

The Economics of Ecosystems & Biodiversity



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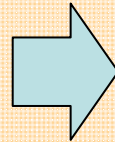


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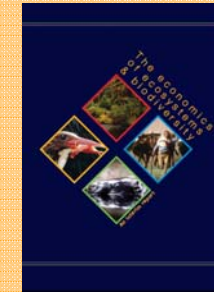
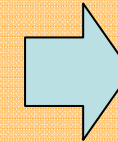


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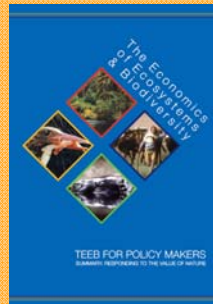


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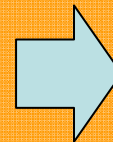


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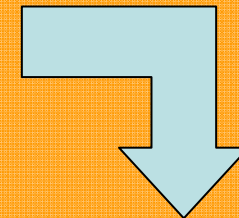


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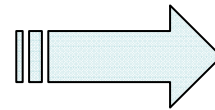


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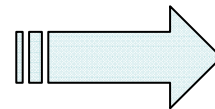


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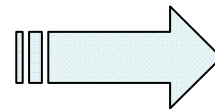
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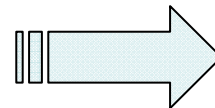
Coral reef emergency



Forest carbon for climate mitigation

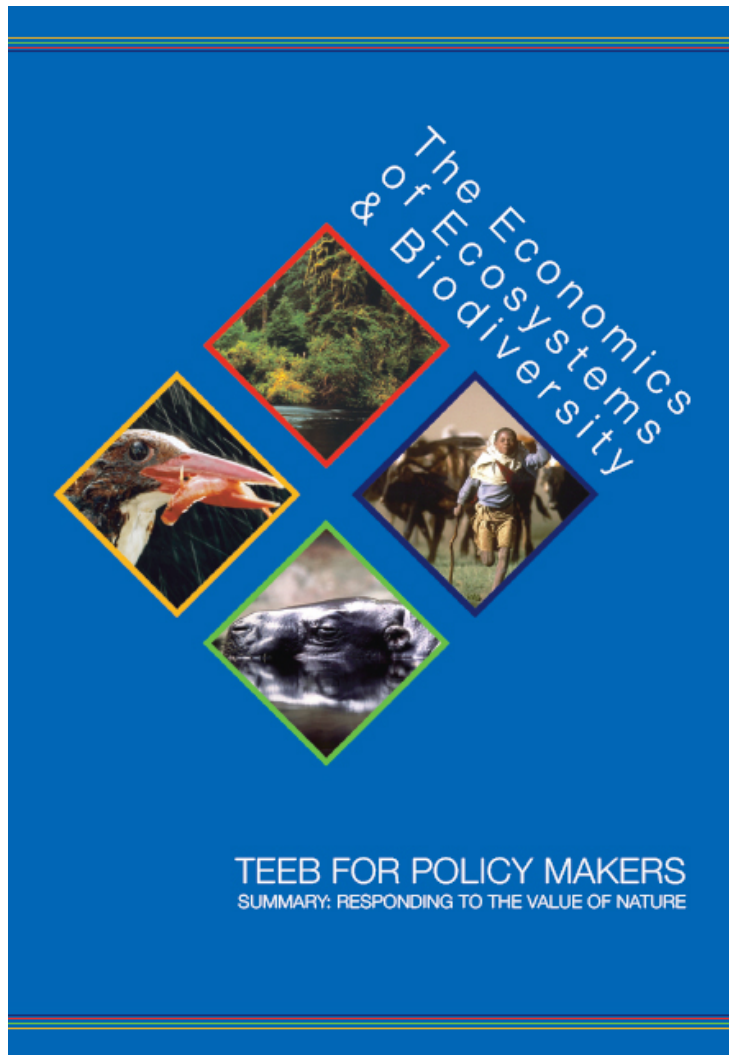


National accounting for forest carbon



Ecosystem investment for climate adaptation

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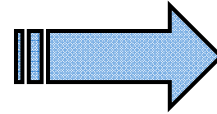
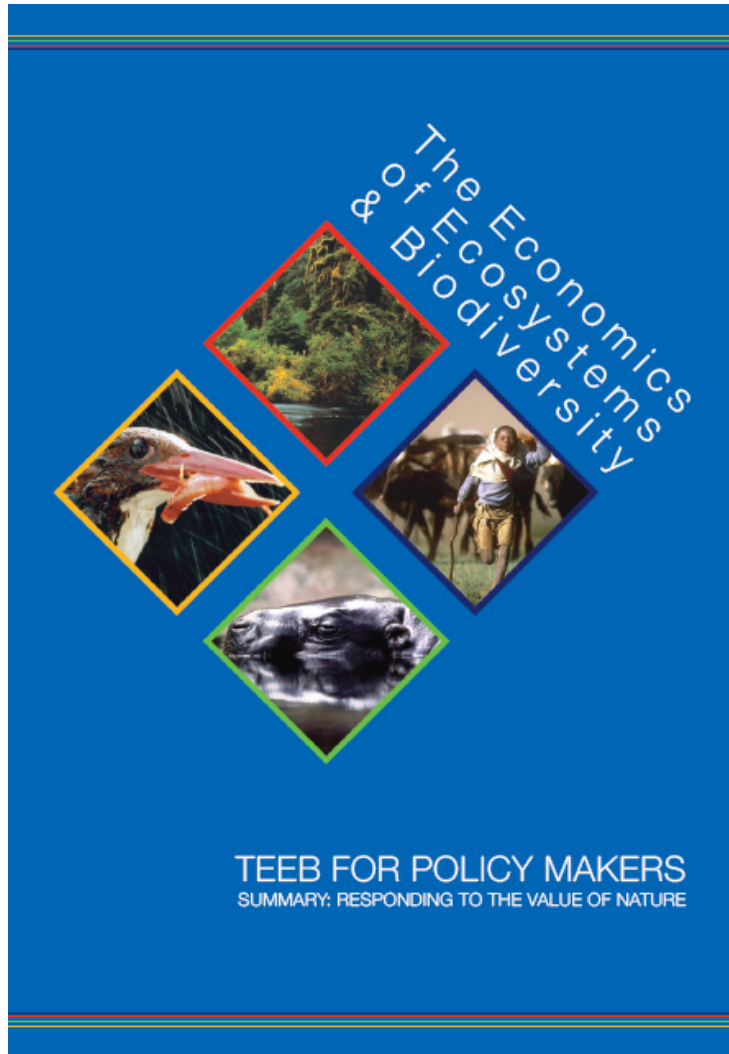


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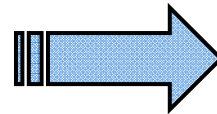
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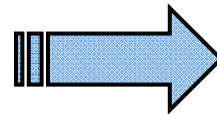
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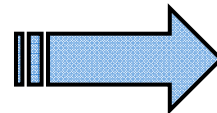
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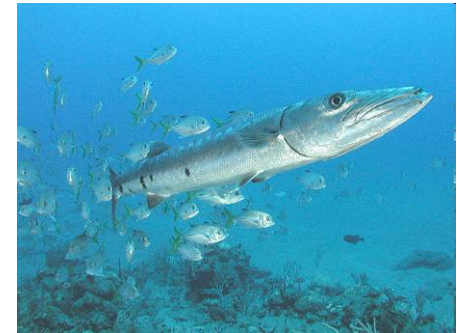
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Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Services

Marine systems

- Sea Food
- CO₂-Sequestration (Blue carbon)
- Genetic Resources



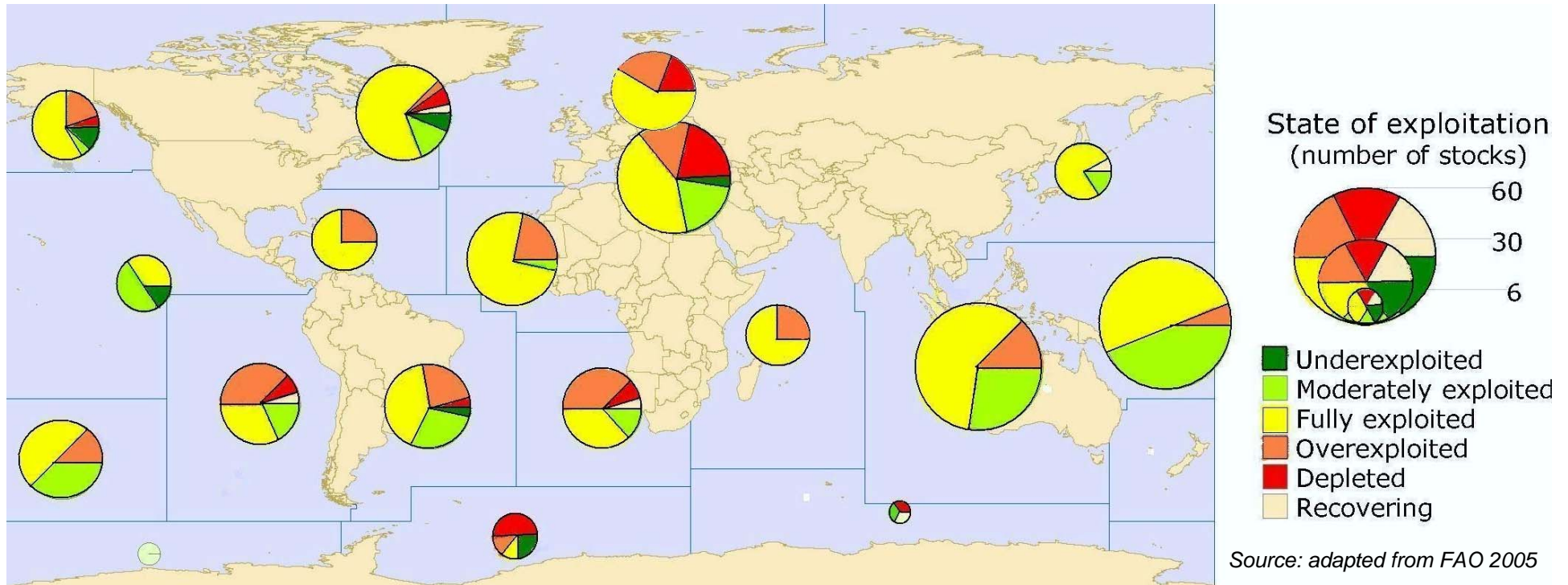
+ Coastal systems, including coral reefs

