

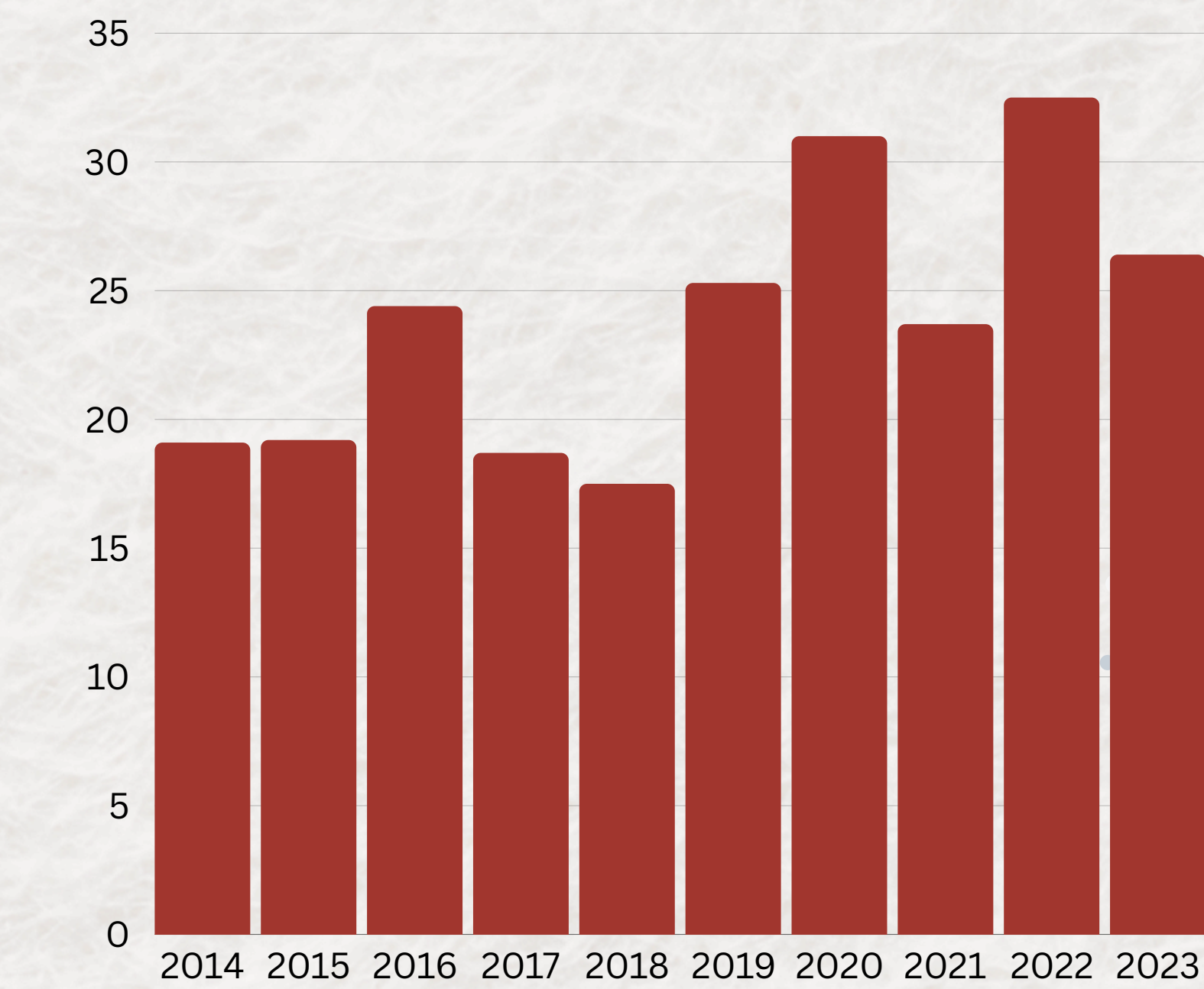
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THE INTEGRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS INTO INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

WHERE IS THEIR SHELTER

THE CRISIS OF MISSING HUMAN RIGHTS IN IEL

NEW INTERNATIONAL DISPLACEMENTS DUE TO DISASTER



Source: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (2024)

Abbreviations:
IEL: International Environmental Law
IHR: International Human Rights

