

Class 10.1- Blue economy, the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs

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# The Blue Economy

- Background
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# Earth

# Sources of Energy Internal heat Sun

Gravity









Different Illumination Humidity Pressure Temperature



Different Illumination Humidity Pressure Temperature

















# Ecosystems





# **Economy of Nature**





Different Illumination Humidity Pressure Temperature

#### Human beings





















# Is that Blue Economy?



# .... or is more like a Policy?.... or is more like a Philosophical approach?.... A dream?



There are a number of <u>factors driving</u> the world's population toward deeper <u>dependence on the sea</u>, including

- population growth;
- Urbanization;
- Trade; and
- technology.



The primary threat to the ocean economy over the long term is the **ocean's health**, which has deteriorated, and, in the <u>absence of the</u> <u>regulatory changes and technological innovations</u>, could continue to do so.

Four primary factors affecting its health are:

- 1) climate change;
- 2) acidification;
- 3) pollution; and
- 4) overfishing.

Morillo and Spalding 2017



- Globally <u>economic relationships</u> with the oceans are <u>evolving</u>.
- Currently the setting for <u>international commerce</u> and transport, a significant source of <u>food and energy</u>, the oceans' contribution to countries are already <u>important</u>.



- Growing <u>familiarity</u> with the oceans environment, new <u>technologies</u> for ocean resource exploitation, longer- term growth and <u>demographic trends</u>, <u>food</u> security and alternative sources of <u>minerals</u> <u>and energy</u>, increased seaborne trade as well as rapid coastal <u>urbanization</u> are **drivers** of the evolving relationship
- Globally through <u>new national ocean development plans</u>, governments are focusing on the oceans for a <u>source of jobs</u>, <u>innovation and competitive advantages</u>



- This gathering trend of expansion and acceleration of human activity in and around the ocean, is seen as the <u>industrialization of the</u> <u>oceans</u>.
- "Blue Economy" concept has <u>its origins in the broader green</u> <u>movement</u> and describes a sustainable balance between economic growth and ocean health



# The Blue Economy - concept



 The Blue Economy espouses the same desired outcome as the Rio +20 Green Economy initiative namely: *"improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities"* (UNEP 2013) and it endorses the same principles of *low carbon, resource efficiency and social inclusion*, but it is grounded in a developing world context and fashioned to reflect the circumstances and needs of countries whose future resource base is marine.



Fundamental to this approach is the <u>principle of equity</u> ensuring that developing countries:

- <u>Optimize the benefits</u> received from the development of their marine environments e.g. fishery agreements, bioprospecting, oil and mineral extraction.
- <u>Promote national equity</u>, including gender equality, and in particular the generation of inclusive growth and decent jobs for all.
- Have their <u>concerns and interests</u> properly reflected in the development of <u>seas beyond national jurisdiction</u>; including the refinement of <u>international governance mechanisms</u> and their concerns as States proximate to seabed development.



## The Blue Economy - concept

#### **Definition - considering:**



- <u>Marine-based economic development</u> leading to improved wellbeing and social equity, whilst reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities.
- Reframing the <u>oceans as "development spaces</u>" subject to spatial planning
- Incorporating the <u>value of the oceans</u> into economic decision making



# The Blue Economy - concept



**Definition - considering:** 

- Establishing <u>policies that favour low-carbon</u>, resource-efficient, and socially inclusive development
- Prioritizing the <u>use of the oceans</u> to benefit people, alleviate poverty, generate employment and <u>promote equity</u>
- <u>Decoupling</u> socio-economic development from <u>environmental</u> <u>degradation</u>
- Improving relevant international law and governance mechanisms



# The Blue Economy - Criteria

- Human needs are addressed securing need for food, water, energy, materials, recreation and health, as well as jobs, livelihoods, community life and political stability (*is that human well-being?*)
- Ecosystem sustainability ensuring that resources are grown, harvested, processed, used and recycled in a way that promotes improvement of the biodiversity and productivity of the supporting environment



# The Blue Economy - Criteria

- System approach <u>applying tools of systems thinking</u>, modelling and integrated planning inclusive of inter-linkages between and among different economic activities and ecosystems
- Sustainability standards following global standards and guidelines for <u>sustainable business operations</u>, investment and development, with margin for continuous refinement and improvement







- The starting:
  - The "Rio +20" UNCSD June 2012, focused on two key themes:
  - the further development and refinement of the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development; and
  - the advancement of the <u>"Green Economy Concerned with this threat....emerge</u> <u>the "Blue Economy"</u>
    - The meeting, in its outcome document, reaffirmed poverty eradication as its key challenge.



**UNCSD 2012** 

- From 2012 to now: various initiatives inter alia:
  - the <u>UNDESA Expert Group</u> meeting on Oceans, Seas and Sustainable Development
  - the work of the Global Ocean Commission,
  - the <u>Global Partnership for Oceans</u>, and
  - the prominence given to oceans and seas



UN 5 years - Action Agenda 2012-2016.



- <u>Coastal and Island developing countries</u> have remained at the forefront of this Blue Economy advocacy,
  - recognizing that the oceans have a major role to play in humanity's future, and
  - that the <u>Blue Economy</u> offers an approach to sustainable development <u>better</u> suited to their circumstances, constraints and challenges.