- CO₂-Sequestration (sea grasses and kelp beds)
- Fish nursery
- Tourism
- Natural Hazard prevention





Global Fish stocks

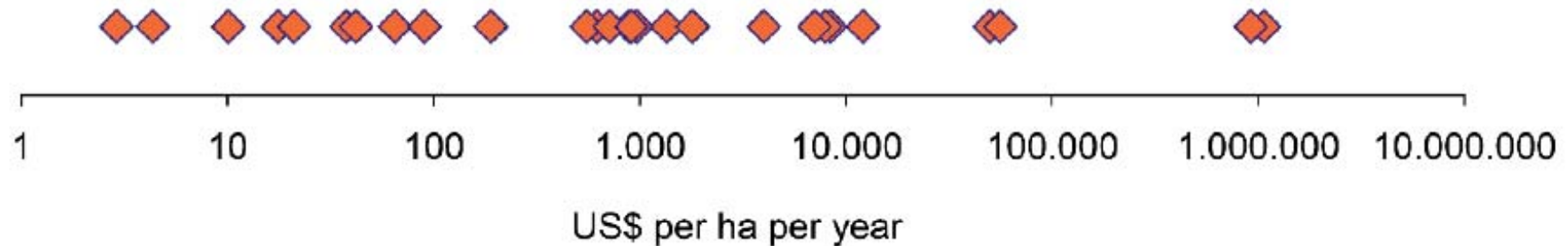


- Half of wild marine fisheries are fully exploited; a further quarter already over-exploited
- At risk: \$ 80-100 billion income from the sector
 - est. 27 million jobs
 - over a billion people rely on fish for animal protein



Range of values: Example Coral Reefs

The range of the value of coral reefs for tourism

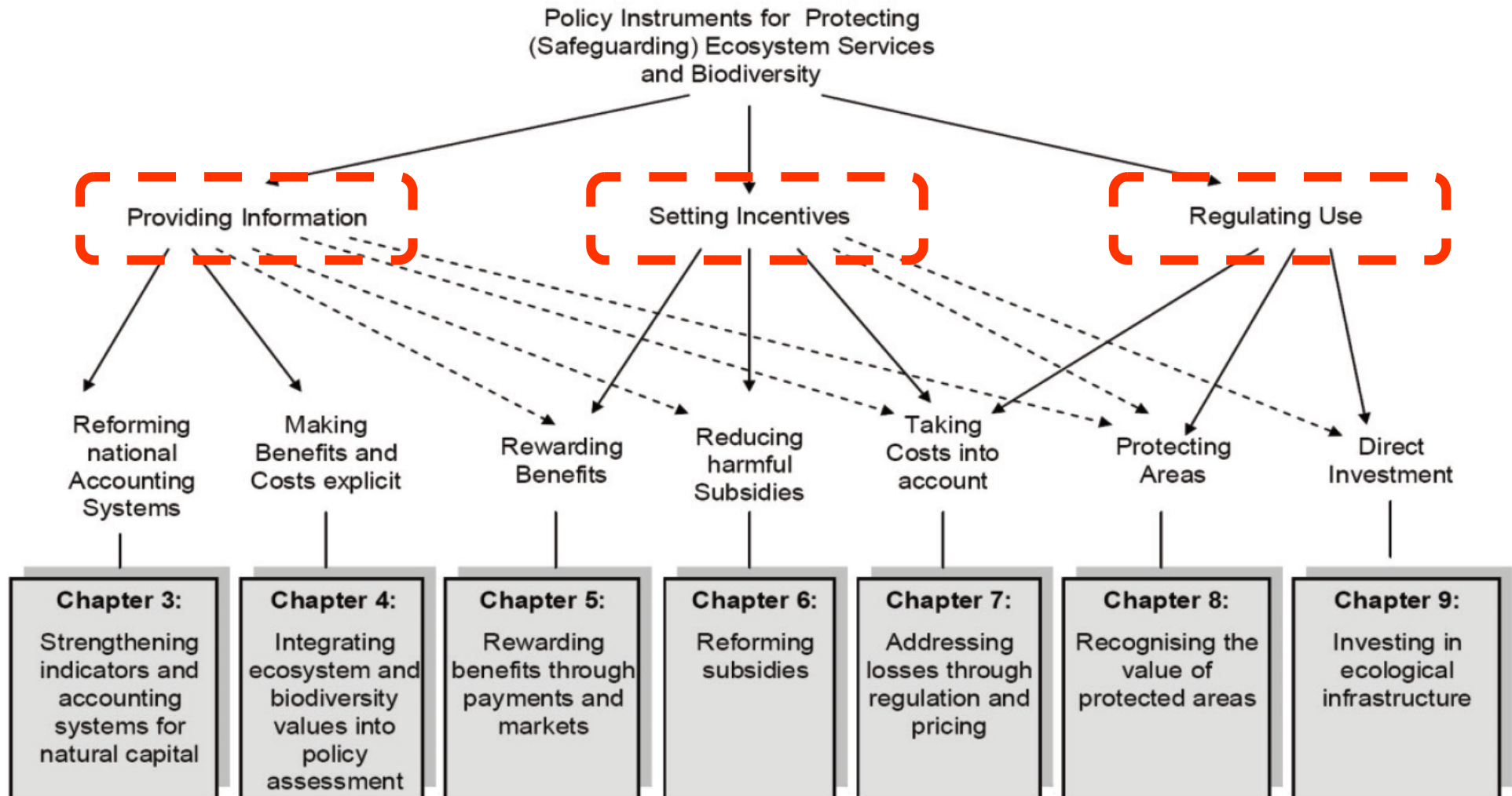


+ values for

- Natural hazard management up to 189,000 US\$ per ha and year
- Genetic materials up to 57,000 US\$ per ha and year
- Fisheries up to 3,800 US\$ per ha and year
- and others

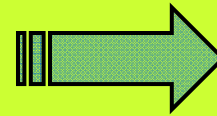
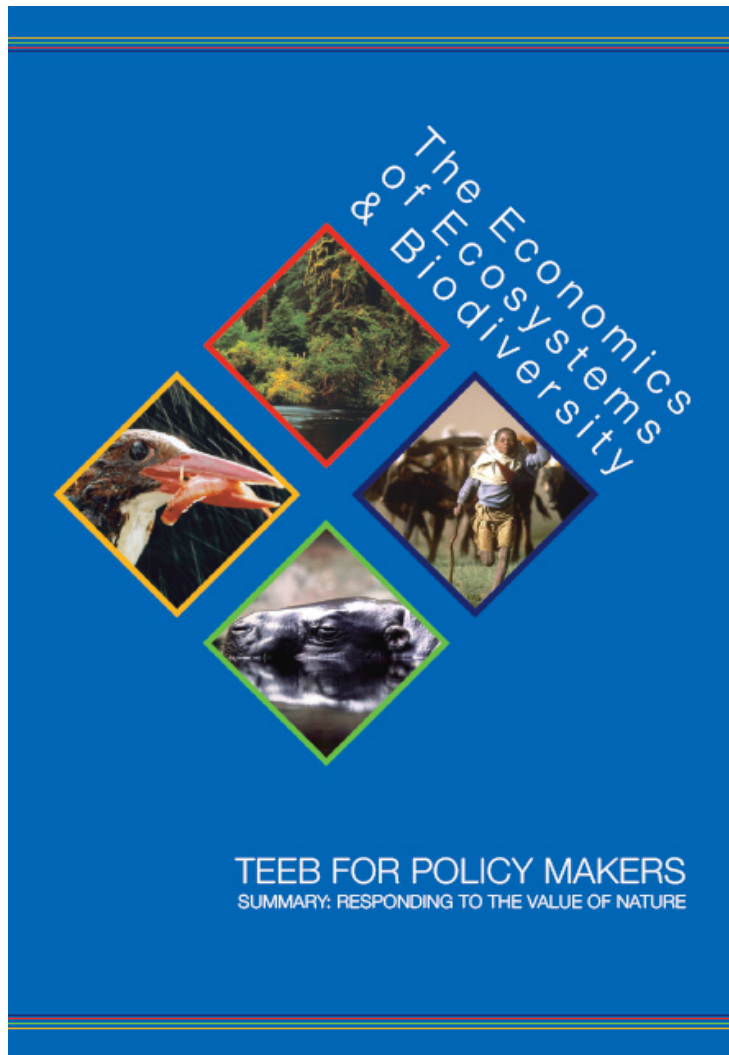


TEEB Policy Options Overview

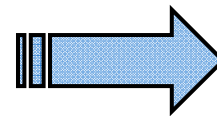




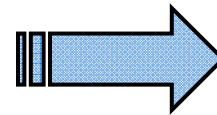
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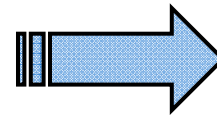
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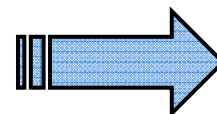
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Labelling for developing sustainable markets

