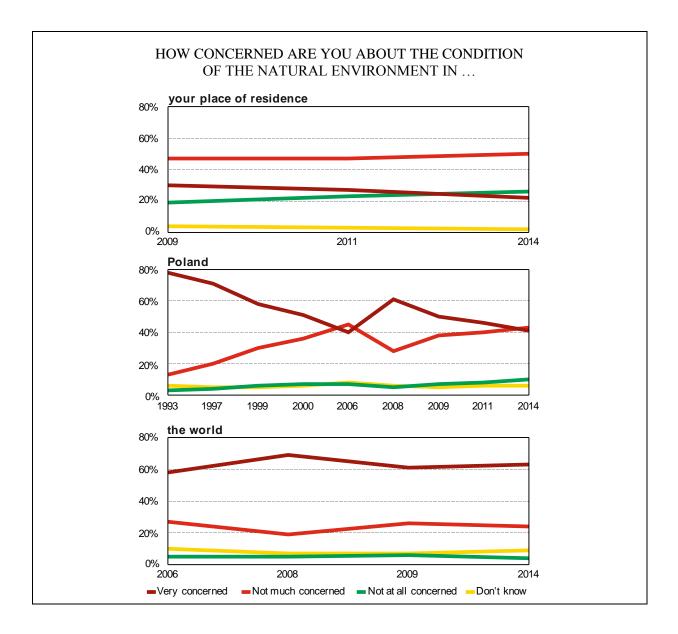


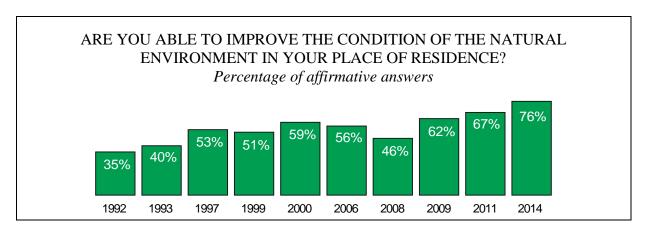


OPINIONS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

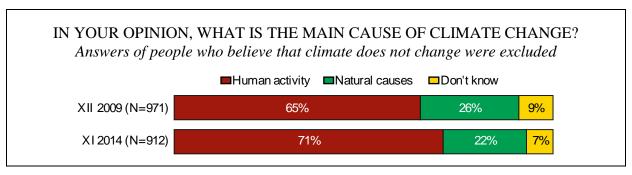
Poles are concerned about the natural environment, but the anxieties are related primarily to the world as a whole (63% of respondents). The dangers to the natural environment in Poland are seen as far less acute (41%). Still less concern is caused by the environmental conditions in the place of residence (22%). In recent years, the concerns about the natural environment in Poland and in the place of residence decreased in strength, while the opinions about the global situation have remained unchanged.



The majority of people (76%) think that their behaviour may contribute to the improvement of the natural environment in their immediate vicinity. Since 1992, the level of ecological consciousness of the Polish society has increased. The proportion of respondents who have subjective influence on the environment locally has increased in this period, and is now 9 percentage points higher than 3 years ago. The perceived influence is the highest among the better educated, residents of biggest cities and among the middle-aged (35-54 years old).



Climate change is usually understood as the global warming process, i.e. increase of the temperature on the Earth. Less frequently, decrease in temperature is mentioned. There are different hypotheses about the causes of climate change: some refer to natural processes, while others blame human actions. The majority of people noticing climate change (71%) believe that it is mostly caused by human actions, while slightly more than a fifth (22%) think they are primarily the result of natural processes. In the last 5 years, the conviction that humans are responsible for climate change has strengthened, while the number of people attributing the change to natural causes has fallen.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions about the natural environment and climate change", December 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2014, N=934. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.