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Nature's Interactions with Humanity

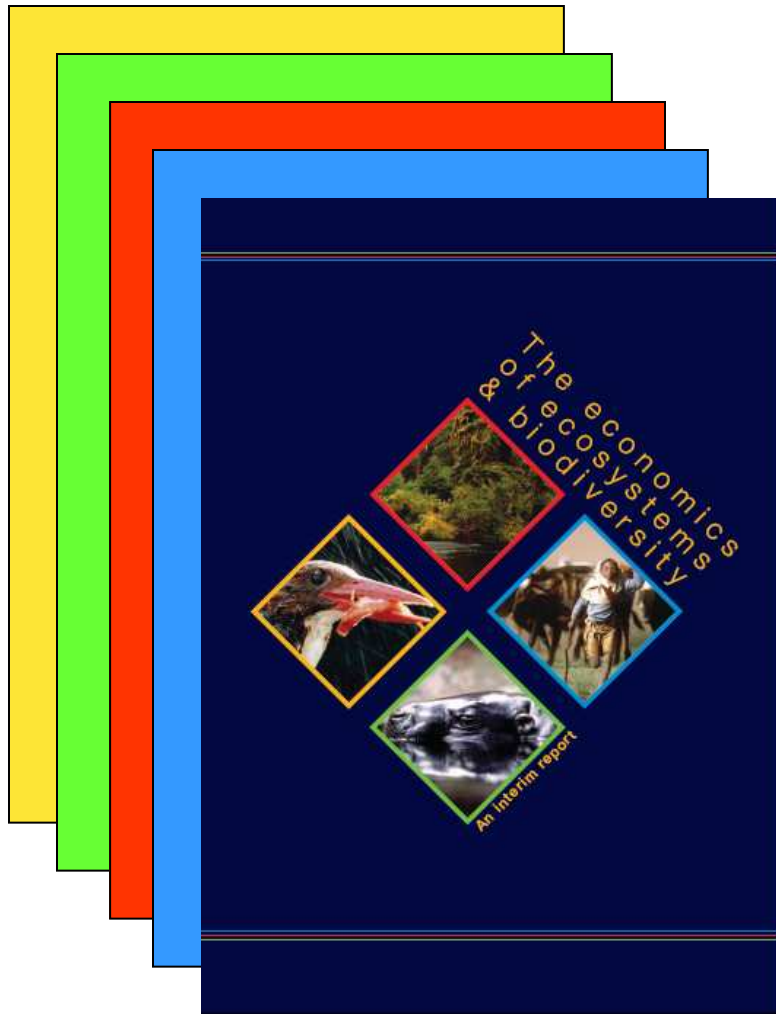
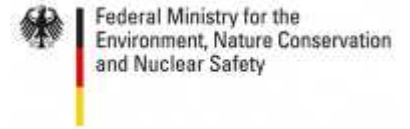


Money : today's Yardstick

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- ➔ Science & Economics Foundations, Policy Costs, & Costs of Inaction
- ➔ Policy Evaluation for Policy-Makers
- ➔ Decision Support for Administrators
- ➔ Business Risks & Opportunities
- ➔ Citizen & Consumer Ownership



TEEB Outreach Role of "D0"...

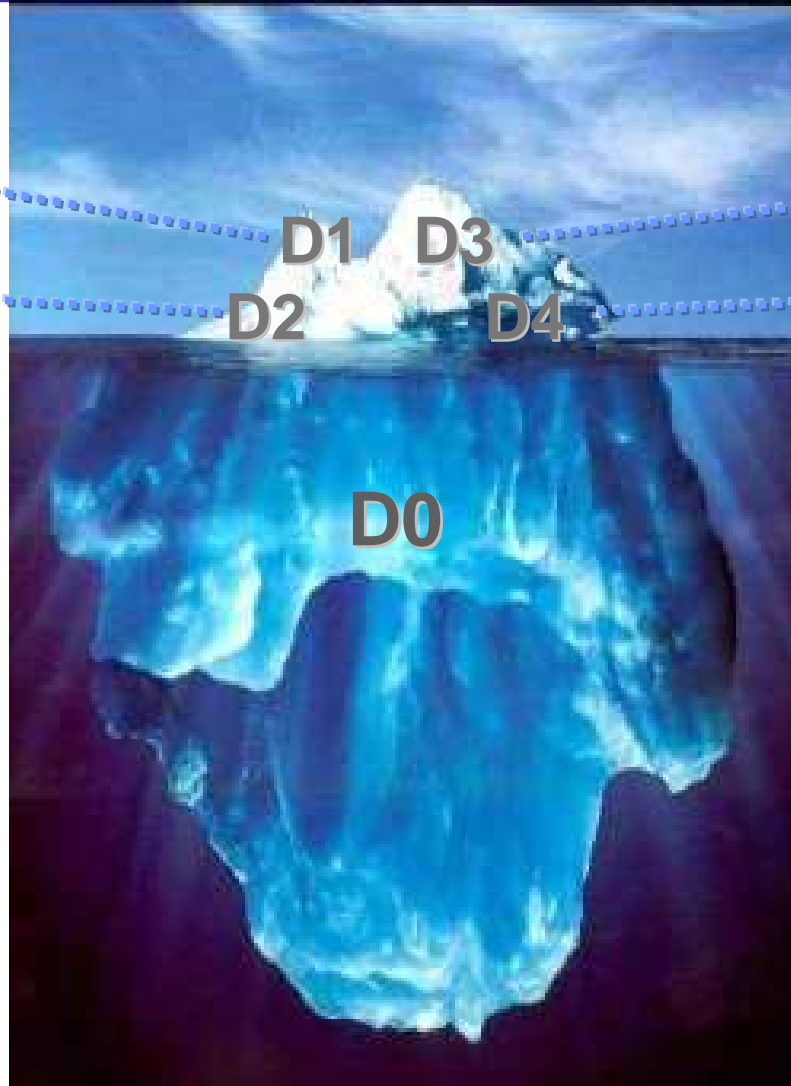


Policy-Makers..