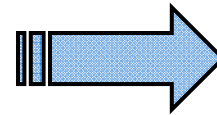
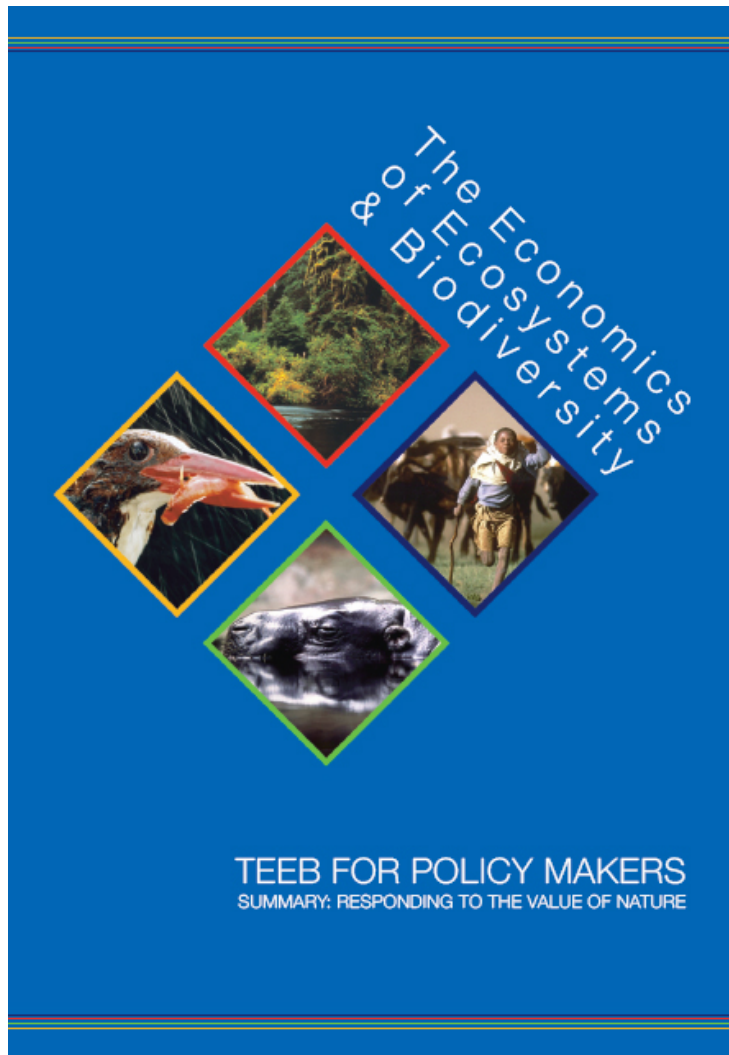
Development of MSC label

- Currently over 3000 MSC labelled products in more than 40 countries certified
- Annual certified catch of 4 Million tons (7% of global capture for human consumption)
- Retail value 1.4 Billion US\$ (increase by 40% in 2008)
- Approaches to support the extending to small scale fisheries (MSC risked-based support framework)

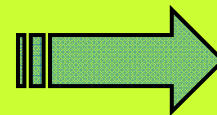




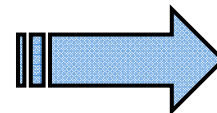
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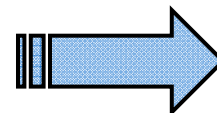
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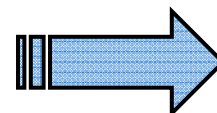
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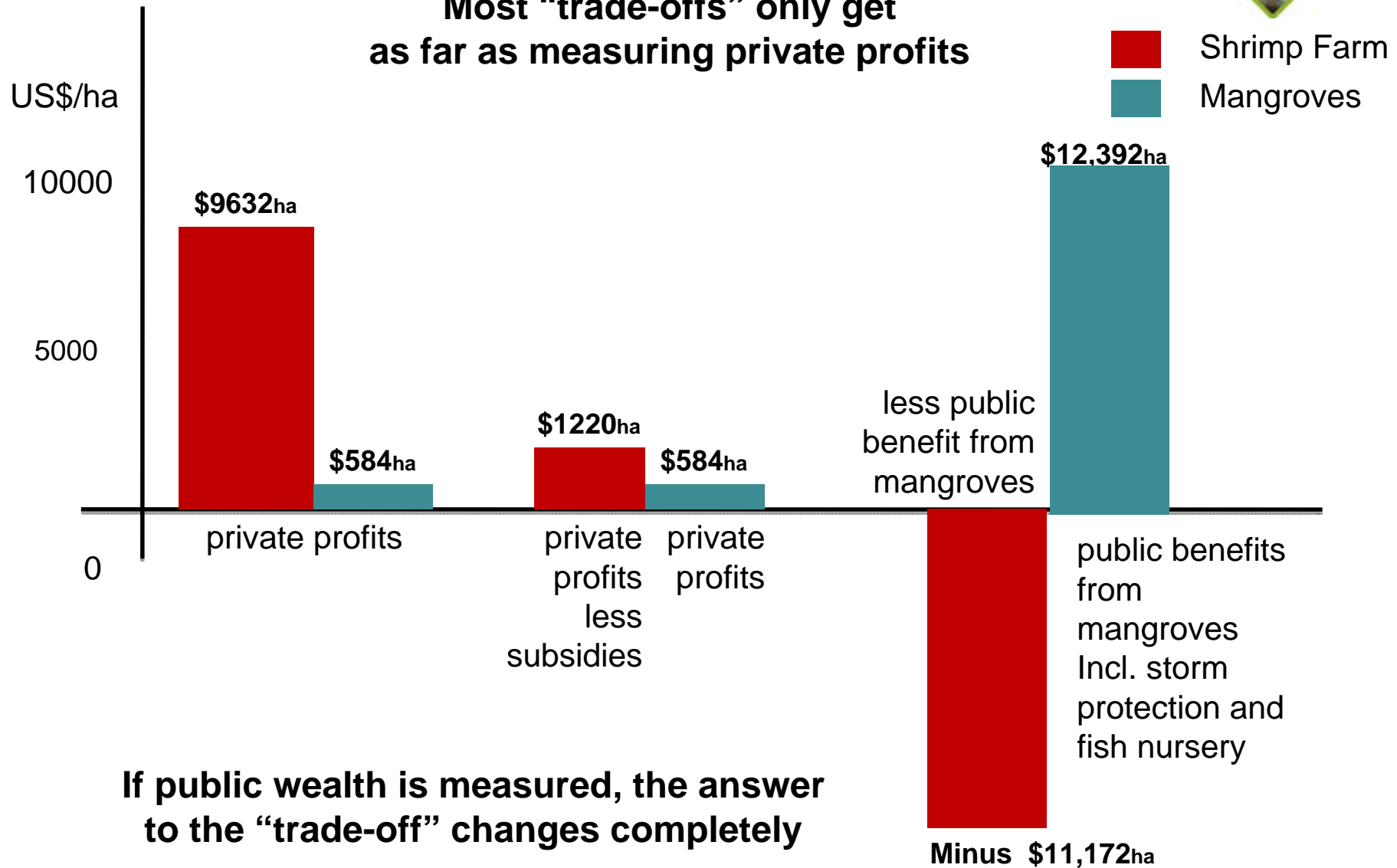


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Most “trade-offs” only get as far as measuring private profits



If public wealth is measured, the answer to the “trade-off” changes completely



Subsidies in the fisheries sector

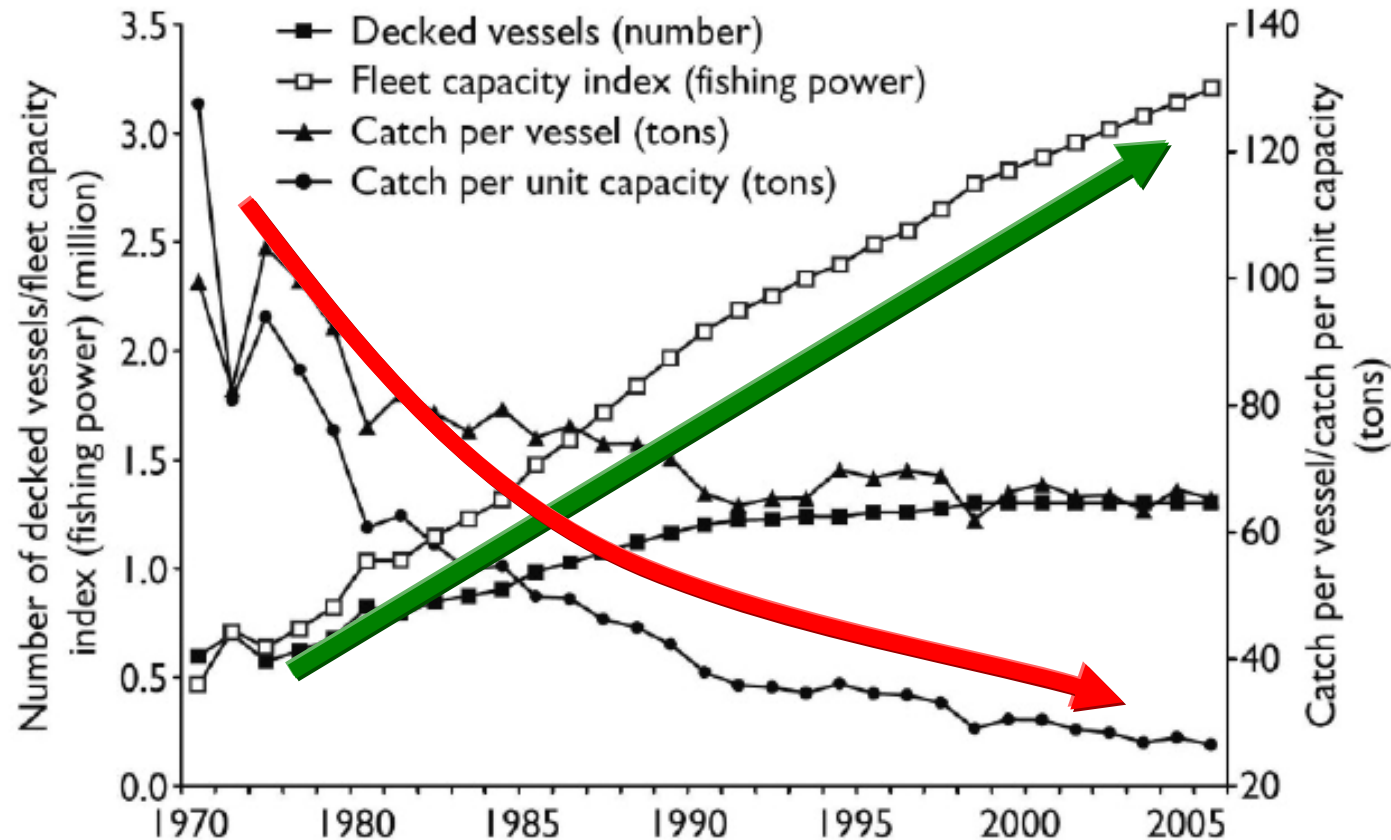
Table 6.1: Aggregate subsidy estimates for selected economic sectors

| Sector | Region |
|-------------|--|
| Agriculture | OECD: US\$ 261 billion/year (2006-8) (OECD 2009) Biofuels: US, EU and Canada US\$ 11 billion in 2006 (GSI 2007; OECD 2008b) |
| Fisheries | World: US\$ 15-35 billion (UNEP 2008) |
| Energy | World: US\$ 500 billion/year (GSI 2009a) US\$ 310 billion in the 20 largest non-OECD countries in 2007 (IEA 2008) |
| Transport | World: US\$ 238-306 billion/year – of which EHS US\$173-233 billion (EEA 2005) |
| Water | World: US\$ 67 billion – of which EHS US\$ 50 billion (Myers and Kent 2002) |

>> Estimates are rarely based on a detailed accounting of individual subsidy programs, limiting both their accuracy and usefulness for management decisions (Sharp+Sumaila 2009).



