

Roundtable 1- Enabling Sustainable Growth Opportunities
in SIDS through the Ocean Sector

Green Economy in Oceans and SIDS - emerging challenges and opportunities -

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Green Economy in a Blue World

SIDS-focused Green Economy

- “Green Economy in a Blue World” (UNEP, 2012)
 - Small scale fishery and aquaculture, transportation, marine-based renewable energy, nutrient management, tourism, and deep water minerals

“SIDS-based Green Economy – An Analysis Challenges and Opportunities” (UNEP, 2012)

- Small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, Tourism, Water, Energy, Waste



Fisheries and Aquaculture

Greening the fisheries and aquaculture sectors requires the overall recognition of their wider societal roles particularly the small scale operations are linked with local economic growth, poverty reduction and food security.

Aquaculture is the fastest growing food-production sector and future development prospects appear promising.

Development and investment in green technology and raising industry and consumer awareness on the sustainability are key approaches.

Coastal tourism

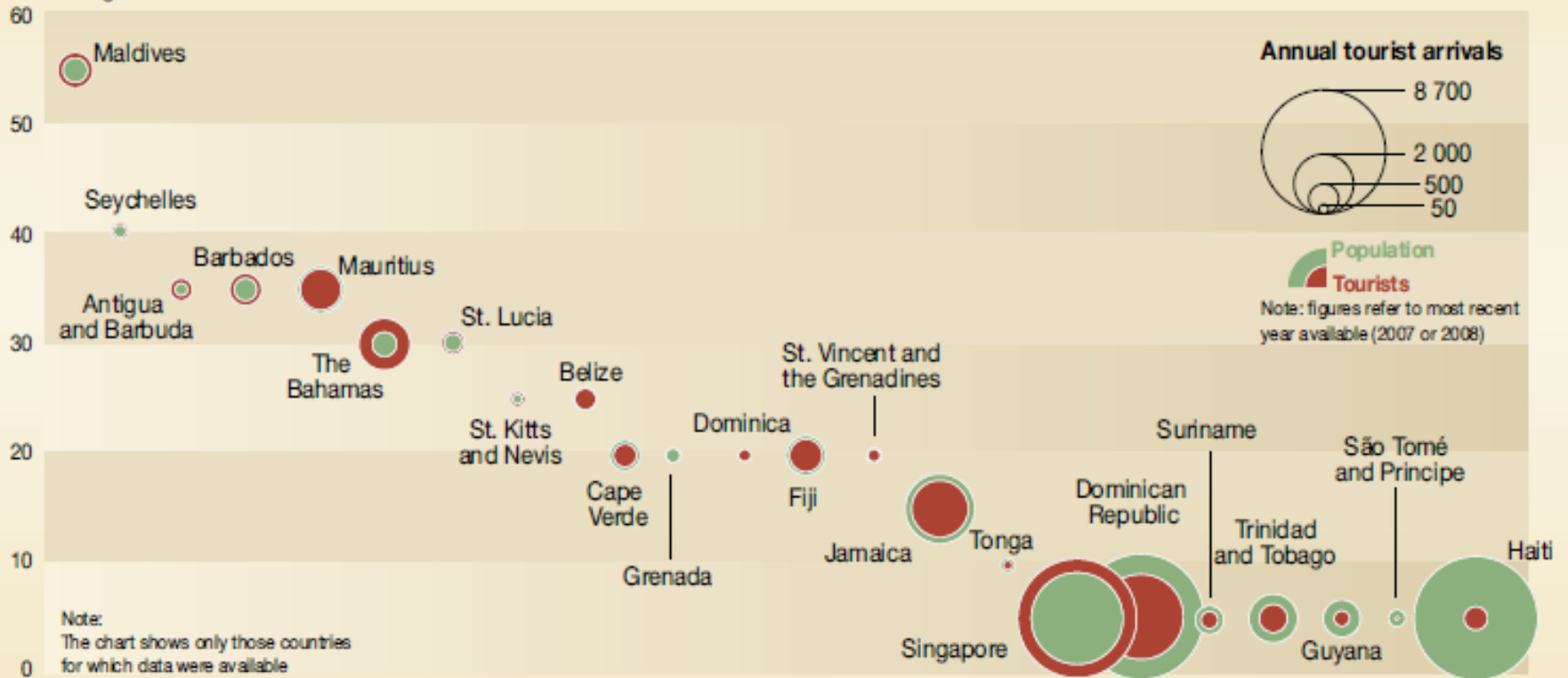
- Global tourism is increasingly becoming less sustainable.
- Climate change demands greening of industry.
- Tourism development can support local economy and reduce poverty.
- Investing in greening tourism can reduce costs and enhance the value of ecosystems and cultural heritage.
- The private sector must be mobilised to support sustainable tourism and needs access to financing for investing in greening practices.

Tourism in SIDS

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Share of tourism on total GDP

Percentage



Source: UN-Data, The World Bank, online statistical databases.

Issues to be considered

- Depending on a country's development path, needs, priorities, degree of vulnerabilities, natural resources, ecosystems and the services they provide, the plans and strategies to promote an ocean-based green economy might vary.
- Development of enabling conditions includes increasing public investment and spending, developing market-based instruments, and revising the legislative and regulatory framework and enhancing institutional capacities.
- Integrated planning is important to ensure decisions are aligned with the objectives of an ocean-based green economy.

Green Economy in a Blue World
Green Economy in a Blue World – Synthesis Report
SIDS-focused Green Economy – Synthesis Report

Available at and downloadable from:

www.unep.org

The UNEP/DESA report “Identifying Emerging Issues from the Perspective of the Small Island Developing States” was submitted to three Regional Consultation meetings