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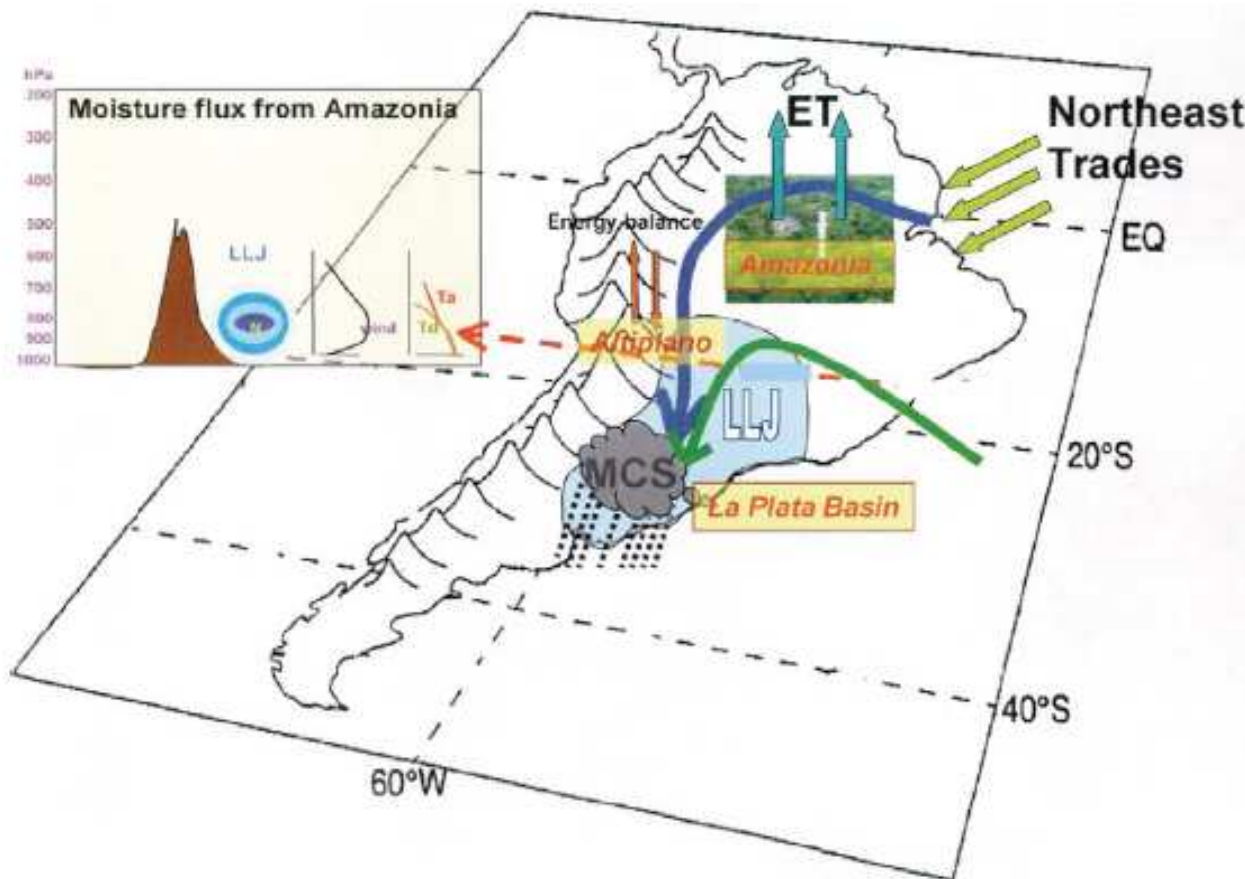
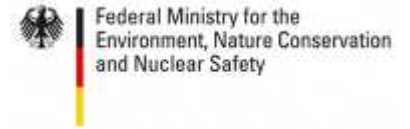
Businesses..

Citizens..





Amazon Water Pump : Regional IPES ?



Amazon Rainforest “Water Pump”

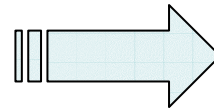
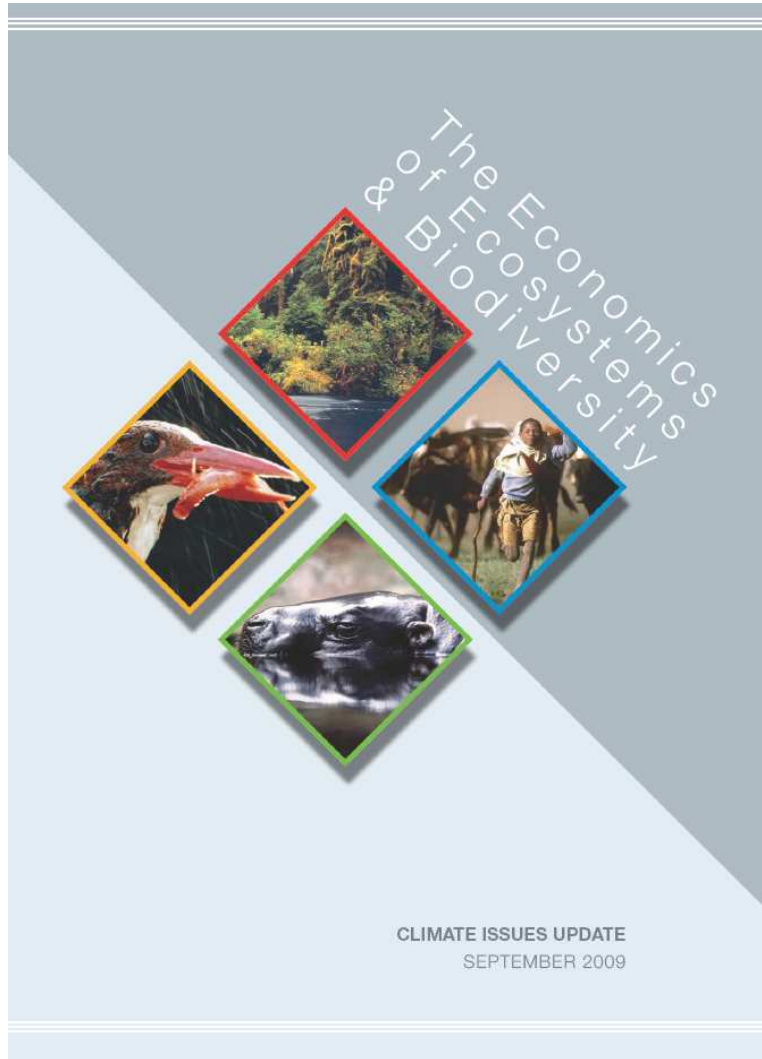
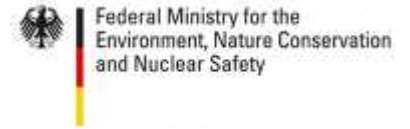
Evapo-transpiration
puts 20 billion tonnes
of water into the
atmosphere daily,
some of which falls
as rain in the
Rio Plata Basin...

*(Global Canopy Programme
& Canopy Capital Ltd, 2008)*

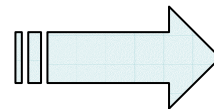
Marengo et al. 2004, Journal of Climate



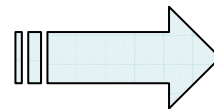
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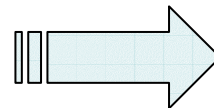
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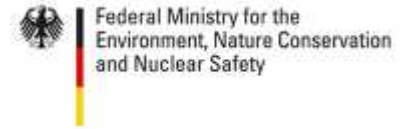
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The Colours of Carbon



Brown Carbon

CO₂ emissions from energy use and industry

Blue Carbon

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

Green Carbon

carbon stored in terrestrial ecosystems, including tropical forests

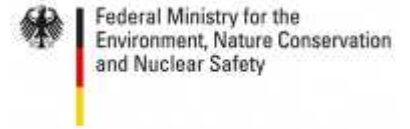
Black Carbon

Carbon (soot) emitted by inefficient wood & coal burning

Halting the loss of “green” and “blue” carbon could mitigate as much as 25% of total GHG emissions, with co-benefits for biodiversity, food & water security, and livelihoods (IPCC 2007, Nellemann et al. in press)