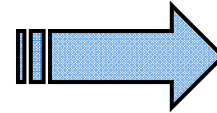
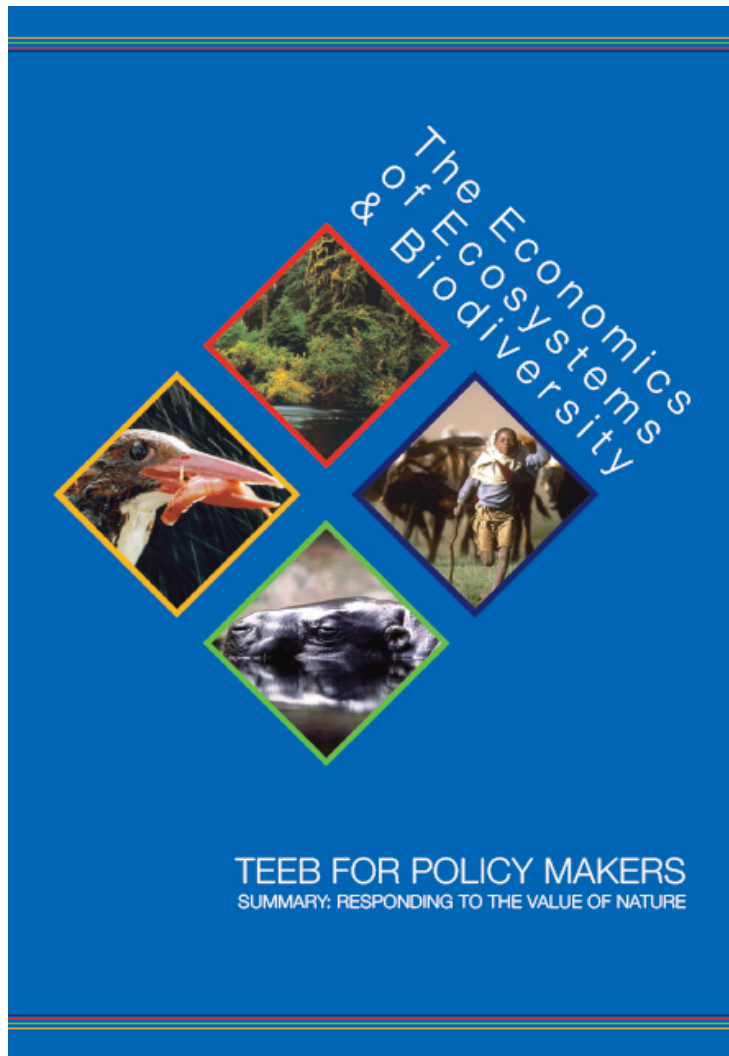
Fish stocks – an underperforming natural asset



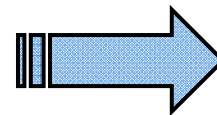
>> World Bank estimates that net benefit losses from fisheries are 50 billion US\$ per year



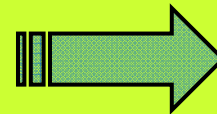
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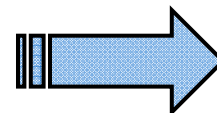
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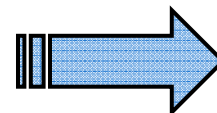
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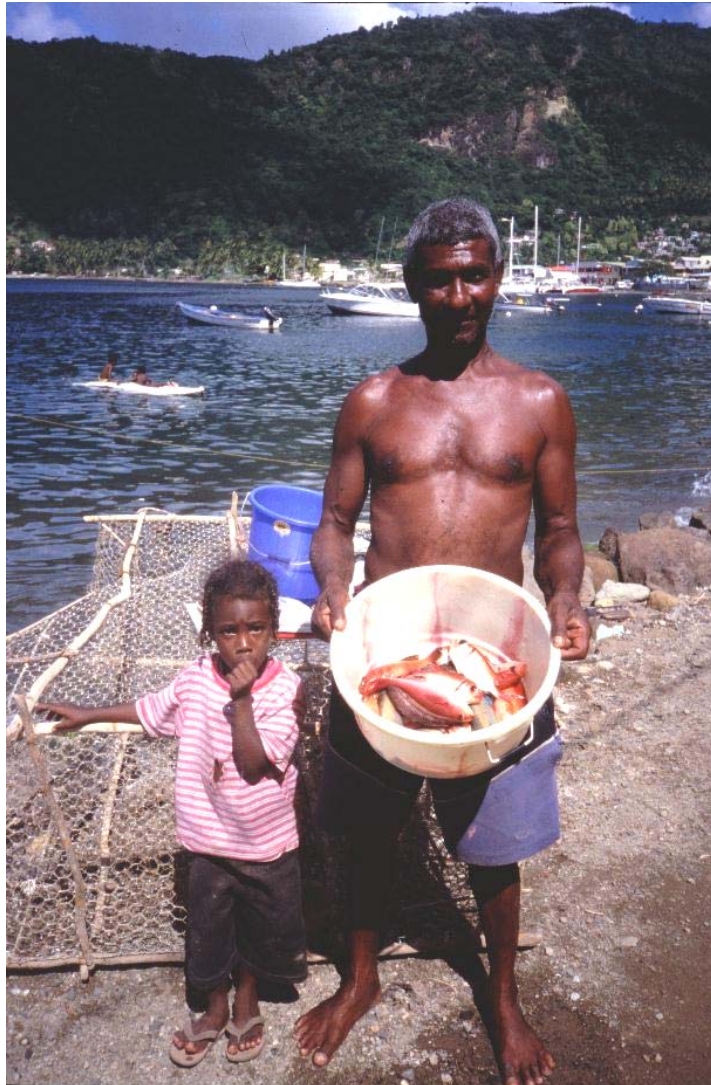


Soufrière Marine Management Area, St. Lucia : Established 1995
35% of reef area closed to fishing

