

# Asia's passion for coal

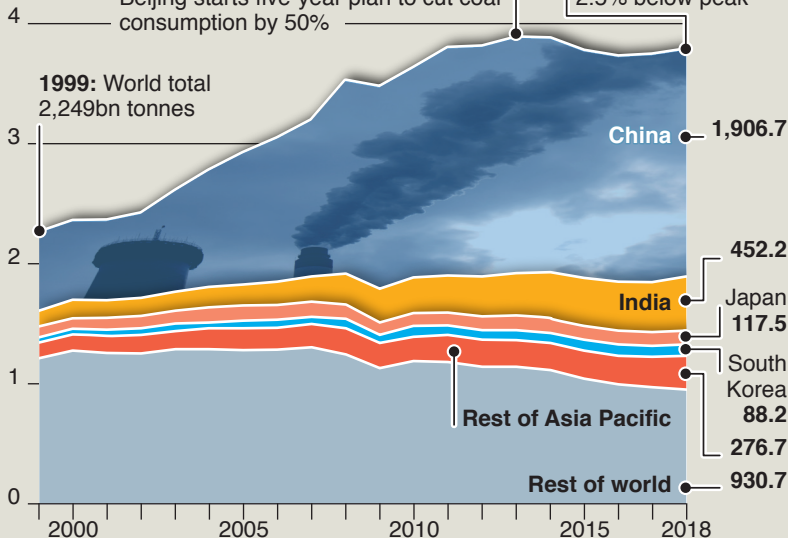
Asia is the world's largest producer and consumer of coal, accounting for 75 percent of global demand. China is the world's largest consumer, followed by India, Japan and South Korea

**Coal consumption\*** (billion tonnes of oil equivalent)

**2013:** World peaks at 3,867bn tonnes.  
Beijing starts five-year plan to cut coal consumption by 50%

**2018:** World total 3,772bn tonnes, just 2.5% below peak

**1999:** World total 2,249bn tonnes



*\*Commercial solid fuels only, including bituminous coal, anthracite, lignite and brown coal*