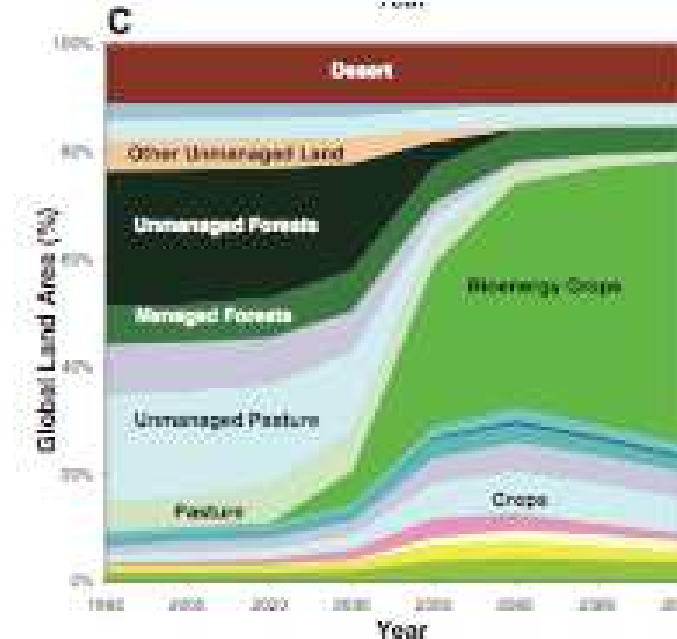
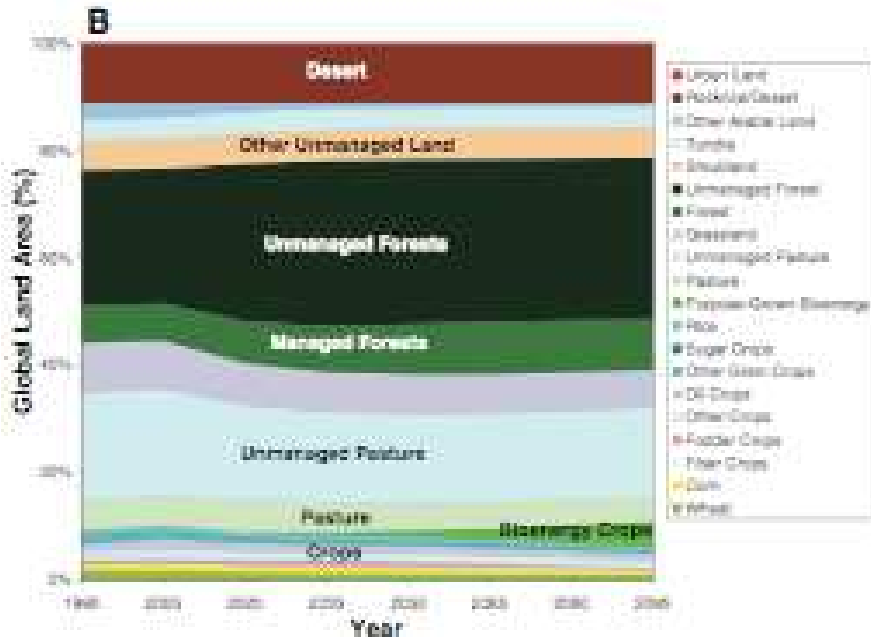


Why “Brown Carbon Only” Regime Is Not an Option...



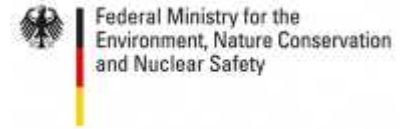
(B) Land use under a pathway defined to achieve a CO2 concentration target of 450 ppm, which limits fossil fuel, industrial, and terrestrial carbon emissions with a common carbon tax on emissions.

(C) Land use along the corresponding scenario in which only fossil fuel and industrial emissions are controlled to achieve the same 450-ppm CO2 concentration





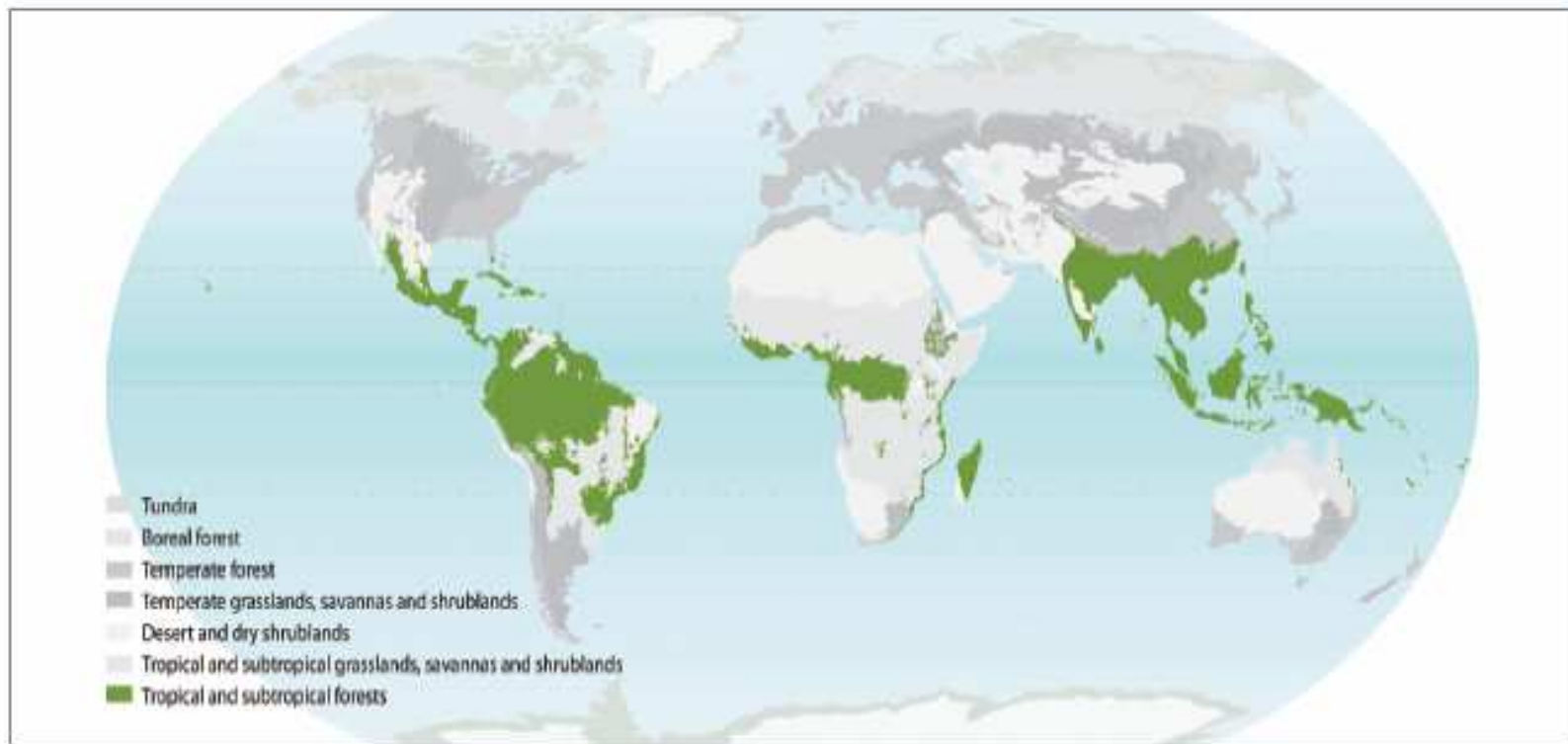
Tropical Forests of the World.... Largest Terrestrial Carbon Sinks



- ❖ store a fourth of all terrestrial carbon (Trumper et al, 2009)
- ❖ capture up to 4.8 Gt CO₂ annually (Lewis & White, 2009)

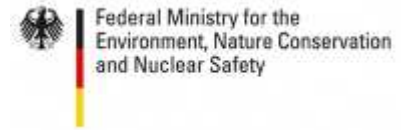
Figure 2: Geographical distribution of tropical forests

Source: adapted from Olson et al., 2001.