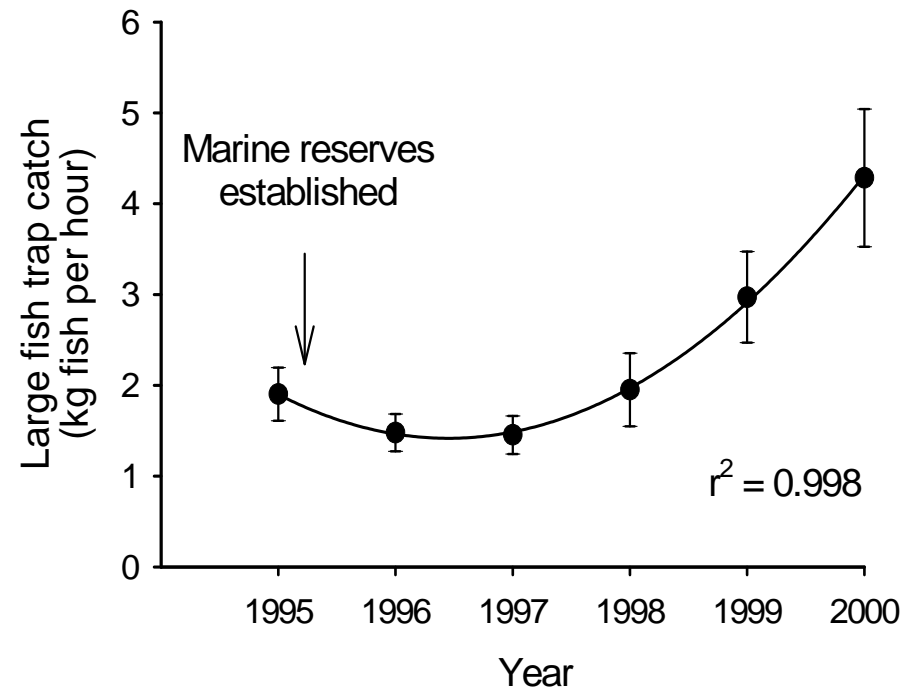




St. Lucia, Caribbean, Example

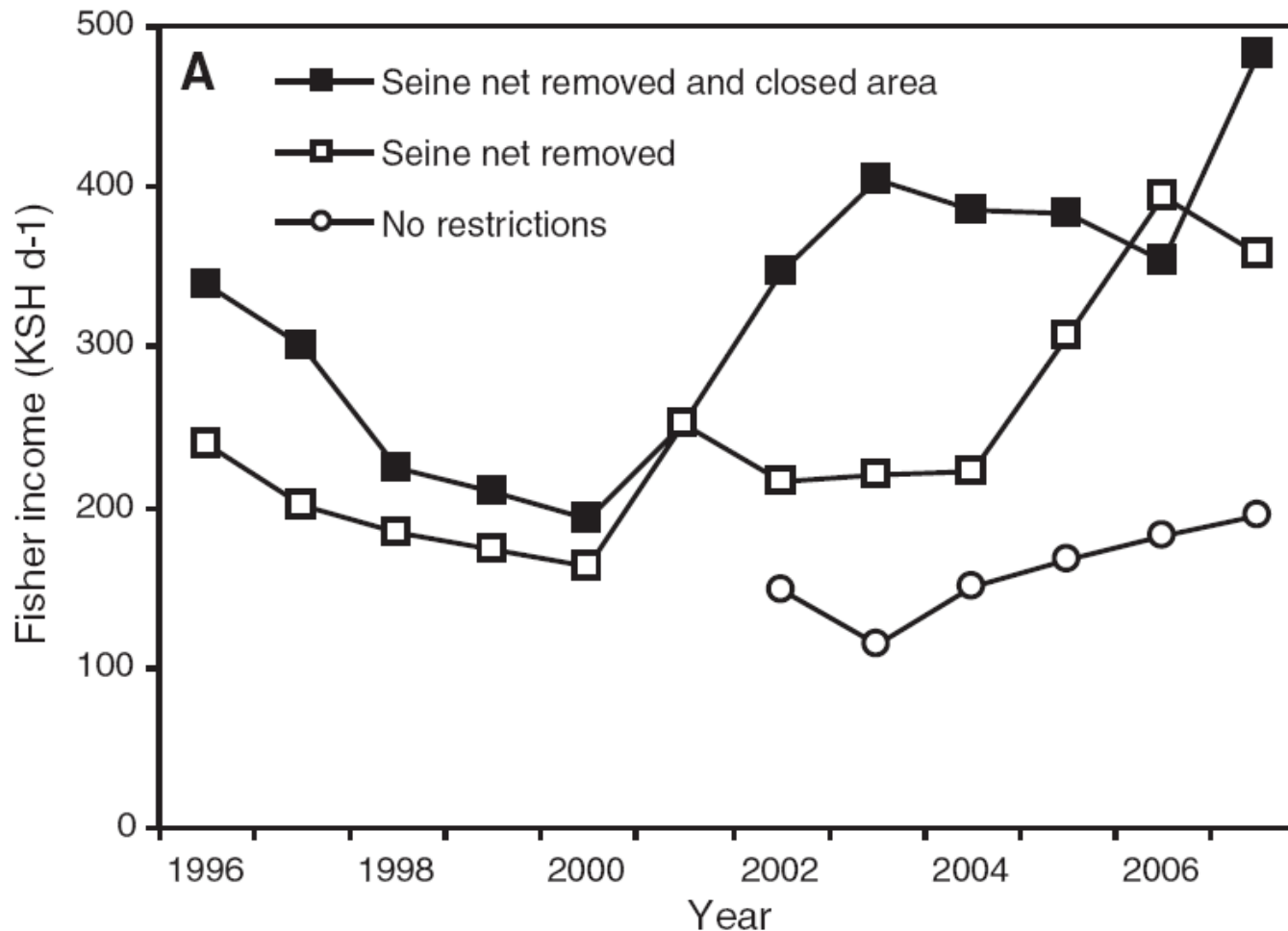


Fisherfolk now fish for less time and catch more than before reserves were set up





Role of gear restrictions and management

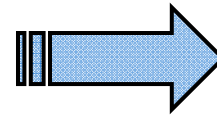
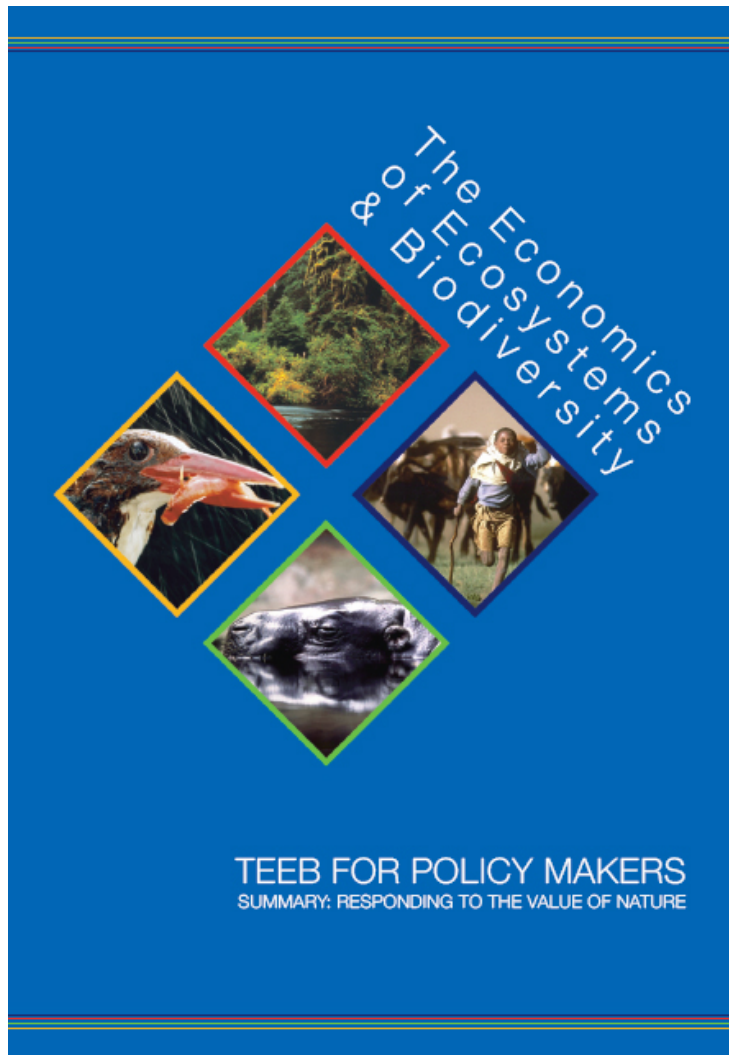


Rebuilding of Kenyan small-scale fisheries through gear restrictions and closed area management

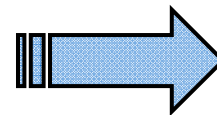
Source: Worm et al. 2009



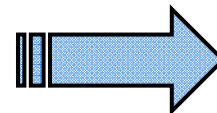
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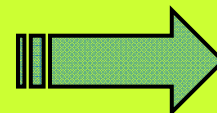
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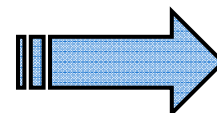
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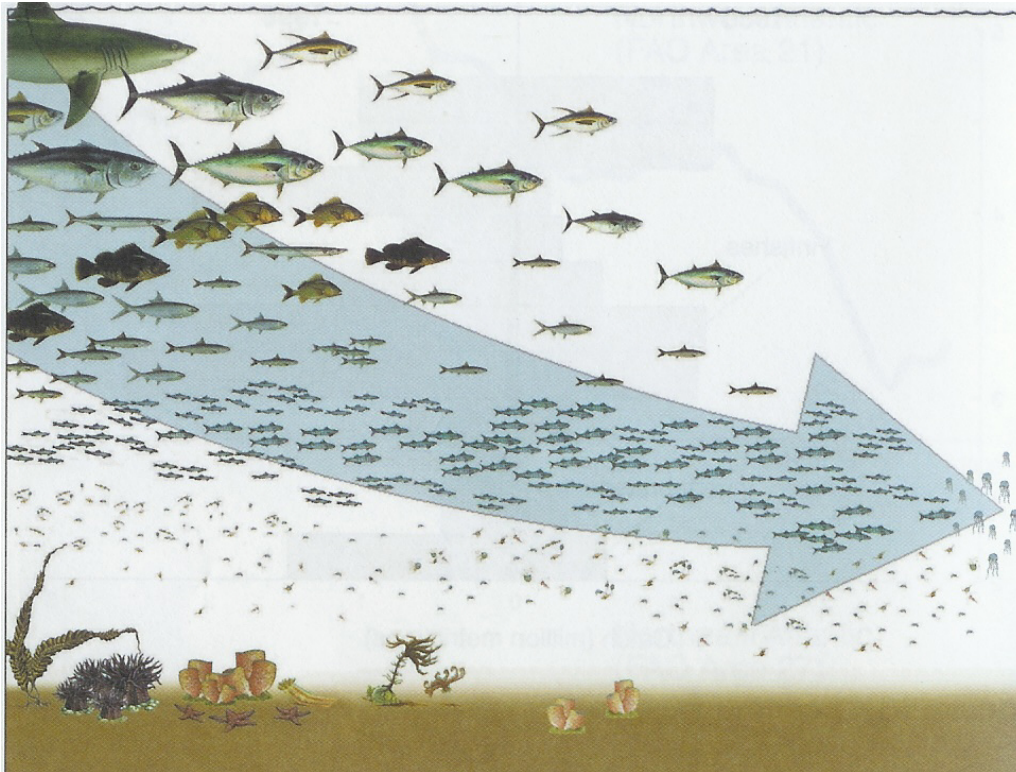
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Global Loss of Fisheries... The Role of MPAs ?



We are fishing down the food web to ever smaller species...

Is there evidence that reserves work ?

