

PHRASAL VERBS: ENVIRONMENT



WIPE OUT = to destroy something completely

Some people worry that climate change will wipe out coffee crops in certain countries.

BREAK DOWN = to decompose; when something slowly reduces to its smallest parts



Plastics do not break down quickly. It takes hundreds of years for a plastic bottle to decompose.

SCALE BACK = to make something smaller in size, amount, etc. than it was before



The country has scaled back its use of fossil fuels and has started investing in renewable energy.