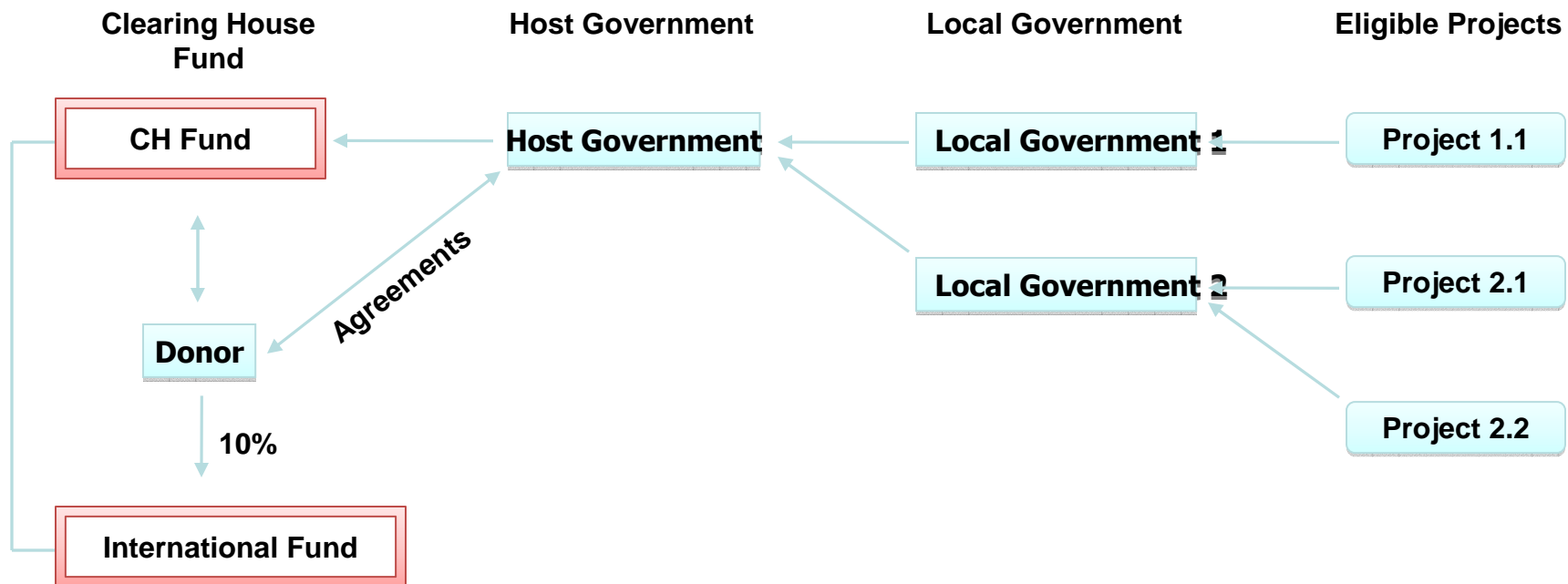


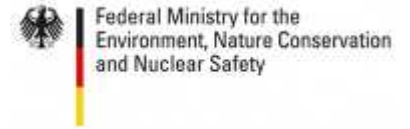


REDD+ 2nd Phase

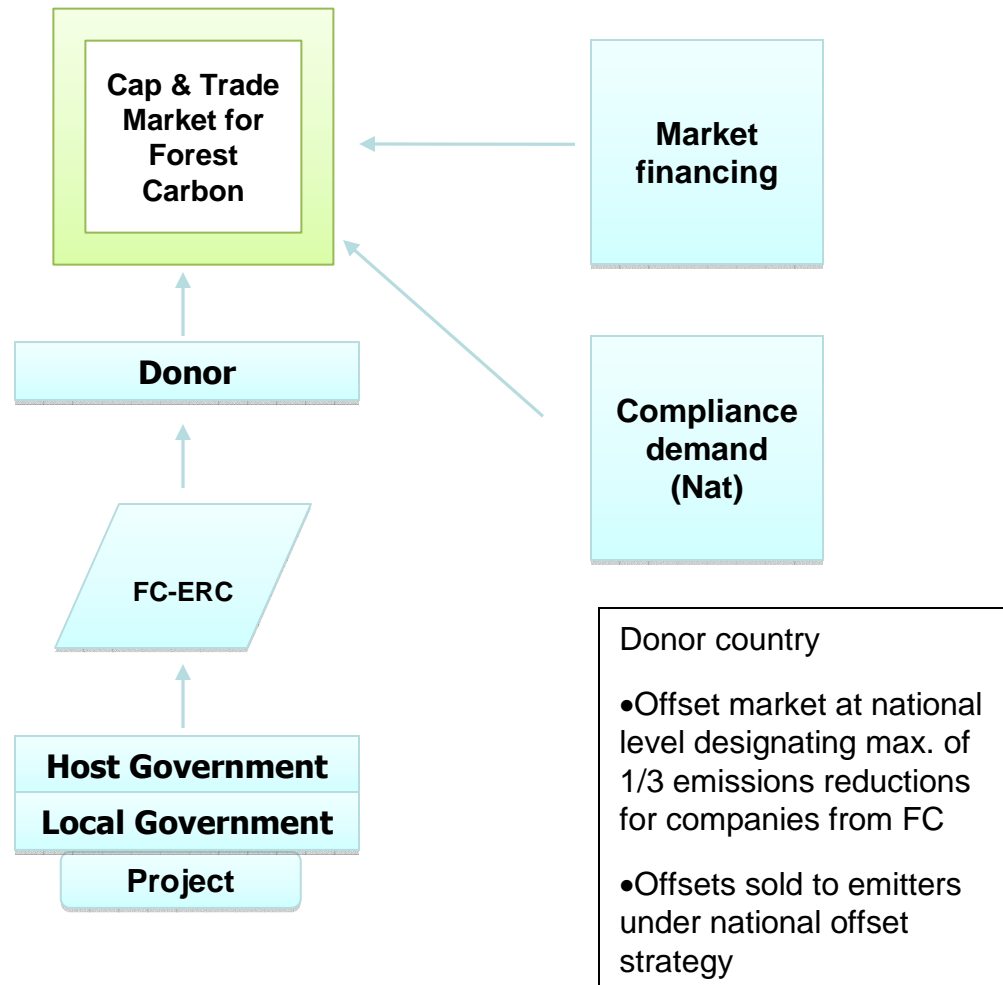


Phase 2 : “Sell” side - from the project to host country level



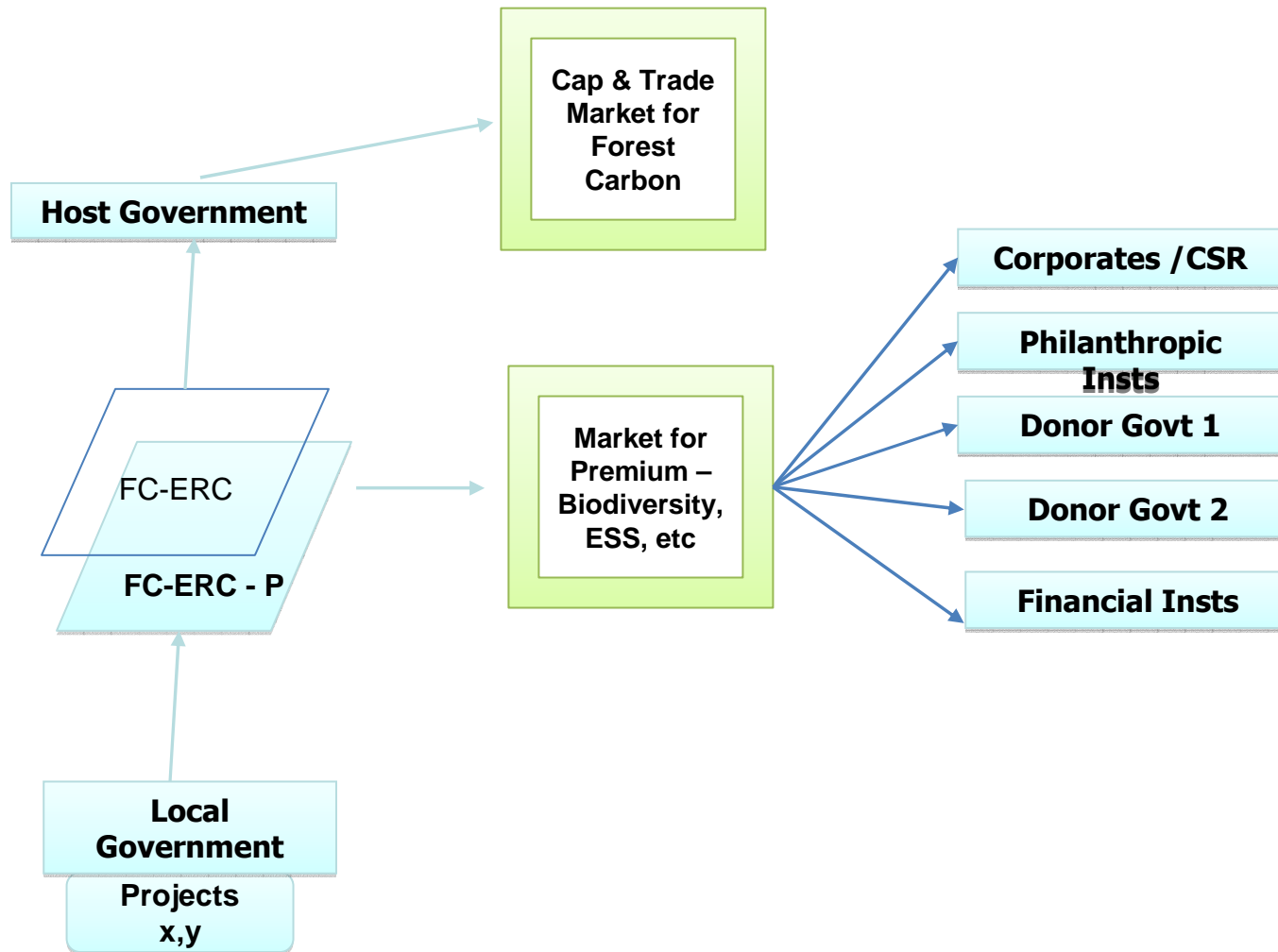


Phase 3 : FC-ERCs in the Compliance Market



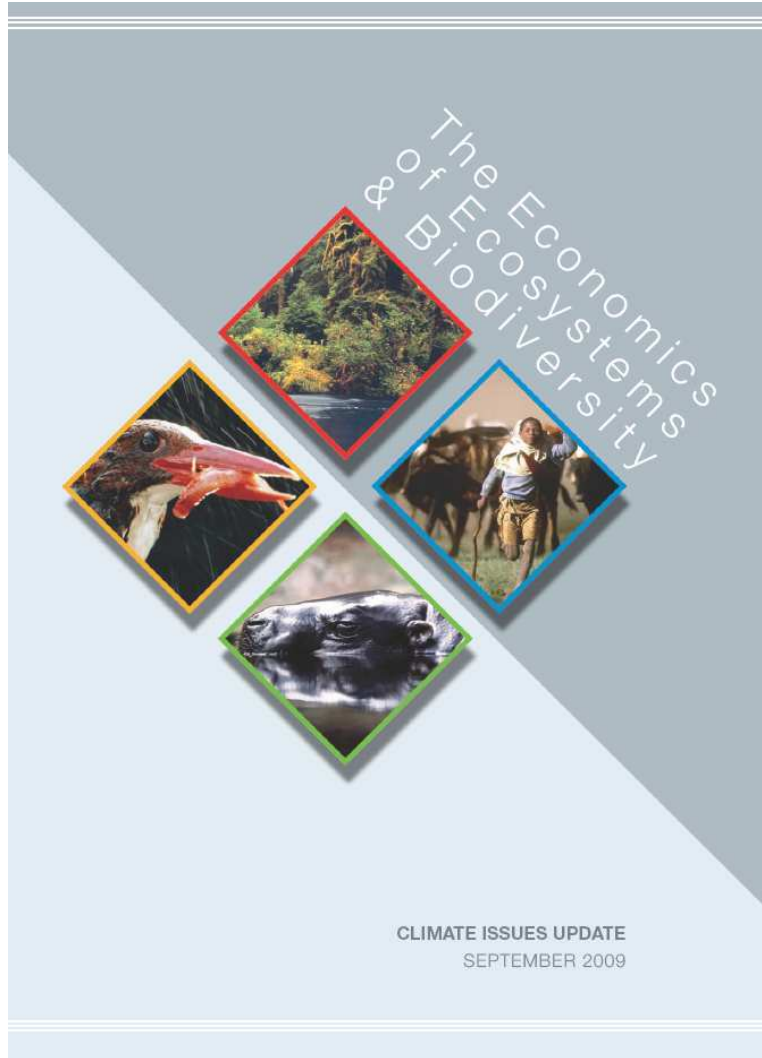
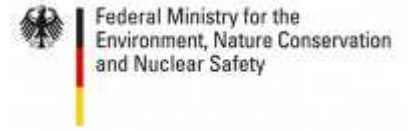


Phase 3 : Adjunct Market for Premium FC-ERCs





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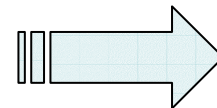
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ADAPTING TO THREE BIG CLIMATE IMPACTS

- 1. Freshwater Scarcity** : Maintain and Restore Forests, Lakes, Wetlands
- 2. Agricultural & Fisheries Productivity** : Forests for nutrients and freshwater flows, Mangroves and Coral reefs as fish nurseries, and small-scale natural buffers (forest and grassland patches) agricultural areas
- 3. Natural Hazards** : Storm & Cyclone damage reduction through Coral reefs, mangrove forests ; flood and drought damage limitation through forest cover



Exceptional Returns from Ecosystem Restoration...



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Table 3: Estimates of costs and benefits of restoration projects in different biomes