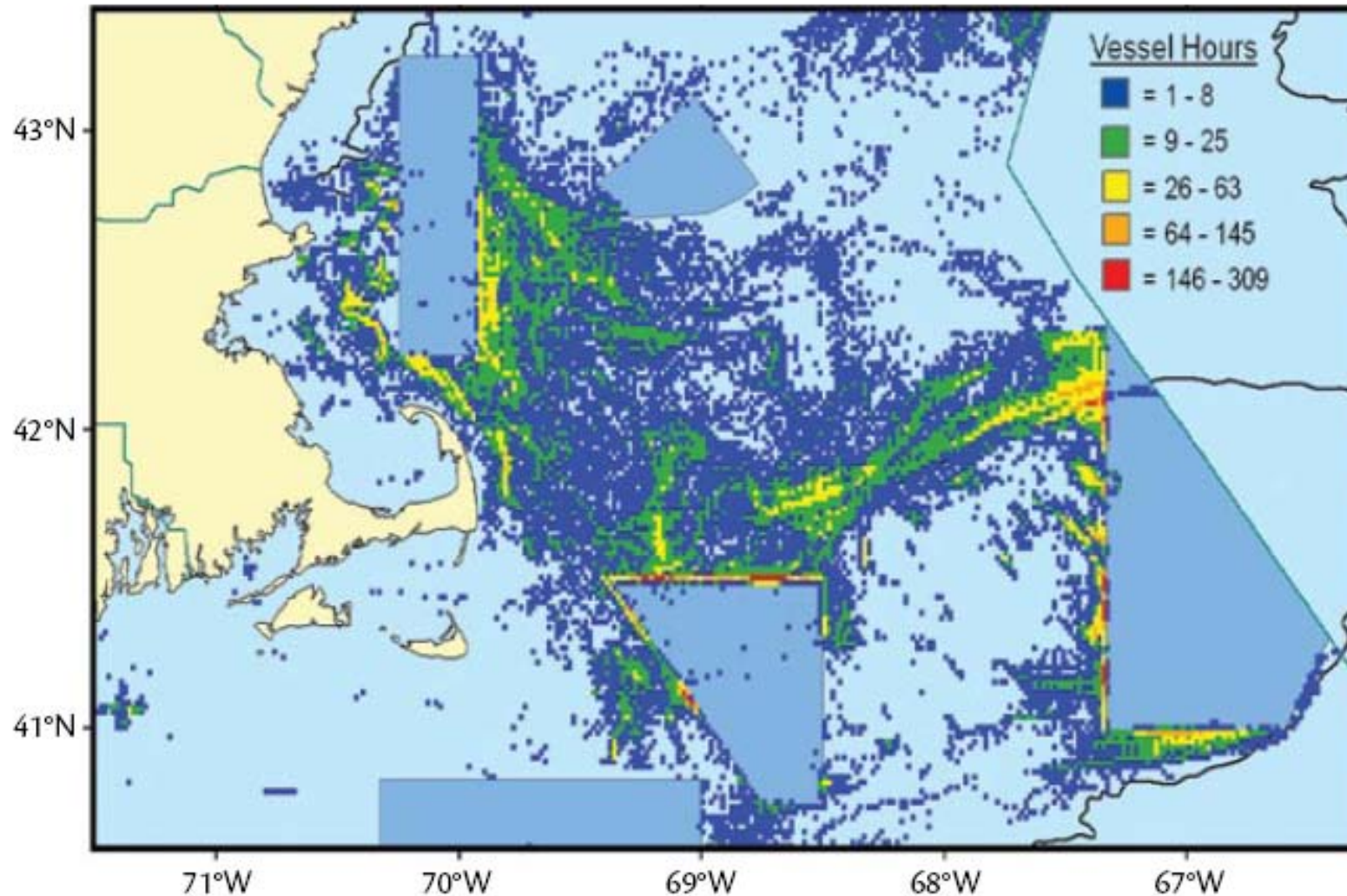


Reserves all over the world show strong increases in spawning stocks

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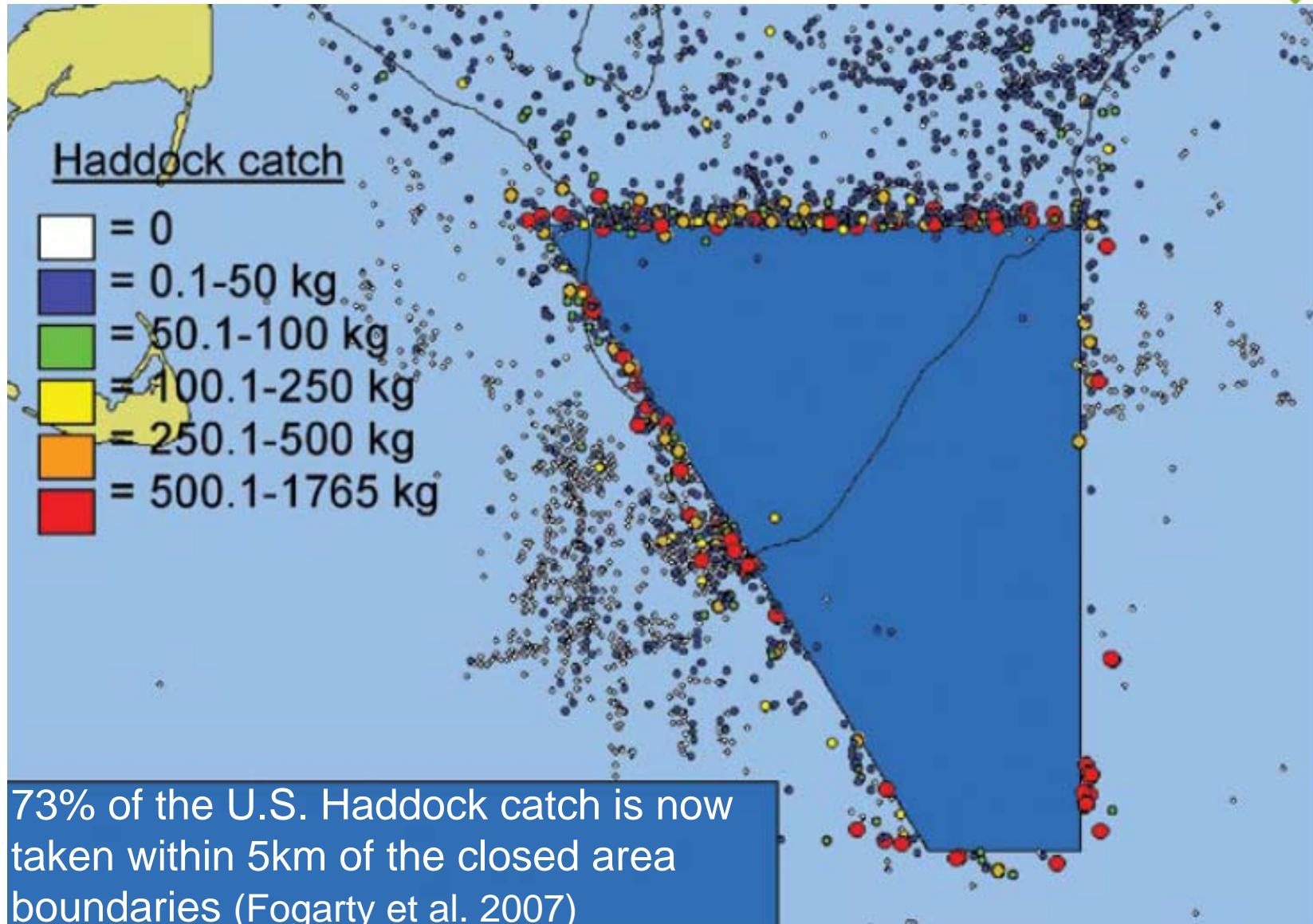


Distribution of fishing effort around Georges Bank closed areas



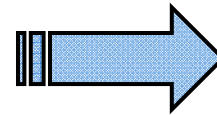
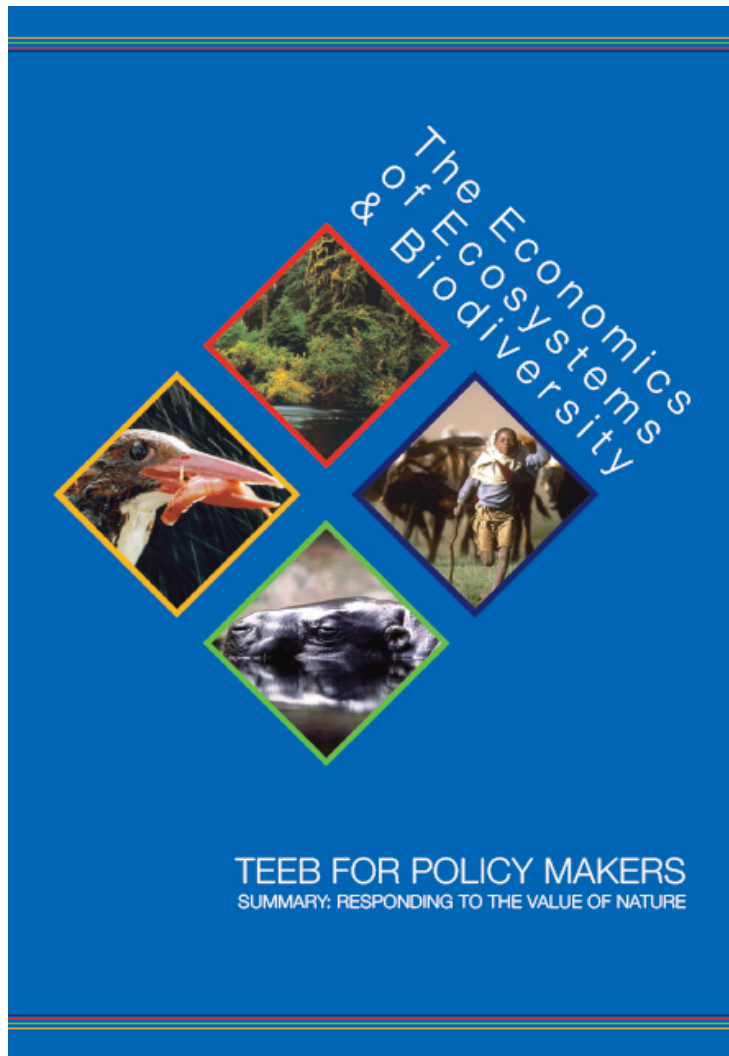
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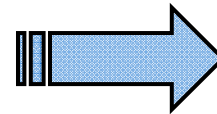




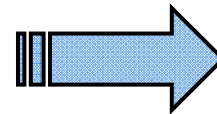
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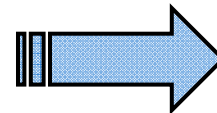
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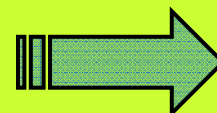
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“Playing the full hand” of carbon colours

Brown Carbon

CO₂ emissions
from human
energy use and
industry

Green Carbon

carbon stored
in terrestrial
ecosystems,
forests, soils, ...

