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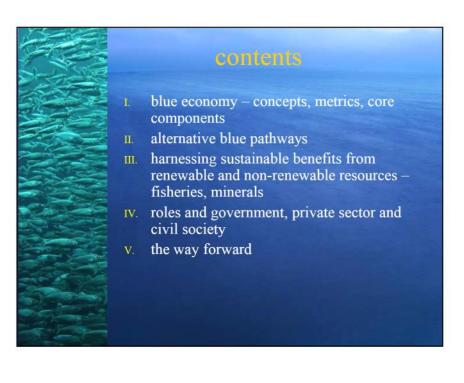
BLUE ECONOMY AND OCEANS GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

BUILDING THE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE WIO REGION

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key messages

- > the blue economy is a political challenge with a choice of pathways
- > it may involve short-term social, economic and political costs
- key challenges: maintaining/ enhancing benefits from renewable resources; ensuring sustainable benefits from extractive resources
- the role of government is as a facilitator; the private sector is the key investor; an engaged civil society provides the political foundation
- > good governance, a favorable investment climate and healthy coasts and oceans are fundamental even without a dedicated blue economy initiative a 'no regrets' strategy
- assessment of the performance of the ocean economy can build a vision for the blue economy and inform policies, plans and governance
- > a blue economy initiative must be complementary to other initiatives, e.g. on poverty reduction, climate change





we have some 'blue metrics' others are challenging

- > sustainability: measuring (even defining) sustainability is challenging ... 'don't cheat on your kids'
 - proxies MSY, carrying capacity, resilience of the ecosystem or the economy
 - most measure the state, or trends assume link to sustainability
- > social: governance, poverty, income, health, HDI, happiness
- > environmental: state of the coasts, state of fish stocks, Env. Performance (EPI), Coastal Governance Index (EIU)
- economic all about growth, employment, exports, balance of payments GDP

the blue economy moves 'beyond GDF'

- > growth is a key political paradigm, closely linked to GDP
- > GDP is an inadequate measure of growth; leaves out
 - changes in capital, such as, depletion of offshore gas, or changes in the state, or value of fish stocks; losses - cyclone damage
- 'qualified GDP' adjusted net savings
 - environmental accounts the changing value of natural capital ocean health, mineral depletion
 - capital accounts adjust national wealth for changes in valuate of natural capital
- > other metrics, e.g. footprints projects the resource for products or services use compared to the available resources



an effective blue economy requires several cross-cutting conditions & core activities

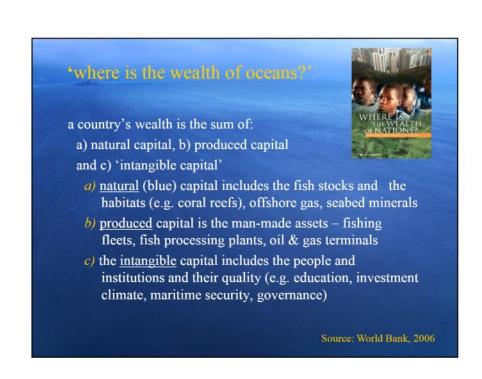
- > vision, public awareness and political will
- > good governance & investment climate, marine tenure
- > responsible private sector engagement & investment
- viable blue economy opportunities and jobs
- > knowledge, science and connectivity
- > equity in allocation of blue opportunities and benefits
- > public awareness and stakeholder support
- appreciation of the costs as environmental externalities are included in producer costs and consumer prices
- > and healthy coasts and oceans

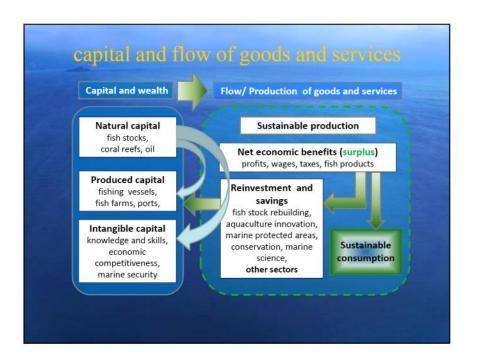


II. COUNTRIES HAVE A CHOICE OF BLUE ECONOMY PATHWAYS

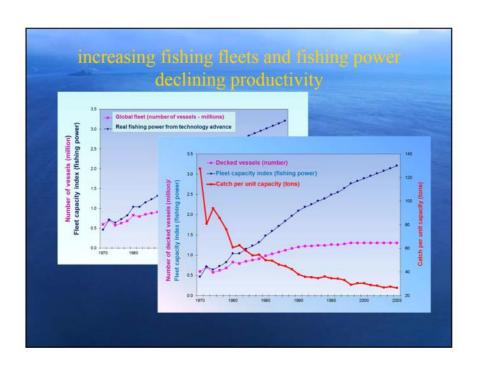
- > paradigm or programme
- comprehensive for all of society and sectors green + blue vision
- > sector focus, e.g. fisheries, tourism
 - coherence and coordination at sector level
- > inter-sector synergies coordination and planning
- > integrated blue economy programme
- depends on: human and institutional capacity, governance, investment climate, knowledge,
- ability to manage competing agendas climate change, disaster, poverty reduction ...

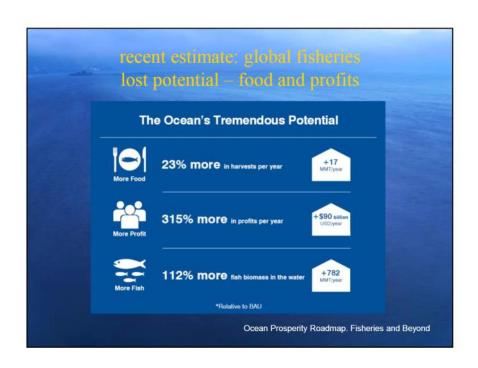


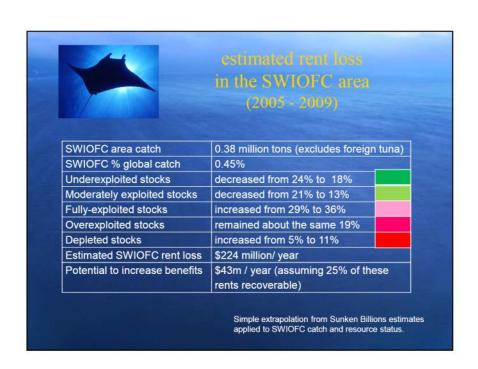














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