	Biome/Ecosystem	Typical cost of restoration (high scenario)	Estimated annual benefits from restoration (avg. scenario)	Net present value of benefits over 40 years	Internal rate of return	Benefit/cost ratio
		US\$/ha	US\$/ha	US\$/ha	%	Ratio
1	Coral reefs	542,500	129,200	1,166,000	7%	2.8
2	Coastal	232,700	73,900	935,400	11%	4.4
3	Mangroves	2,880	4,290	86,900	40%	26.4
4	Inland wetlands	33,000	14,200	171,300	12%	5.4
5	Lakes/rivers	4,000	3,800	69,700	27%	15.5
6	Tropical forests	3,450	7,000	148,700	50%	37.3
7	Other forests	2,390	1,620	26,300	20%	10.3
8	Woodland/shrubland	990	1,571	32,180	42%	28.4
9	Grasslands	260	1,010	22,600	79%	75.1

Note: Costs are based on an analysis of appropriate case studies; benefits have been calculated using a benefit transfer approach. The time horizon for the benefit calculation are 40 years (consistent with our scenario analysis horizon to 2050); Discount rate = 1%, and discount rate sensitivity by flexing to 4%, consistent with TEEB 2008). All estimates are based on ongoing analyses for TEEB (see chapter 7 TEEB D0 forthcoming). As the TEEB data base and value-analysis are still under development, this table is for illustrative purposes only.



