



Microsoft's Moon Shot

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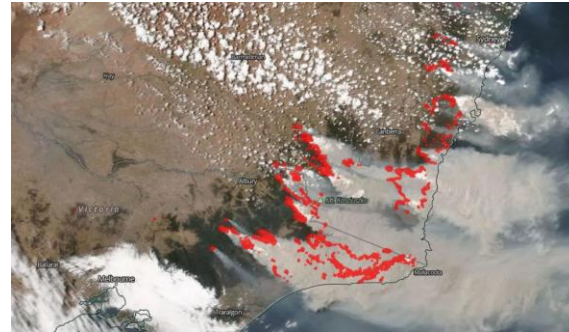
The global impact of carbon in the atmosphere



World's temperature rising by 1.5 degrees



Droughts may replace more than 200m people



Extreme temperatures



Flooding

Some carbon math background

50 Billion

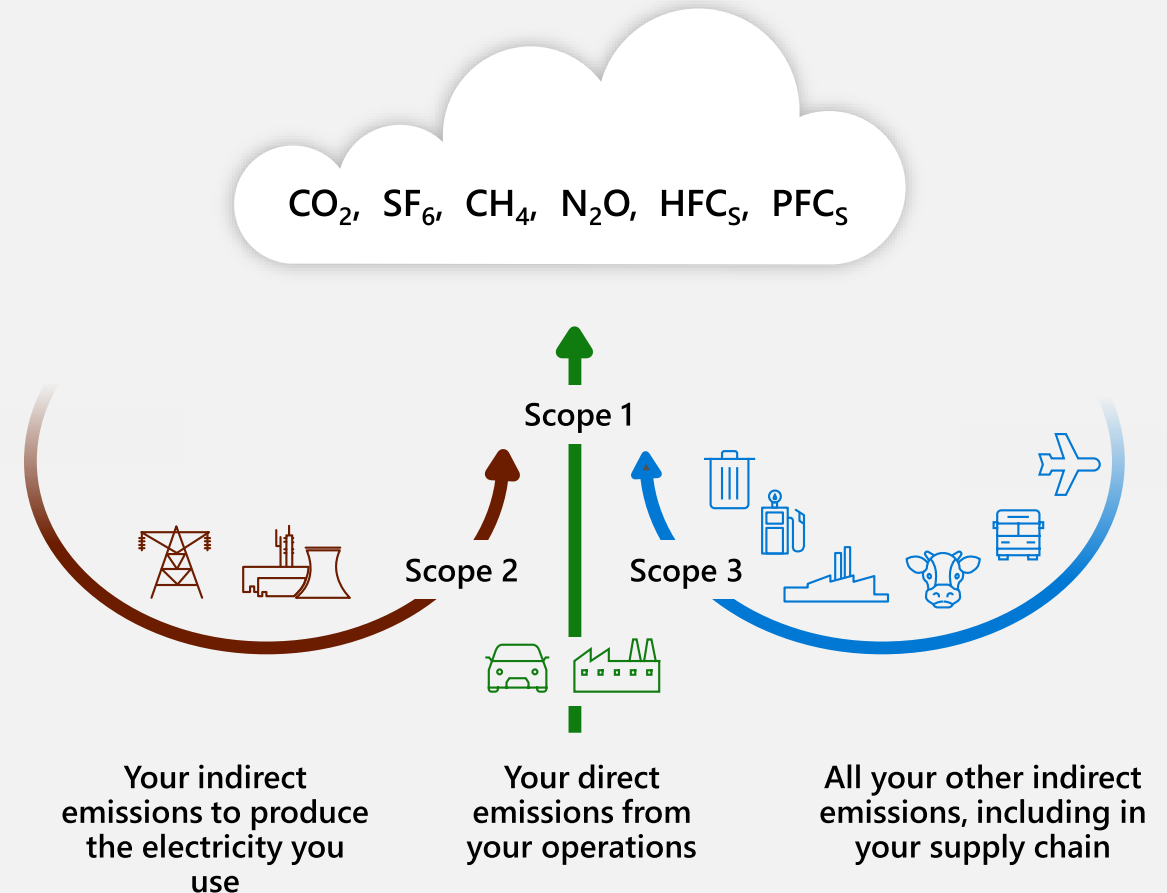
Tons of carbon dioxide is currently being emitted annually

Carbon dioxide equivalents include:

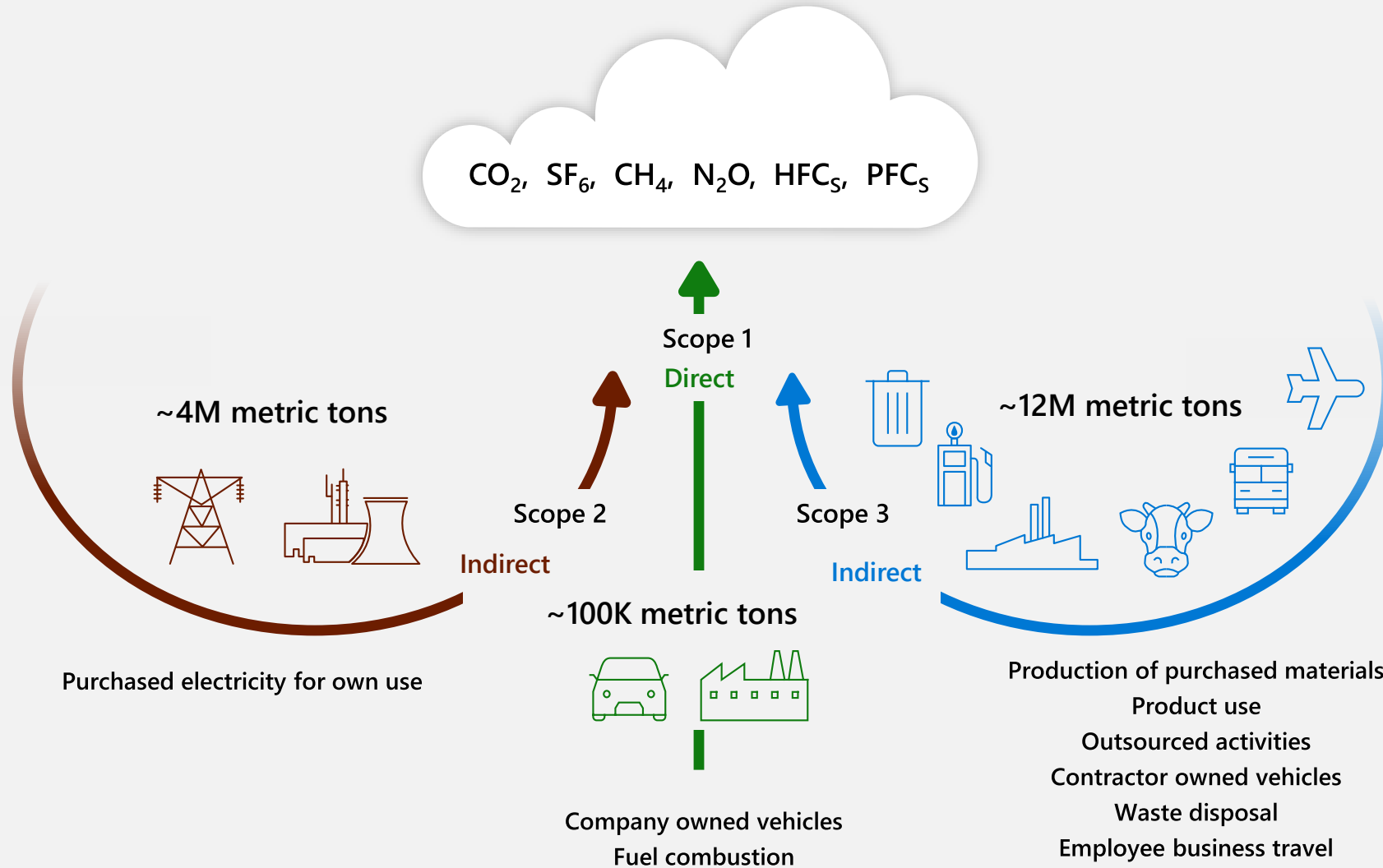
CO₂ (1x), CH₄ (25x), N₂O (298x), SF₆ (22,800x), CFC_s, PFC_s

Once emitted, carbon dioxide persists in the atmosphere for roughly 2,000 years.