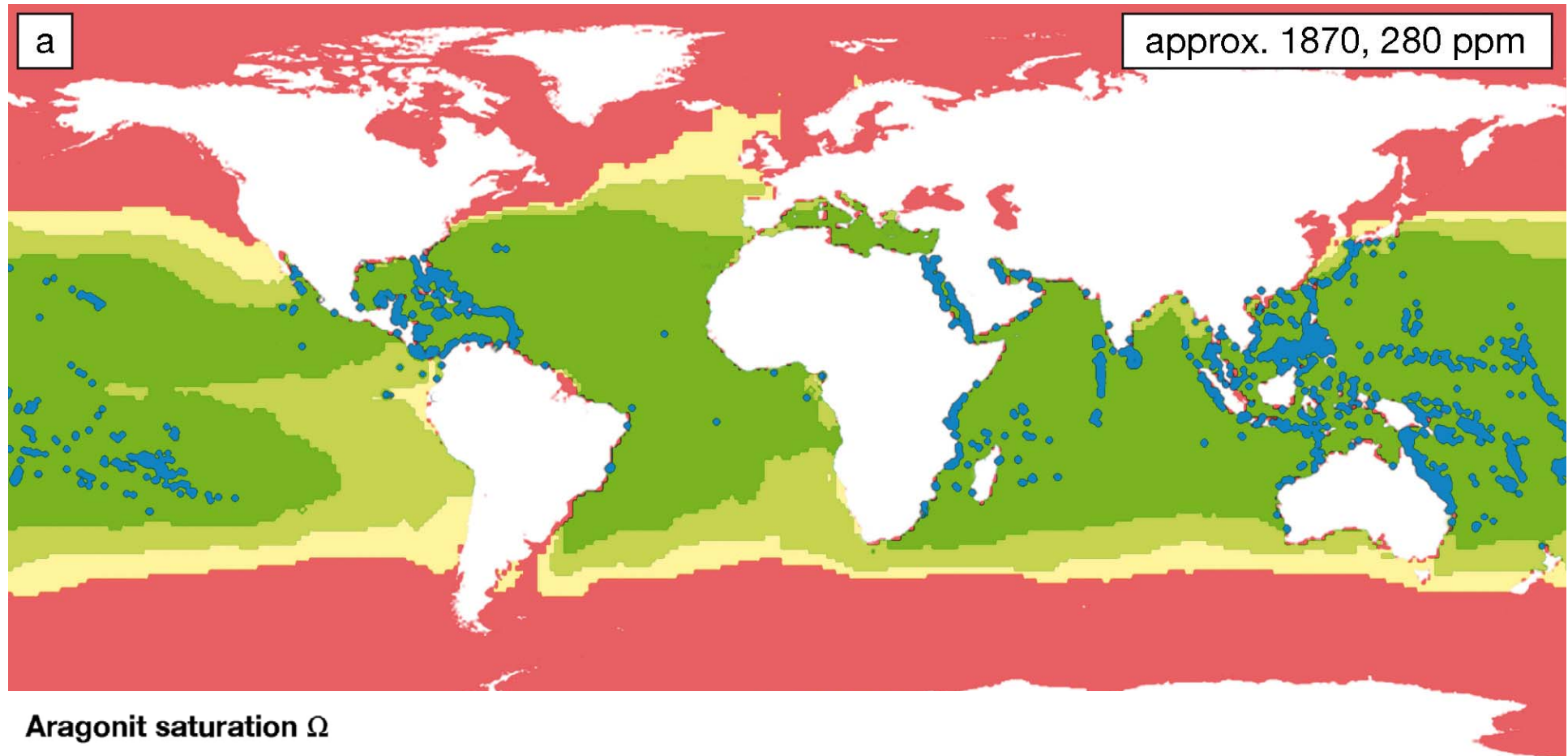
Blue Carbon

55% of all carbon
in living
organisms is
stored in oceans

Halting the loss of *green* and *blue* carbon could mitigate as much as 25% of total GHG emissions, with co-benefits for **biodiversity, food security and livelihoods (IPCC 2007, Nellemann 2009)**




Coral Reefs and acidification - Reduction of aragonite saturation



Aragonite saturation Ω

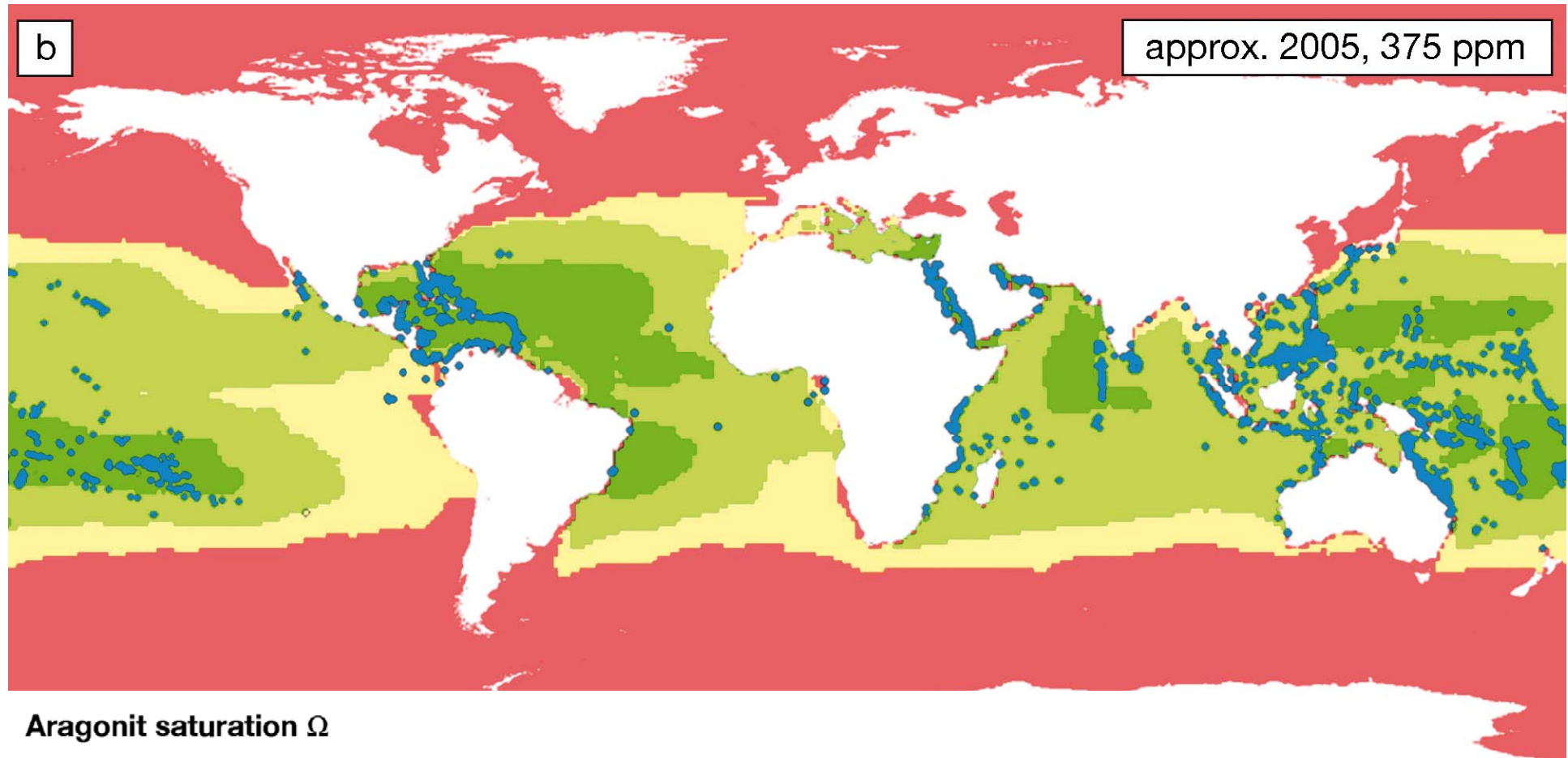


 Present sites of reef-building warm-water corals

Source: WBGU 2006




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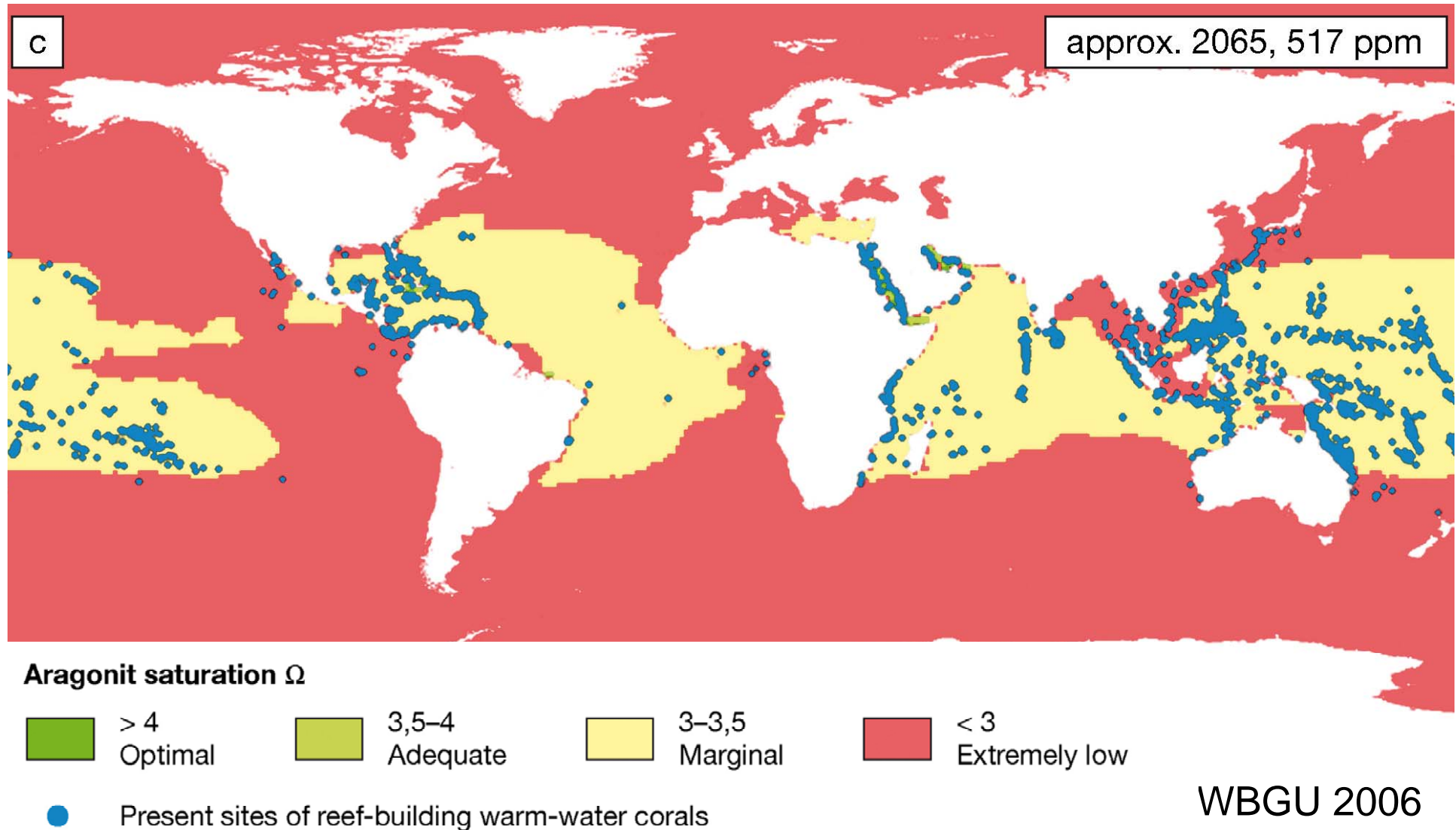