Sensitivity Analysis.... 5 key parameters



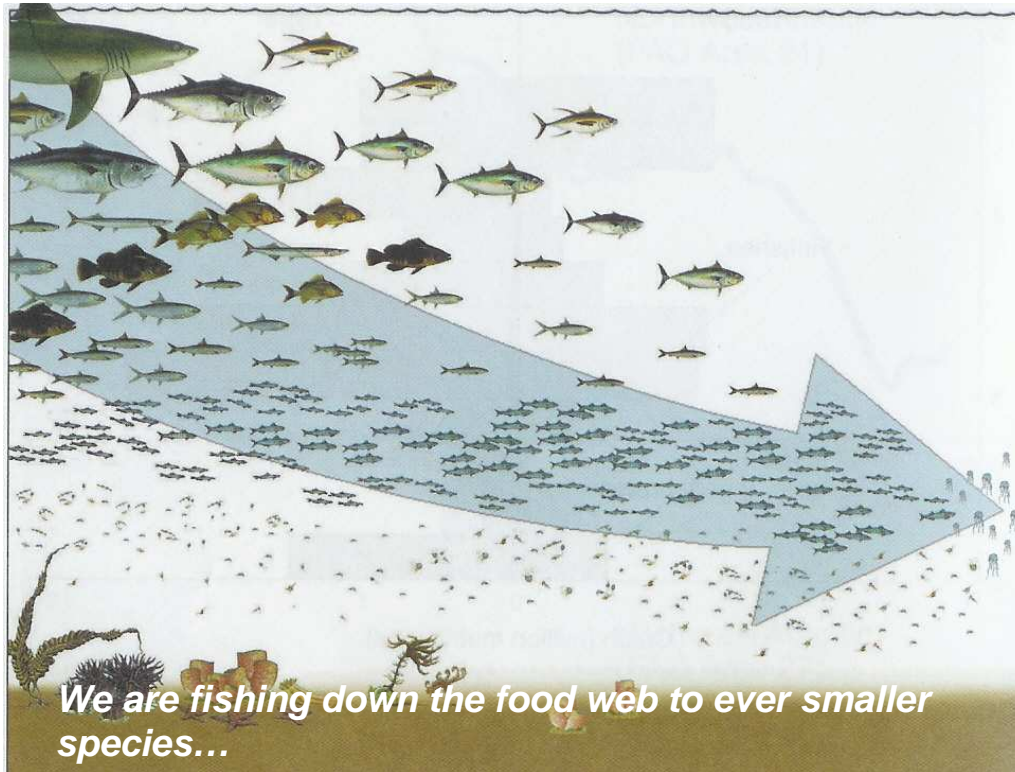
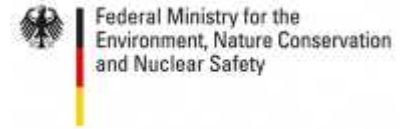
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Ecosystem	Typical cost	Avg. benefit	NPV	IRR	BCR
Coral	542,497	129,245	1,165,988	7%	2.8
Coastal	232,674	73,852	935,379	11%	4.4
Mangroves	2,876	4,346	88,297	40%	26.8
Inland wetlands	33,007	14,245	171,296	12%	5.4
Lakes / rivers	4,032	3,803	69,687	27%	15.5
Tropical forest	3,448	7,022	148,675	50%	37.3
Temperate forests	2,387	1,618	26,273	20%	10.3
Woodland / shrubland	987	4,343	97,696	85%	84.3
Grasslands / rangelands	257	1,012	22,624	79%	75.1

	Ecosystem	Typical cost	Avg. benefit	NPV	IRR	BCR
	Tropical forest	3,448	7,022	148,675	50%	37.3
1	Benefits peak @ 70%, instead of 80% of Generic				42%	31.5
2	Costs @ 100%, instead of 120% of Typical				57%	45.4
3	Maintenance Cost (10%) stops after 5 years				51%	40.0
4	Benefits flows accounted for 50 yrs, instead of 40				50%	45.4
5	Discount rate 4%, instead of 1%				50%	21.7



Global Loss of Fisheries... Human Welfare Impact



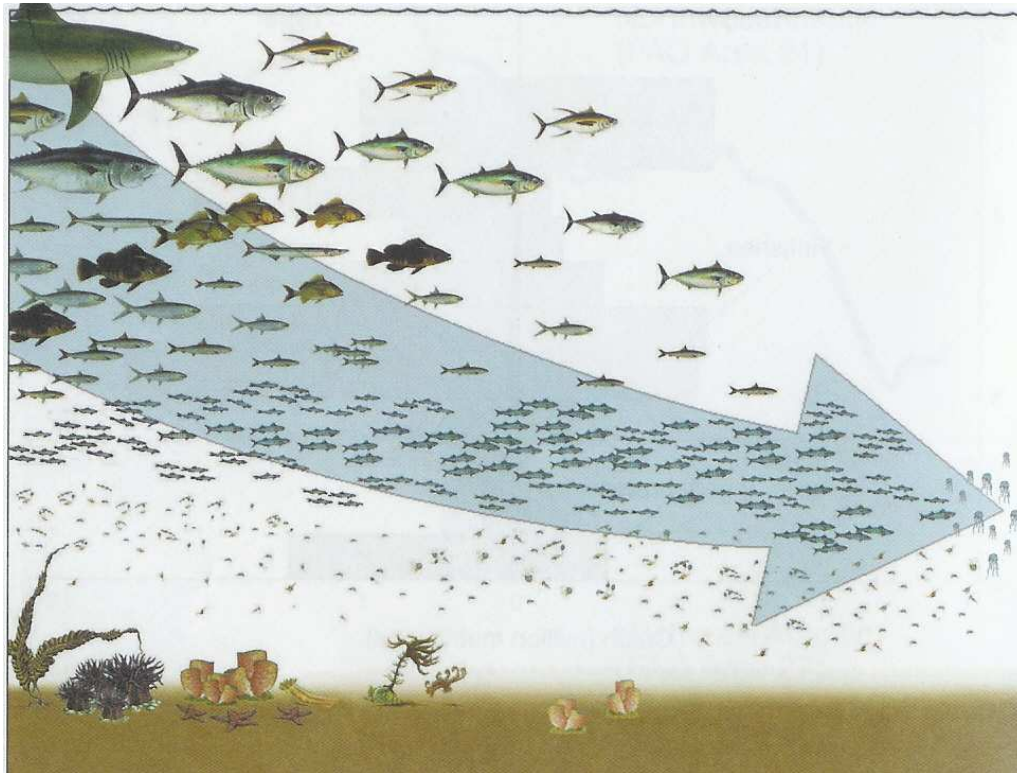
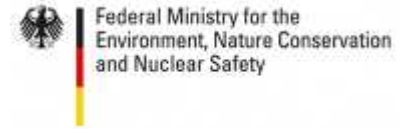
- Open Access & Perverse Subsidies are key drivers of the loss of fisheries
- Half of wild marine fisheries are fully exploited, with a further quarter already over-exploited
- at risk* : \$ 80-100 billion income from the sector
- at risk* : est. 27 million jobs
- but most important of all.....*

***at risk* : Health ... over a billion rely on fish as their main or sole source of animal protein, especially in developing countries.**

Source: Ben ten Brink (MNP) presentation at the Workshop: The Economics of the Global Loss of Biological Diversity 5-6 March 2008, Brussels, Belgium. Original source: Pauly



Global Loss of Fisheries... Is there a Solution ?



