

“While about 1 billion people lived in 1800, today it is more than 7 billion”.

“Today, human kind needs about 1.5 Earths a year”.

## Uncomfortable truths?

“Environmental protection first began in the 1960s”.

“If we go on as we are now, there will be a worldwide disaster in about  $100 \pm 20$  years”.

“Our consumption exceeds the Earth’s natural regeneration capacity by more than 50%”.

“Since 1966, mankind has more than doubled its ecological footprint”.

“Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen has even identified a new geological era, the Anthropocene”.

### Exercise:

Choose two quotes that really appeal to you – whether positively or negatively. Talk to your partner about your feelings.