Three categories of carbon emissions



Microsoft's carbon emissions



Microsoft's sustainability strategy





AI for Earth



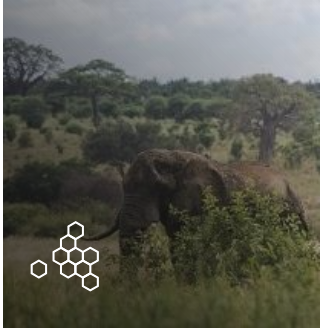
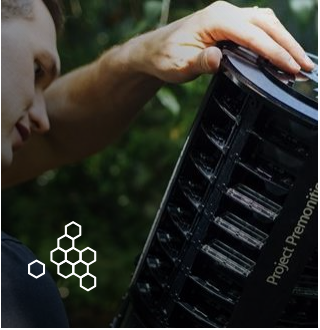
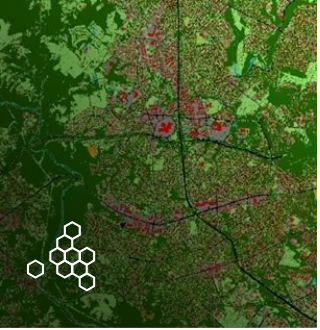
**AI for
Accessibility**



**AI for
Humanitarian
Action**



**AI for
Cultural
Heritage**



Land Cover Mapping



FarmBeats

Project Premonition

iNaturalist

Wild Me

Conservation Metrics

SilviaTerra

Vulcan EarthRanger

Giving organizations a faster, more effective land cover mapping tool to better analyze, monitor, and manage natural resources.

Giving farmers real-time data and actionable insights to increase production, maximize efficiency, and lower costs.

Using insects as field biologists to give conservationists faster biodiversity data and insights to protect vulnerable species.

Identifying species from crowdsourced images to give conservationists real-time insights on how distributions are responding to environmental changes.

Combining citizen science and AI to combat extinction by enabling rapid individual animal identification and population analysis while decreasing the cost of data collection.

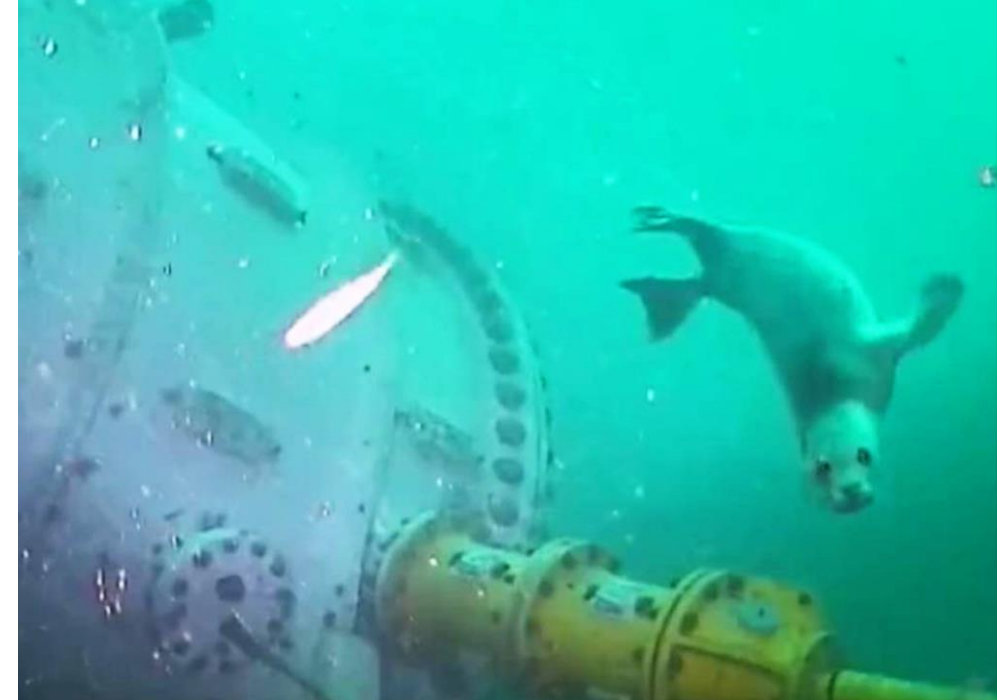
Allowing conservationists to identify animals quickly and cost effectively by applying machine learning to acoustic recordings of wildlife

Transforming how conservationists and landowners measure and monitor forests using high-resolution satellite imagery and US Forest Service inventory and analysis field data to train machine-learning models

Enabling park rangers to better monitor, patrol, and protect vulnerable wildlife in Africa

BOLD INNOVATION

Project Natick



Natick Northern Isles has now been up and running for almost one year. Here are some highlights:



Reliability

Natick Northern Isles has to-date demonstrated dramatically better reliability than our land-based counterpart!



Community Service

During commissioning, Natick reached as high as second in the world for daily run time on [World Community Grid](#).