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



Reserves all over the world show dramatic increases in spawning stocks

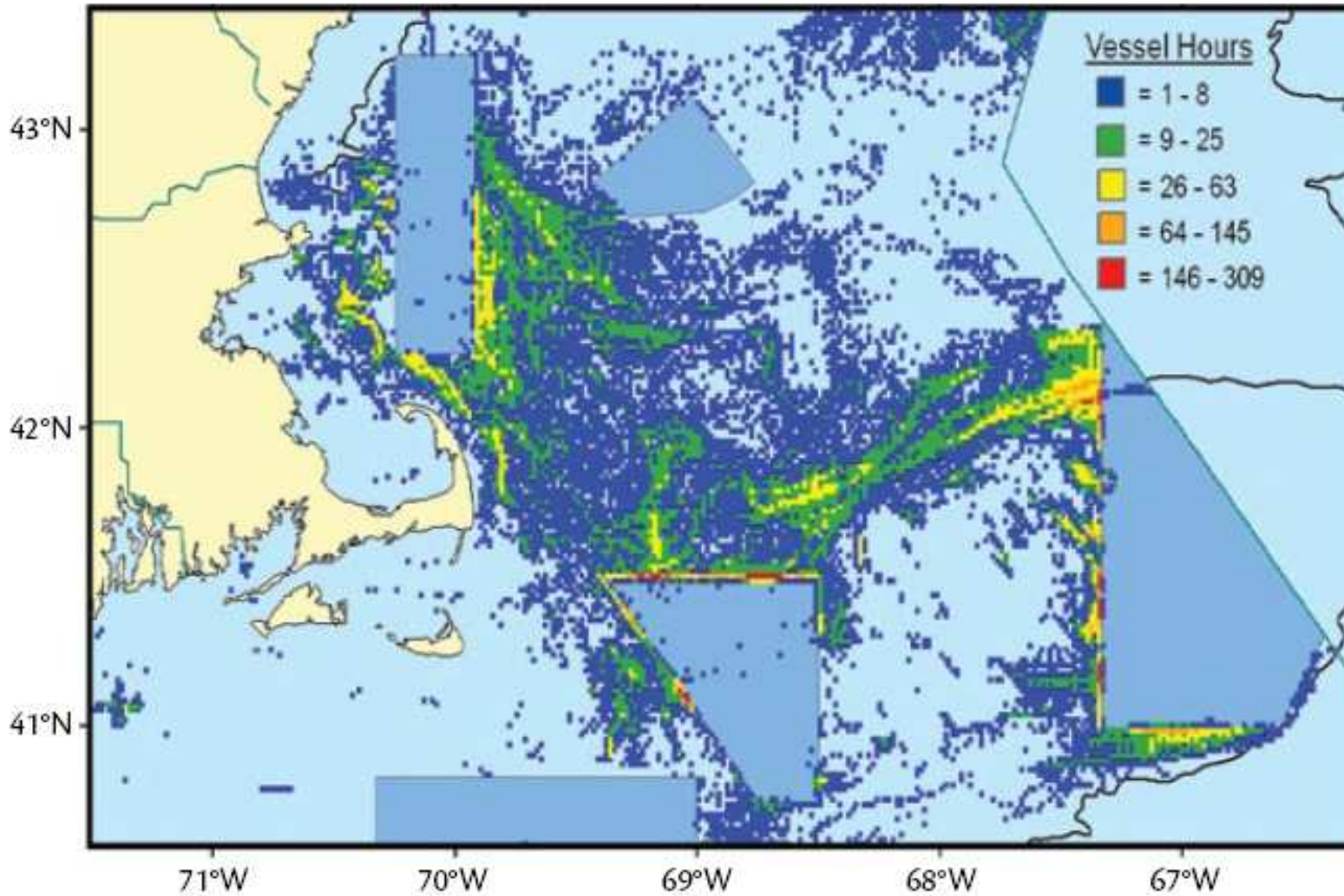


An Economic Solution to Collapsing Fisheries ?

