17.5

CARBON TONNES PER PERSON PER YEAR
IRELAND

Ireland's Record
Among rich countries we are the sixth most polluting per person. If everyone polluted like the Irish we would need three planet Earths to survive.

If we continue to pollute at current levels, we risk reversing any gains made in the fight against poverty. Countries like Malawi have done the least to contribute to climate change are being hit first and worst by its impacts.

Under Kyoto, Ireland was allowed to increase its emissions by 13%, but by 2006 the rise was already twice our agreed limit.

Rather than implementing policies to reduce emissions at home, Government has allocated €290 million to purchase 'carbon credits' overseas, buying Ireland out of meeting its targets.

The Science
Climate change is happening and humanity is causing it. The reports of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change confirm this.

To prevent climate change running out of control we must limit the rise in average global temperatures to 2°C or less. To achieve this, we need to cut global emissions in half between now and 2050.

The Politics
Every country must do its fair share to contain climate change. By 2050 each of us around the world can emit no more than 2 tonnes of climate-changing pollution. Right now in Ireland each of us is responsible for 17.5 tonnes.

Stop Climate Chaos welcomes the programme for Government commitment to an average cut in emissions of 3% a year. To make sure it happens we need to see that commitment put into law along with a clear, fair price on carbon pollution across the whole economy.

A majority of TDs from across all parties have signed the Stop Climate Chaos 'Call to Action' which calls for a climate law and carbon pricing. Now it's time for action. Log on to www.stopclimatechaos.ie
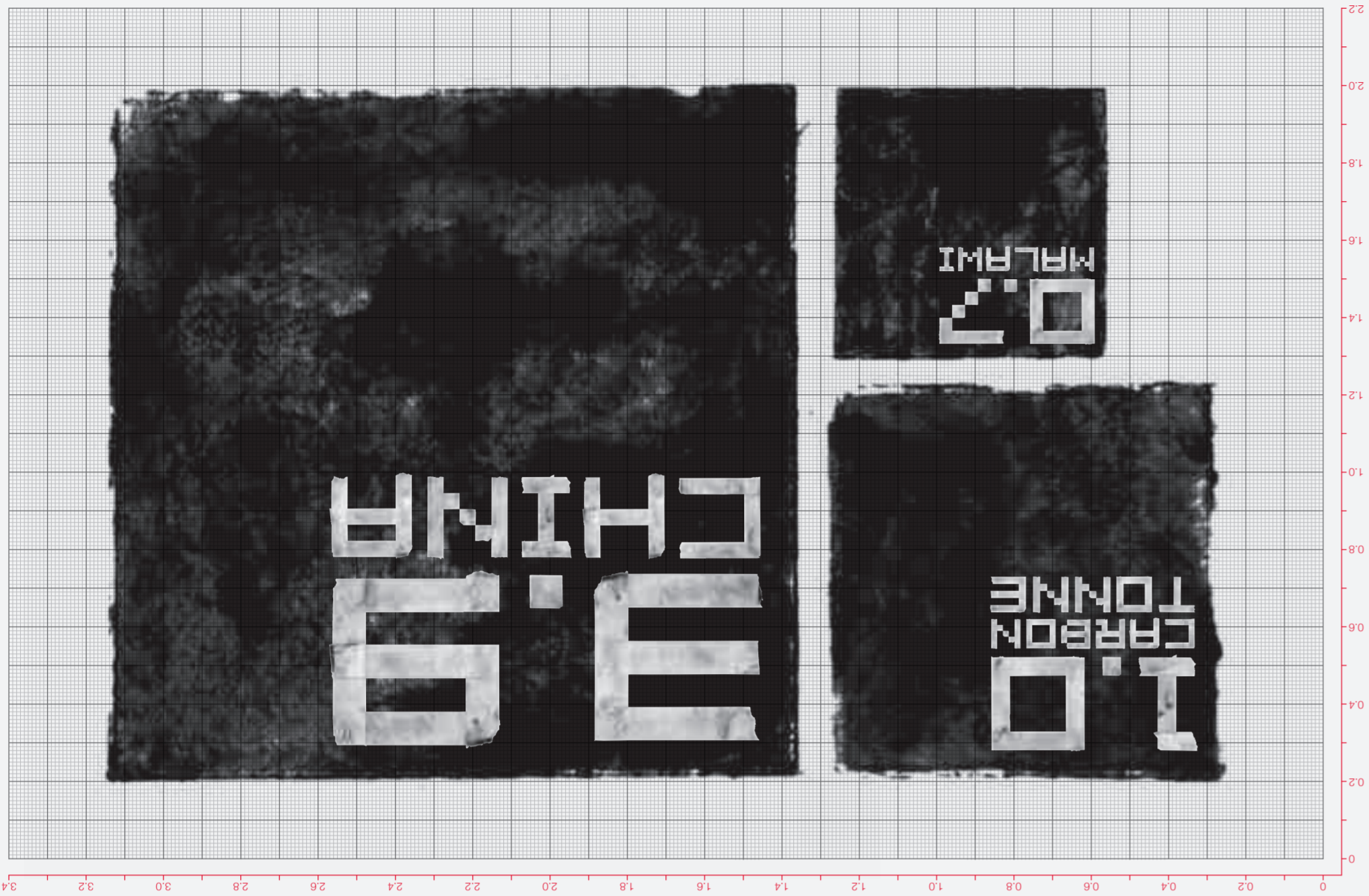
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7.4 SWEDEN

3.9 CHINA

0.7 MALAWI

1.0 CARBON TONNE

1.6 INDIA

2.6 ZAMBIA

Dear Taoiseach,

With your EU counterparts you have agreed Europe will cut greenhouse gas emissions to 30% below 1990 levels by 2020 as part of an international effort to contain climate change. For Ireland to do its fair share your government will have to deliver on its commitment to reductions of 3% a year on average.

Please support legislation to give that commitment the force of law. And make sure the next Budget puts a price on carbon across the whole economy, rewarding those who reduce their pollution.

Internationally, Ireland should ensure that developing countries receive sufficient, accessible and additional finance to enable them to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

I'm ready to play my part. Are you?

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Stop Climate Chaos will add your name to the Call To Action email list.
Tick here if you do not want to hear from us.

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HOW GREEN IS IRELAND?