动导致的全球变暖,也包括海洋、大气等自然条件的波动,例如厄尔尼诺分尼尼斯分上包括海洋、大气等自然条件的波动,例如厄尔尼诺分尼尼娜,哪事件、北太平洋年代际港动、北极涡旋等。2024/2025年冬季,我国南方地区、非洲中东部等地的干旱少雨现象主要体现出拉尼娜状态的典型影响。 2024/2025年冬季,全球平均气温总体偏高。欧洲、

his head above water, even as the island is swallowed by the sea.

词典:keep one's head above water (尤指财务上) 勉强应付过去,惨淡经

例句: A company seeks to keep its head above water during economic hard times.

公司在经济困难时期寻求避免负债。

段落大意: 【1】尼扬盖岛受气候变化影响严重,居民生活艰 难却不愿离开

【2】尼扬盖岛未来可能被海水淹没,面临生存危

【3】非洲受气候变暖影响大,适应变化是唯一选择,但资金匮乏。

【4】气候变化或致大量非洲人背井离乡,需做好 准备。 【5】弗里敦市长采取多种措施,积极应对气候变

【6】非洲适应气候变化费用高,资金来源不明,

援助或减少。
【7】适应气候变化宜早不宜迟,可节省资金、减 少流离失所人