Workload

Since commissioning, Natick Northern Isles is being used by more than 18 groups at Microsoft.



Wildlife

The data center structure has created a shelter for local wildlife. Here's a photos of one of our favorite visitors:



Neutral is not enough

Microsoft's principled approach



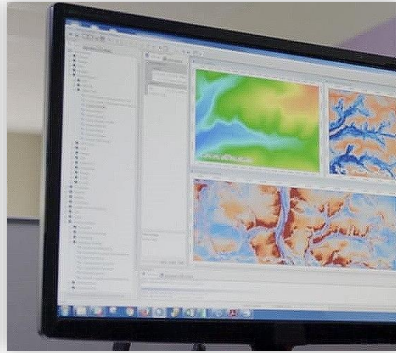
Take Responsibility for Microsoft's own carbon footprint including in our supply chain



Fund investment for better carbon reduction and removal



Support and empower suppliers and customers around the world



Work to **advance transparency** for reporting on emissions and removals



Use our voice on carbon-related public policy issues



Enlisting our employees to enable them to contribute to our efforts

We're taking action ourselves



We're empowering our customers



We're investing in broader innovation

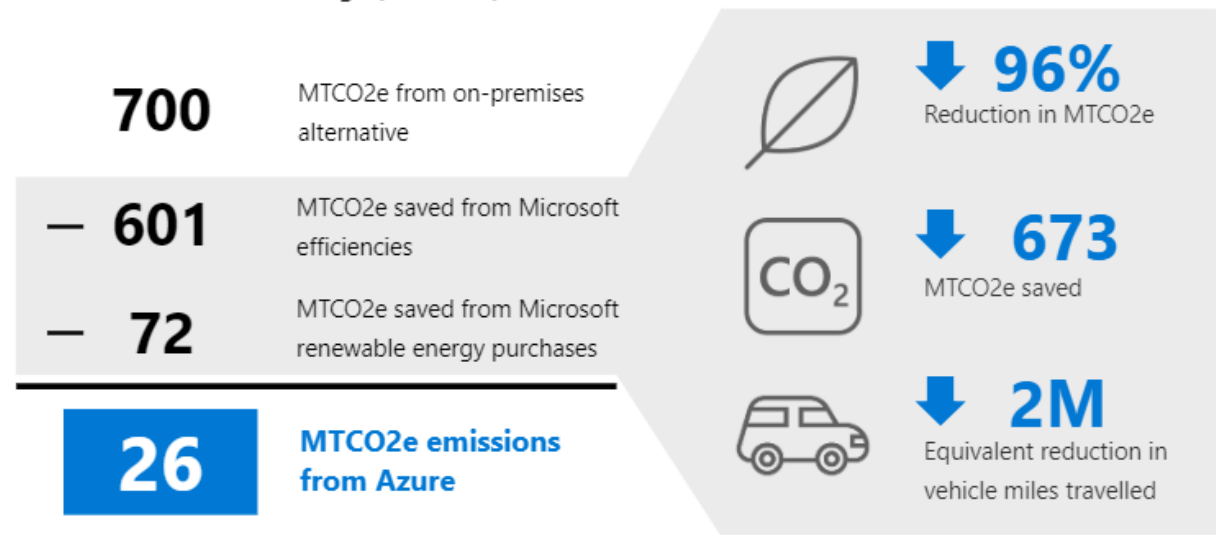


We're supporting government action

Calculations in this tool are estimated. For more information on methodology, see the FAQs. [i](#)

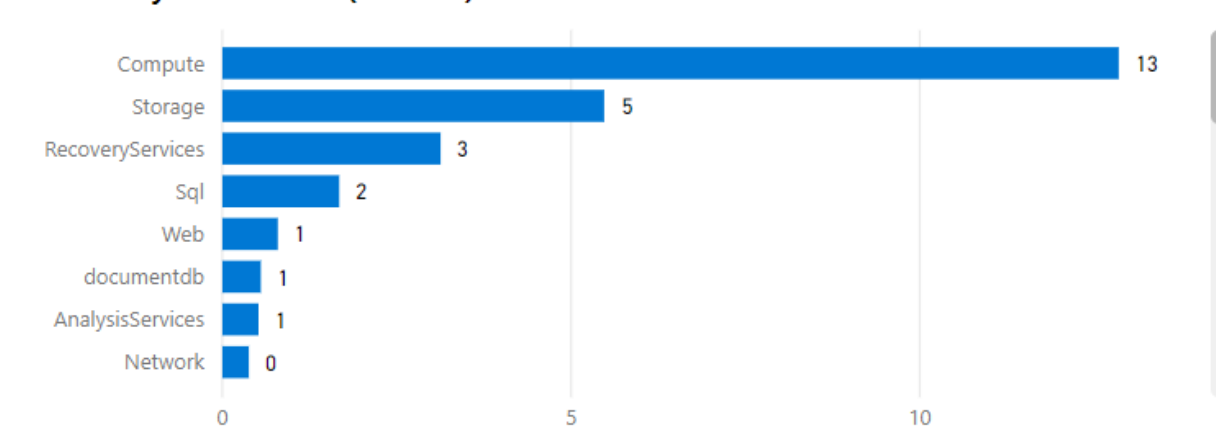
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Azure emissions and savings (MTCO2e)