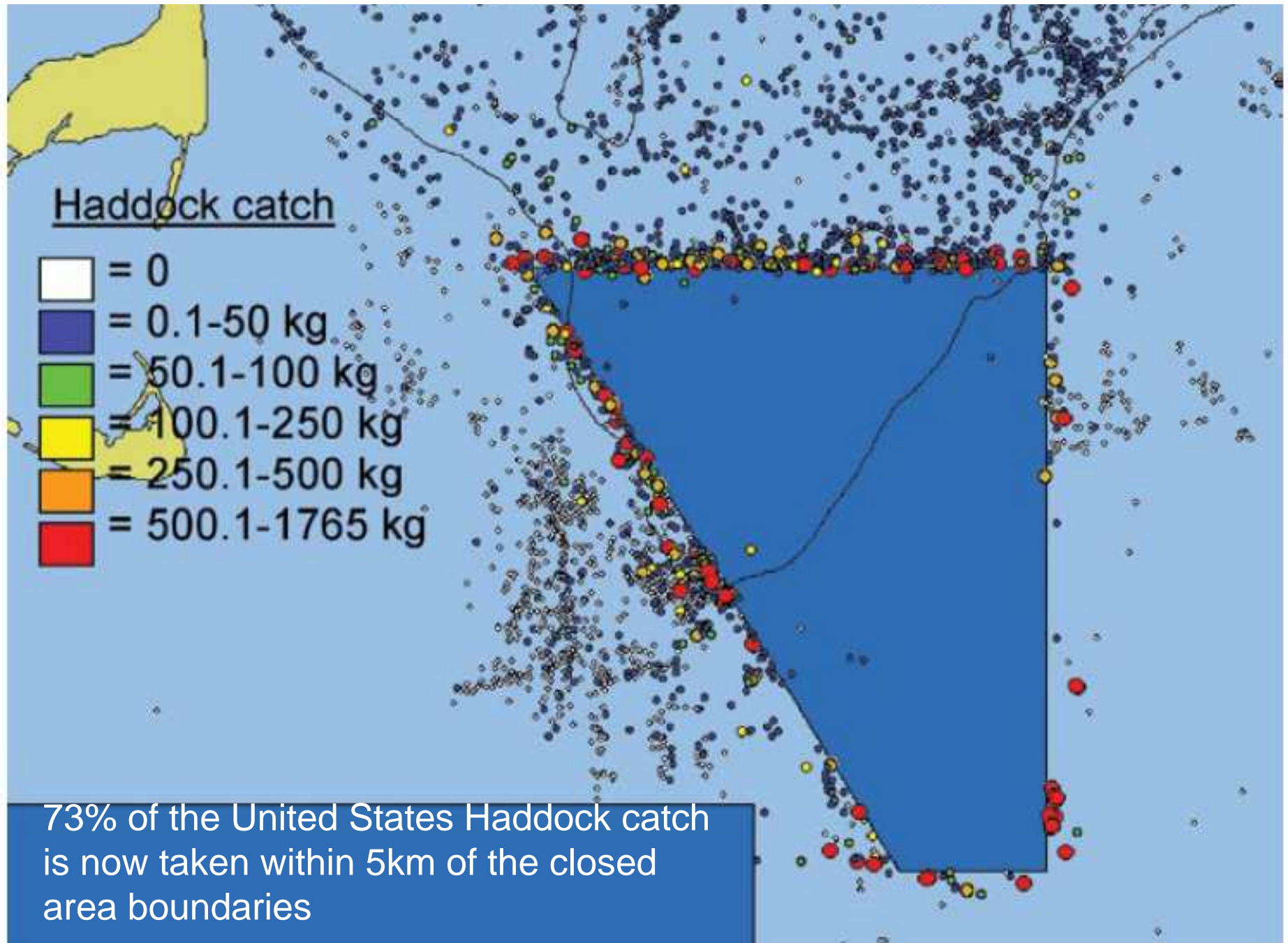
Eg : Georges Bank closed areas



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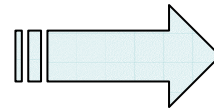
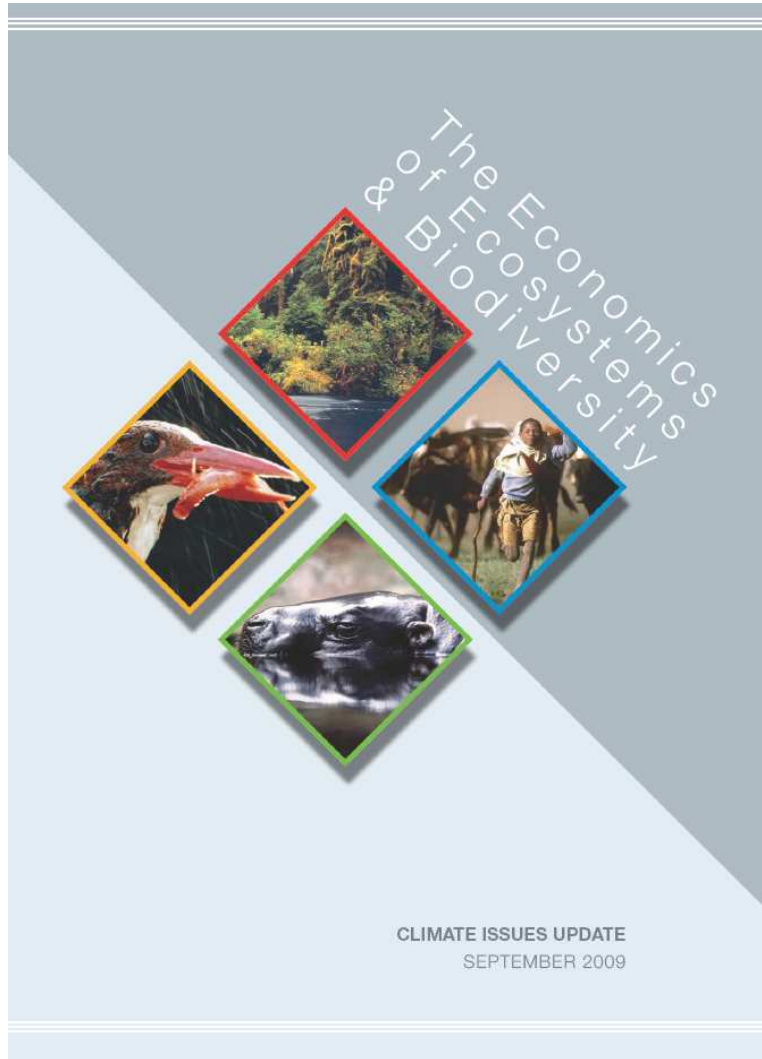
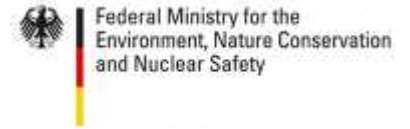
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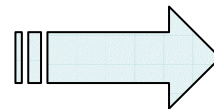




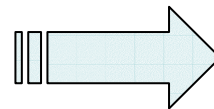
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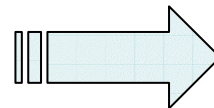
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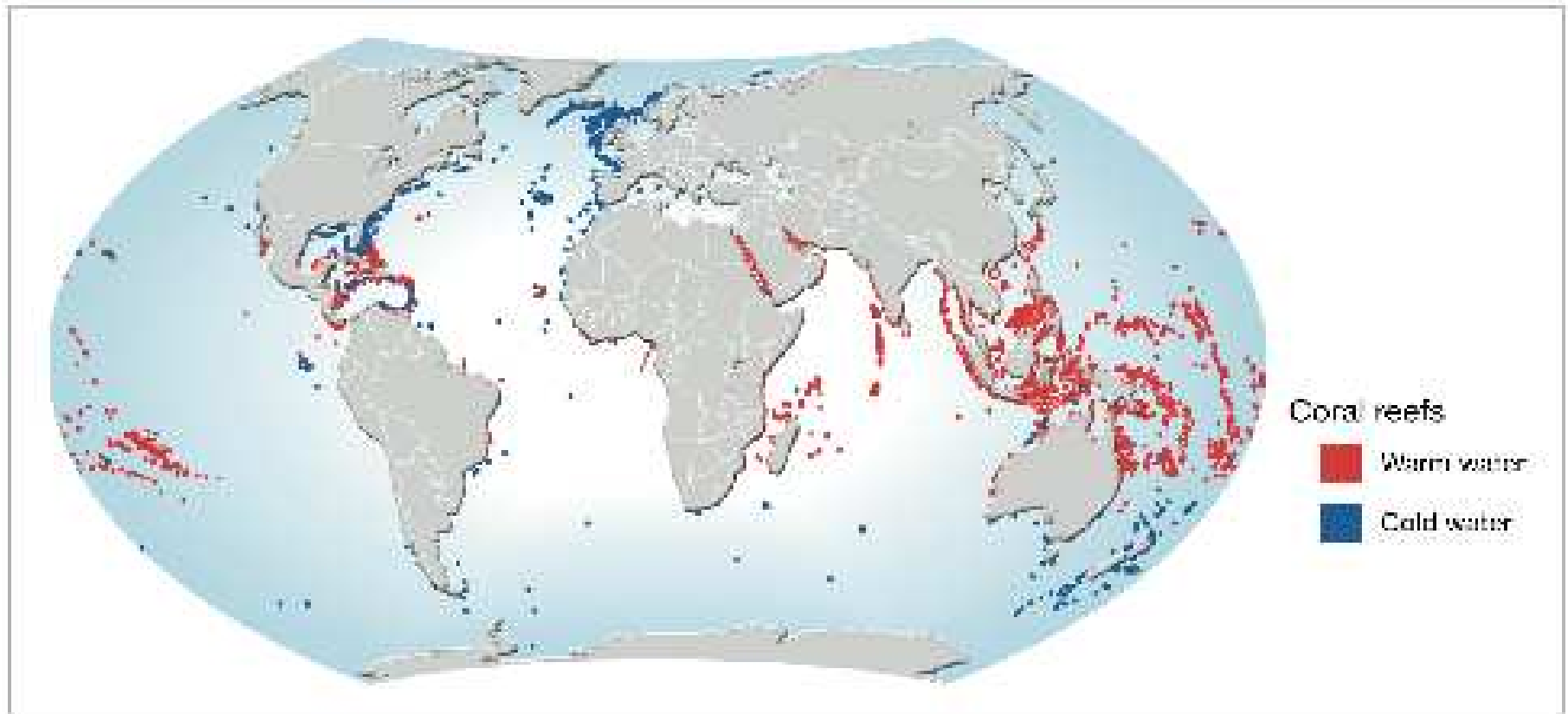
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Coral Reef valuations (from TEEB “D0” matrix)



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Table 1: Benefits from ecosystem services in coral reef ecosystems

CORAL REEFS	Value of ecosystem services (in US\$ / ha / year – 2007 values)		
	Average	Maximum	Number of Studies
Ecosystem Service			
Provisioning services			
Food	470	3,818	22
Raw materials	400	1,990	5
Ornamental resources	264	347	3
Regulating services			
Climate regulation	648	648	3
Moderation of extreme events	25,200	34,408	9
Waste treatment / water purification	42	81	2
Biological control	4	7	2
Cultural Services			
Aesthetic information / Amenity	7,425	27,484	4
Opportunities for recreation and tourism	79,099	1,063,946	29
Information for cognitive development	2,154	6,461	4
Total	115,704	1,139,190	83
Supporting Services			
Maintenance of genetic diversity	13,541	57,133	7

Note: these estimates are based on ongoing analyses for TEEB (TEEB Ecological and Economic Foundations, Chapter 7). As the TEEB data base and value-analysis are still under development, this table is for illustrative purposes only.



WHAT WE THINK CORAL REEFS LOOK LIKE....



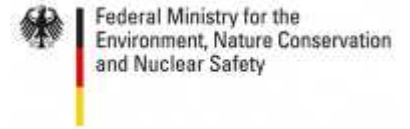


WHAT THEY ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE....





Coral Reef Valuations & Thresholds...



- ❖ Tropical Coral Reefs are at a threshold of irreversibility
- ❖ *"Economics is mere weaponry, its targets are ethical choices"*
- ❖ Ethical choice coming up : Stabilization targets ...
 - @ 450 ppm CO₂
 - Or
 - @ 350 ppm CO₂ ?

for Tropical Coral Reef survival in the long term....

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