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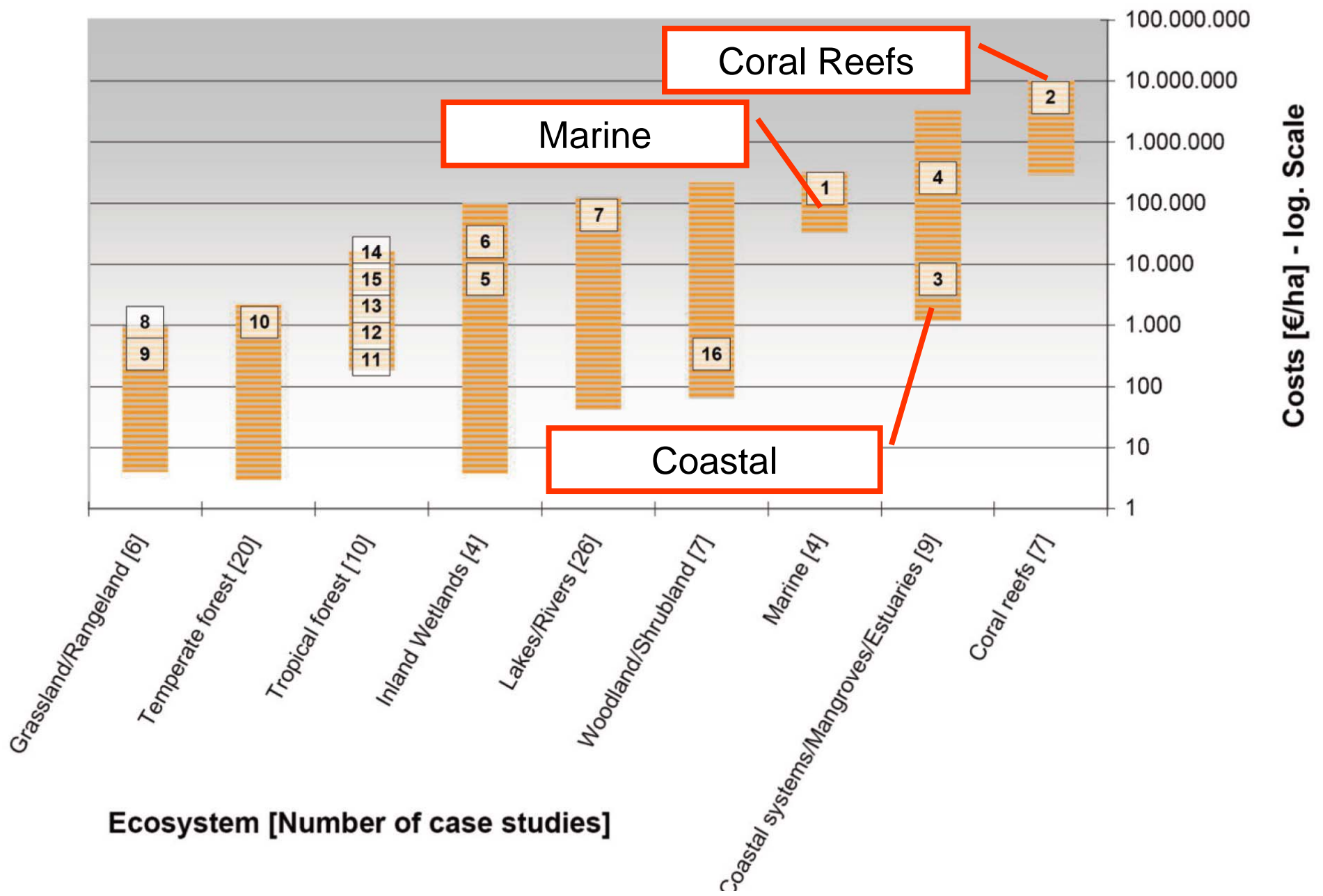




Coral Reef Valuations Thresholds...

- Coral Reef Services (per hectare) have high values
- Global Valuation studies place the value as high as US\$ 172 billion per annum
- However.... Coral Reefs are an ecosystem at the threshold of irreversibility





Restoration costs of ecosystems



TEEB D1 Main Messages

➔ **Rewarding benefits through payments and markets**

Improve certification and true market prices

➔ **Reforming environmentally harmful subsidies**

Reduce harmful subsidies (fisheries, mangroves)

➔ **Addressing losses through regulation and pricing**

Integrated Coastal Zone Management, new approaches for fisheries management

➔ **Adding value through protected areas**

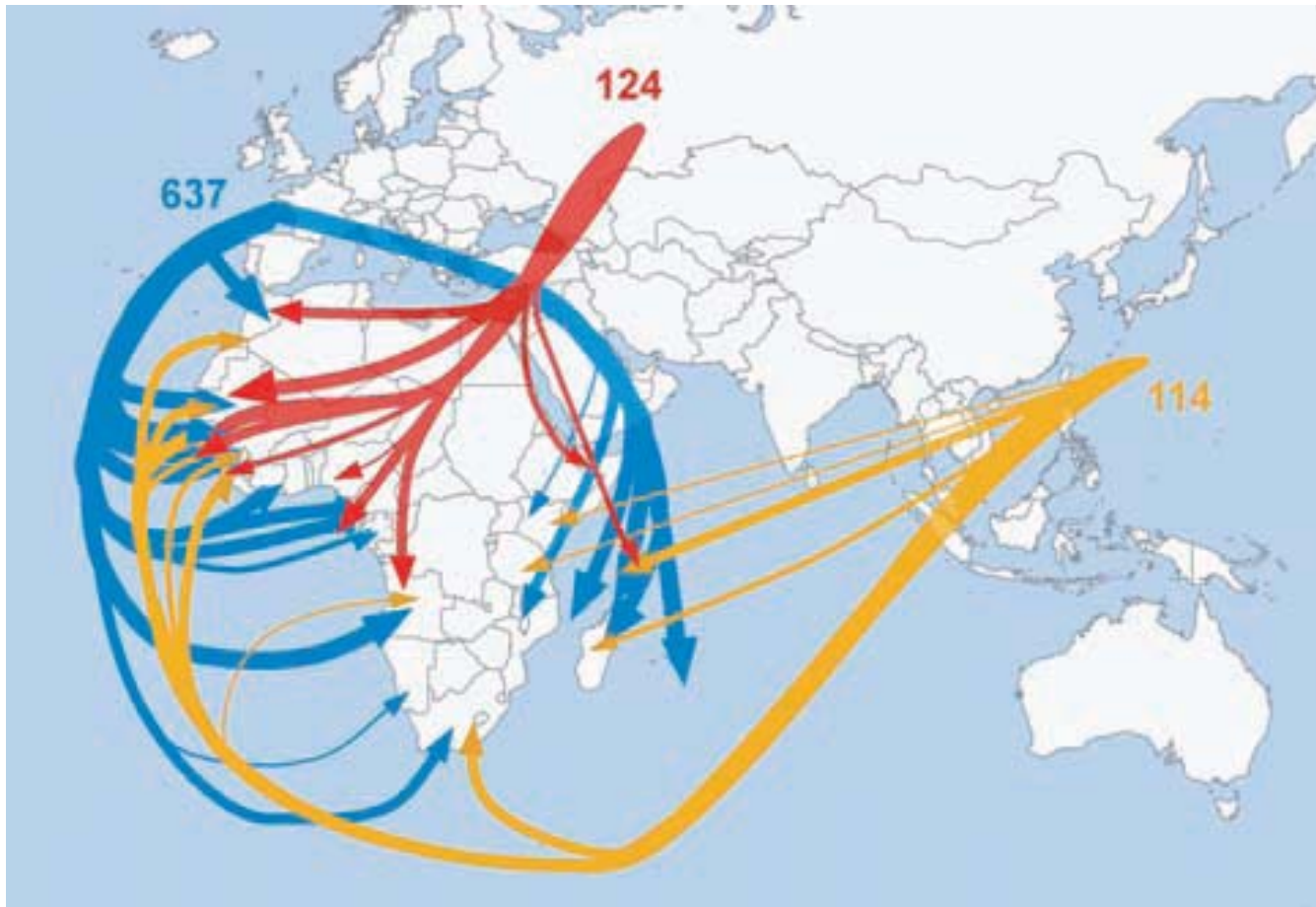
Set up coherent system of MPAs

➔ **Investing in ecological infrastructure**

Focus on safeguarding (and rehabilitation) of coastal systems



The international challenge



Movement of fishing effort from developed nations to Africa in the 1990s. Data indicate total access years in distant-water fishing agreements.

Source: Worm et al. 2009



„Combined fisheries and conservation objectives can be achieved by merging diverse management actions, including catch restrictions, gear modification, and closed areas, depending on local context.“

Worm et al. 2009

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**“Economics
is mere
weaponry,
its targets
are ethical
choices.”**

Pavan
Sukhdev

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