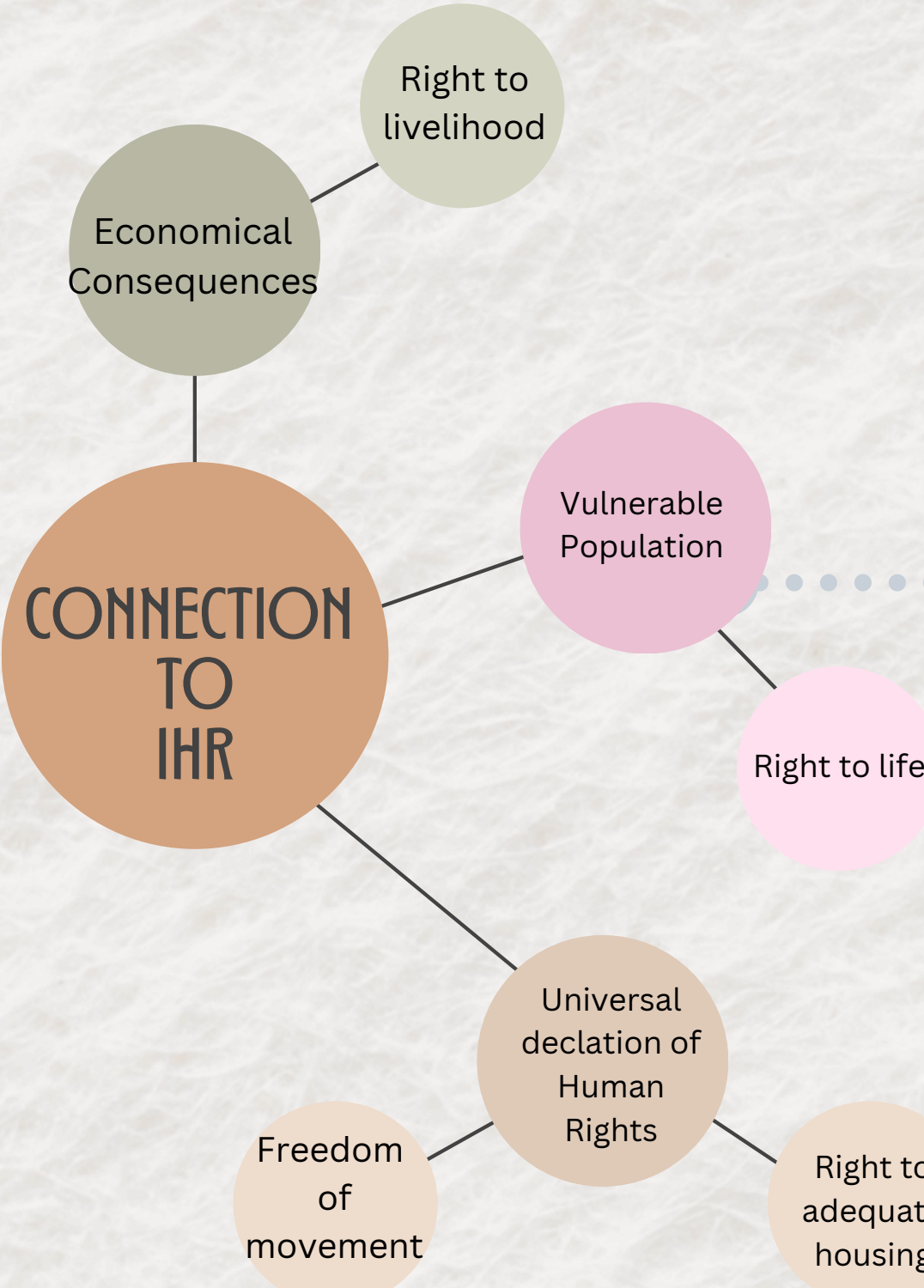


DATA

IMPORTANCE

- Large numbers of displacement and those affected by such environmental disaster
- Despite this, international environmental law has very little recognition of the human aspect of the situation
- Therefore, further considerations are necessary for the integration of human rights within international environmental law.

CONNECTION TO IHR



INTEGRATION

- Absence of human rights attention in current international environmental laws
- UNFCCC, CBDR/RC (Common but Different Responsibilities): Powerful states are responsible for assisting developing countries
- Developing countries face more vulnerability to climate change
- Lack of Fundamental rights in environments, the standard of living, and the highest attainable standard of physical and mental well-being (United Nations, n.d.)
- Human rights should be included in international environmental laws

CASE STUDY

Due to irregular rainfall and rising sea levels, the freshwater supply for the Maldives islanders is rapidly diminishing, leading to severe water shortages, increased household expenses, and heightened health and safety risks. At the same time, the islanders' agriculture has been significantly impacted by erratic monsoons, and fish populations are gradually declining due to overfishing, threatening both food security and income. These issues highlight the far-reaching impacts of climate change on people's lives. The climate crisis is not only a threat to the planet but also to human ways of life, underscoring the urgent need for environmental laws that protect human rights.

CONCLUSION

- In integrating human rights, human-based considerations through the CBDR-RC system opens the door for more open support to those affected by these climate events.
- While this conversation relates to the UNFCCC, similar structures could be implemented in other agreements and protocols as well (Paris & Kyoto)

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