MTCO2e: metric tonnes carbon dioxide-equivalent

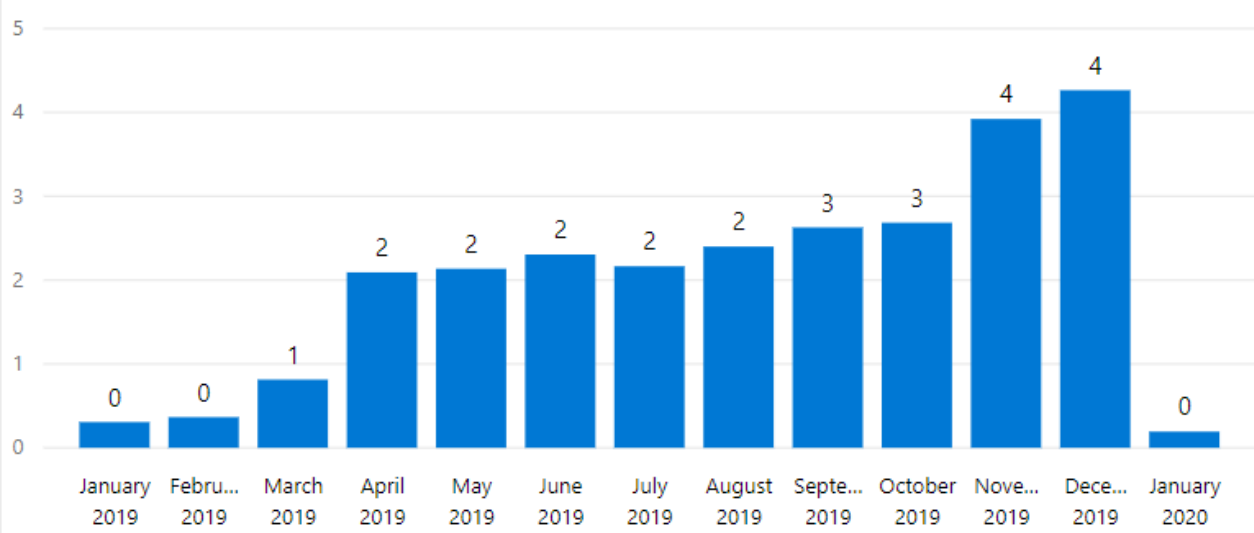
Emissions by Azure service (MTCO2e)



