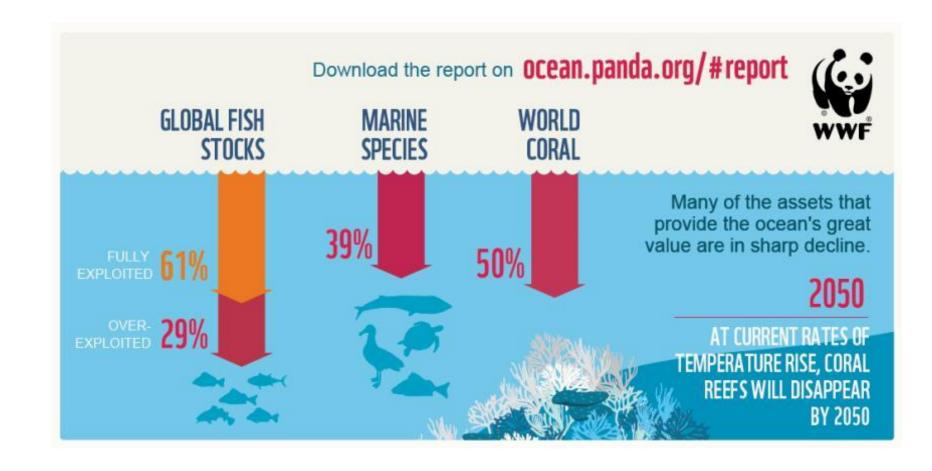


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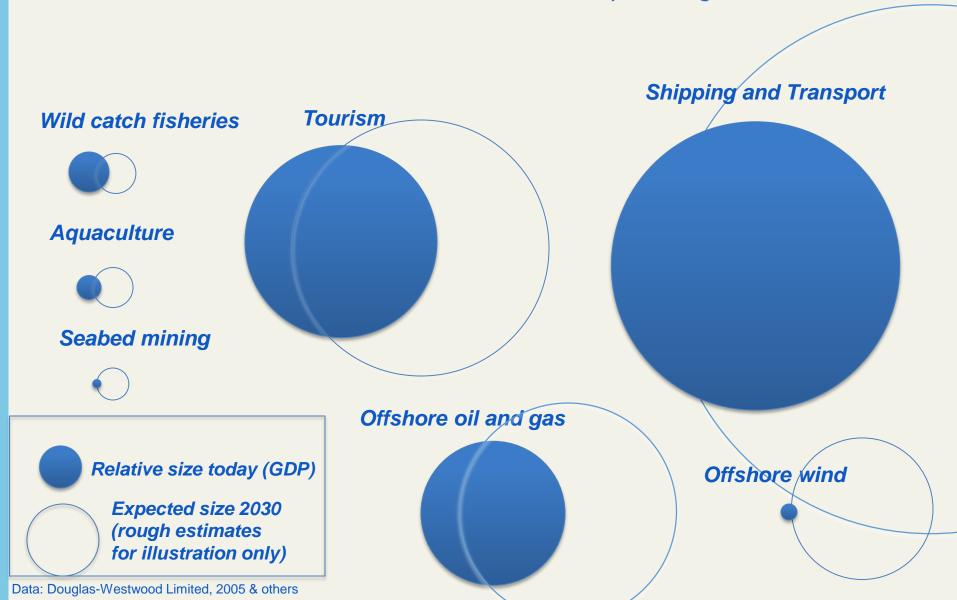




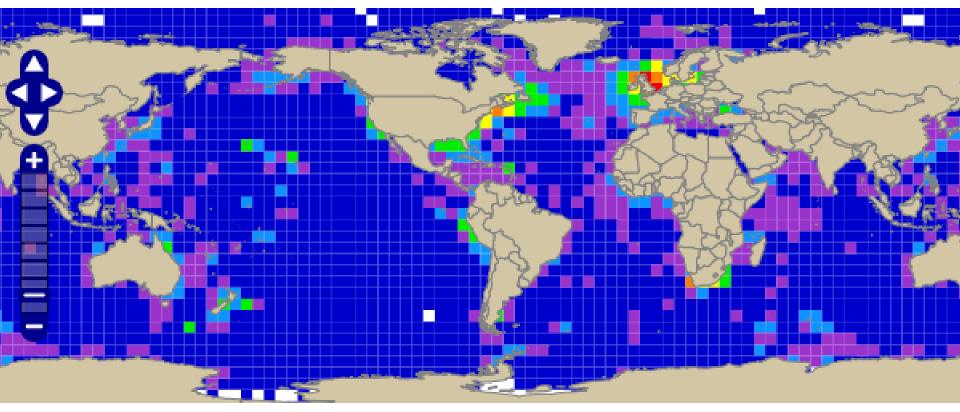


The "Blue Economy" is emerging against a background of rapid economic growth in marine sectors

Relative sizes of marine sectors and their expected growth to 2030



This growth is also happening against a backdrop of limited scientific knowledge about the oceans



A map reflecting the state of human knowledge of ocean biodiversity.

For each square, the color represents the number of items in a comprehensive global database of scientific observations, maintained by the Ocean Biogeographic Information System. Blue indicates few observations.

See: http://www.iobis.org/node/404

Why do we need Principles for a Sustainable Blue Economy?

- 1. To effectively communicate what a Sustainable Blue Economy is, what it is not, and what it should look like.
- 2. To influence policy-making and decision-making in any relevant context.
- 3. To inform assessment processes for economic policy and business activity.
- 4. To provide a common reference for stakeholder dialogues.
- 5. To mobilize stakeholders to commit to a common vision or initiative.

A Sustainable Blue Economy is a marine-based economy that ...

- Provides social and economic benefits for current and future generations.
- Restores, protects and maintains the diversity, productivity, resilience, core functions, and intrinsic value of marine ecosystems.
- Is based on clean technologies, renewable energy, and circular material flows.

A Sustainable Blue Economy is governed by public and private processes that are ...

- Inclusive
- Well-informed, precautionary and adaptive
- Accountable and transparent
- Holistic cross-sectoral and long-term
- Innovative and proactive

To create a Sustainable Blue Economy, public and private actors must ...

- Set clear, measurable, and internally consistent goals and targets and assess and communicate performance against these.
- Create a level economic and legislative playing field with adequate incentives and rules.
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Does the EU Maritime Day 2015 responds to these challenges?

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