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## SEA-LEVEL TOOLS RELEASED IN SPANISH

Online maps and analysis detail threats to Hispanic populations and more

Detailed information is now available in Spanish for U.S. coastal communities on populations, infrastructure, and property at risk from rising sea levels and coastal floods, through a trio of Climate Central web tools. Hispanic communities are among those particularly affected by rising seas, with more than 280,000 Hispanics in the contiguous United States living on land less than 4 feet above high tide line.

53% percent of this group lives in Florida, including one-third in Miami-Dade County alone. Other highly affected areas include San Mateo County, Cal., Broward County, Fla. and New York, NY.

"Sea-level rise is one of the challenges of the century," said Dr. Benjamin Strauss, CEO and Chief Scientist at Climate Central. "Every affected community needs access to relevant information, and Climate Central is proud to now offer our online tools in Spanish as well as English."

Climate Central's tools — <u>Risk Finder</u>, <u>Risk Zone Map</u> and <u>Mapping Choices</u> — provide maps, sea-level projections, flood risk projections and detailed exposure analyses for every coastal zip code, municipality, county, and congressional district in the contiguous U.S. These tools help citizens, communities and policymakers understand, respond to and communicate about the coastal threats that climate change is aggravating.

Coastal stakeholders have downloaded Surging Seas maps and analyses tens of thousands of times for planning, risk assessments, policy analyses, and making presentations. Overall, Surging Seas has achieved more than 100 million page views.

Information and downloads now available in Spanish include customizable maps, slides, and fact sheets such as shown below:

### 1. MAPS

In Risk Zone Map, users can search, zoom or pan to a specific location; choose a water level; and select a layer to see threats to population, property and more. Downloadable screenshots available in PNG or PowerPoint formats.



In <u>Mapping Choices</u>, users can also search, zoom or pan to a specific location to view how much sea level rise could be locked in based on carbon emissions this century.



### 2. POWERPOINT SLIDES

In Risk Finder, users can choose different sea-level rise models to view how emissions today can impact local sea-level rise and coastal flood risk in decades to come. In addition, users can explore demographics, property, schools, medical facilities, hazardous waste sites, airports, and much more. Downloadable graphs and tables are available in PowerPoint, PNG, and XLS formats.



# 3. LOCALIZED FACT SHEETS & REPORTS

In Risk Finder, users can download 2-page fact sheets tailored to their zip code, municipality, county or congressional district. Or users can download 4-page local reports that include key local takeaways, basic methods and assumptions.



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