Azure emissions by region



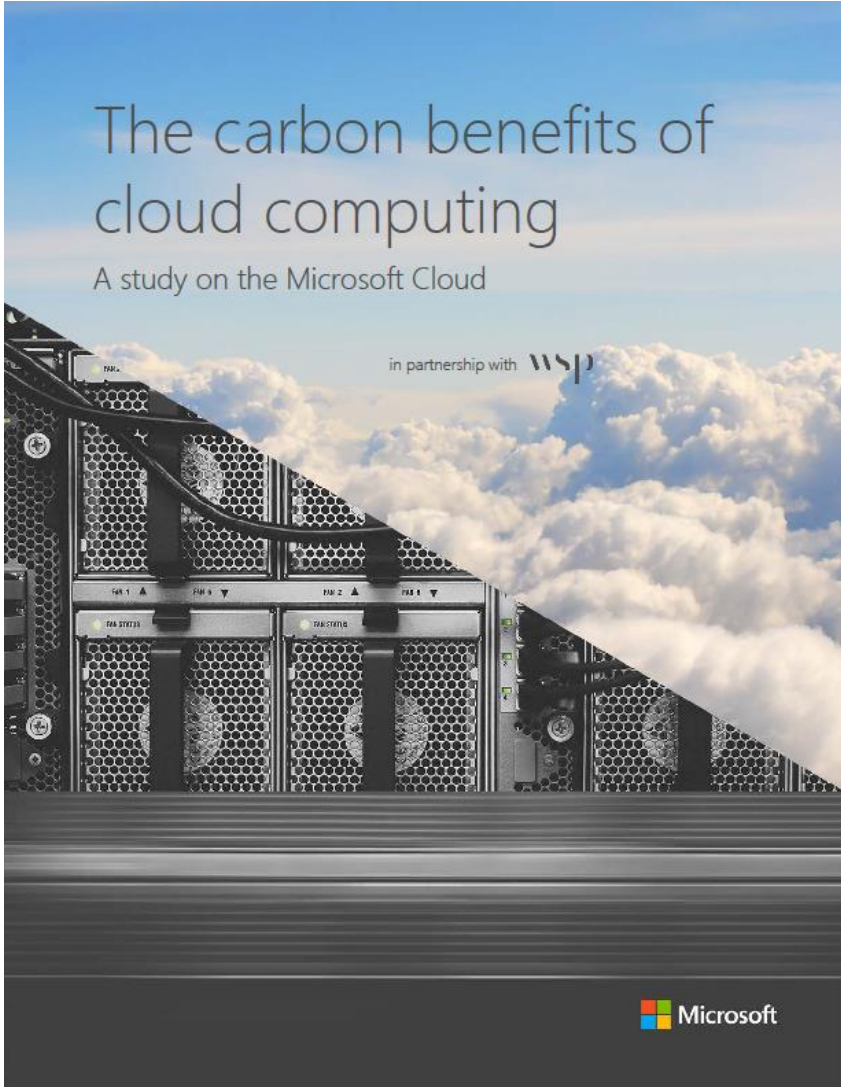
Azure emissions over time (MTCO2e)



The carbon benefits of cloud computing

A study on the Microsoft Cloud

in partnership with **WSP**



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How AI can enable a Sustainable Future



MOISTURE

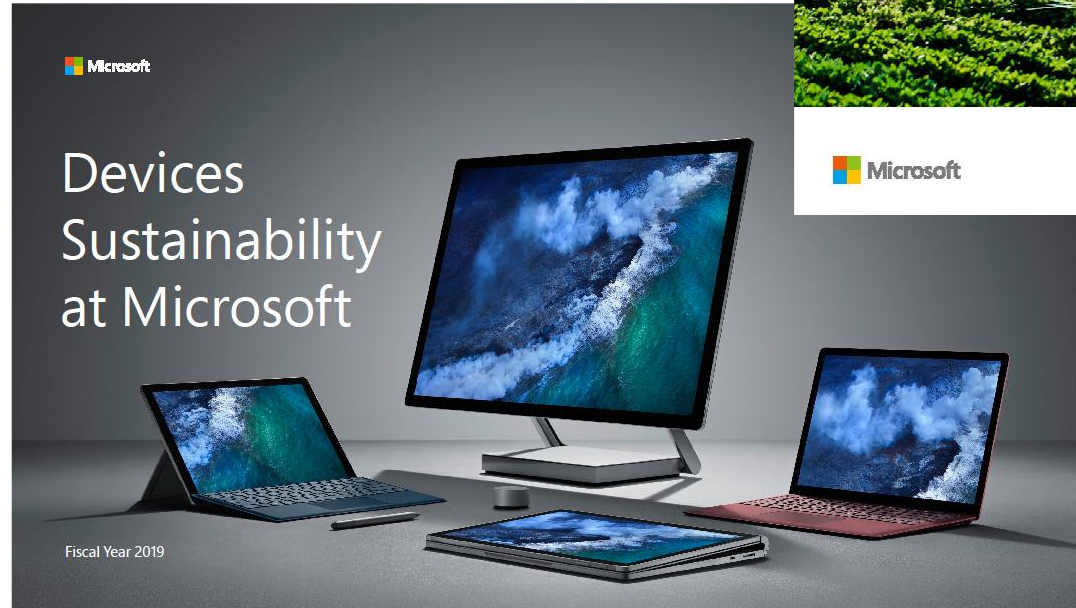
NITROGEN 19ppm

Recommendation: 25ppm

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Devices Sustainability at Microsoft



Fiscal Year 2019

Microsoft

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a wind farm against a dramatic sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. Several wind turbines are visible, with the largest one in the foreground on the left and several smaller ones receding into the distance.

Where to find out more

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[Download the Sustainability Calculator](#)

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Thank you.

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