• The <u>Blue Economy is a developing world initiative pioneered by SIDS</u> (Small Island Development States) but relevant to all coastal states and countries with an interest in waters beyond national jurisdiction.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD 2012).



### The Blue Economy and SDG14: synergy

• Of particular importance to the discussion on the blue economy are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted as part of the post-2015 agenda. Importance in Goal 14!





# The Blue Economy - principles

- During the past few years, the term "Blue Economy" or "Blue Growth" <u>has surged into common policy usage</u>, all over the world.
- For some, Blue Economy means the <u>use of the sea and its resources</u> for sustainable economic development. For others, it simply refers to any <u>economic activity in the maritime sector</u>, whether sustainable or not.



A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY is a marine-based economy that ...

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






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# Making sure the blue economy is green

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Given the growing and seemingly limitless capacity to industrialize the oceans, there is a need to reimagine how to effectively measure, monitor and sustainably manage this seventy-one per cent of the Earth's surface.

e are now at an inflection point in history, where we no longer

capacity to regulate international waters; and (3) the ability of industrial and financial recommendations for key stakeholders, falling into three key areas: governance,

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# 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 <u>goals and targets</u> for a Sustainable Blue Economy,
- Assess and communicate their performance on these goals and targets,
- Create a level <u>economic and legislative playing field</u> that provides the Blue Economy with adequate incentives and rules,
- <u>Plan, manage</u> and effectively govern the use of <u>marine space</u> and resources, applying inclusive methods and the ecosystem approach, (*coastal EEZ and MEP*?)



To create a SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY, public and private actors must ...

- Develop and <u>apply standards, guidelines and best practices</u> that support a Sustainable Blue Economy,
- Recognize that the <u>maritime and land-based economies are</u> <u>interlinked</u> and that many of the threats facing marine environments originate on land,
- Actively <u>cooperate</u>, sharing information, knowledge, best practices, lessons learned, perspectives, and ideas, to realize a sustainable and prosperous <u>future for all</u>.





Components of the Blue Economy						
Type of Activity	Ocean Service	Industry	Drivers of Growth			
Harvest of living resources	Seafood	Fisheries	Food Security			
	5601000	Aquaculture	Demand for Protein			
	Marina histochnology	Dharmacouticals chomicals	R&D for healthcare and			
			industry			
Extraction of non-	Minerals	Seabed mining	Demand for minerals			
living resources,	Energy	Oil and gas	Demand for alternative			
generation of new		Renewables	energy sources			
resources	Fresh water	Desalination	Demand for fresh water			
Commerce and trade in and around the oceans	Transport and trade	Shipping	Growth in seaborne trade;			
		Port infrastructure and services	International regulations			
	Tourism and recreation	Tourism	Growth of global tourism			
		Caastal Davalanmant	Coastal urbanization			
			Domestic regulations			
Response to ocean health challenges	Ocean monitoring and surveillance	Technology and R&D	R&D in ocean technologies			
			Growth in coastal and			
	Carbon Sequestration	Blue Carbon	ocean protection and			
			conservation activities			
	Coastal Protection	Habitat protection and				
		restoration				
	Waste Disposal	Assimilation of nutrients and wastes	(World Bank 2017)			



# The Blue Economy - Sectors

- Coastal Tourism
- Offshore Oil and Gas
- Deep Sea Shipping
- Short Sea Shipping
- Yachting and Marinas
- Ferry Services
- Cruise Tourism
- Fisheries
- Inland Waterways Transport

- Inland Waterways Tourism
- Inland Waterways Real Estate
- Coastal Protection
- Offshore Energy
- Monitoring and Surveillance
- Biotechnology
- Desalination
- Aquatic Production
- Marine Mining





### The Blue Economy - Growth Focus Areas



Deep Sea Mining













#### INVESTING IN THE BLUE ECONOMY

Unlocking the potential of the ocean to create jobs and boost the economy

If the ocean were a country, it would be the world's SEVENTH LARGEST ECONOMY.

#### The situation



The output of the ocean is an estimated forecast to double by 2030.

Around 350 million jobs



#### **Opportunities**

In addition to fisheries, the blue economy has growth and job-creating potential in many sectors, not least in developing countries.

#### Aquaculture

Aquaculture can be a sustainable option for seafood production.





Age colors accounts for mire than 50% of the work's seafood production for human consumption.\*

#### **Coastal tourism**

Tourism is the largest employer in the blue economy. and provides valuable income for coastal communities

workd-wide.

Increase in the number of international tourists visiting small island developing status (SIDS) between 2000 and 2013P



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#### Offshore renewable energy

Sustainable marine energy can play a vital role in social and economic development, as well as in climate adaptation and mitigation.



Ocean energy is one of the answers to meeting the growing demand for clean electricity.



#### Blue biotechnology

Here biotectivology is a challenging list promising range of sectors.



#### Offshore renewable energy

The number of jobs in Europe's ecan renewable energy sector is upschill to double towards 2030.



90% of the world's minitesed wind

cost-affective way to help ensure food security

Annually, manyroves sequester over 20 million turn of carbon - helping contest climate charge\*

Mangrovie help protect coastal areas from destinctive storms, writiin and tourams.

for many coastal communities.

Mangrove restoration

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#### To flourish, the blue economy needs



in blue growth



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Better access to finance for the markime sector.

Improved maritime skills e & qualifications.

> Better maritime spatial planning and more data sharing.

More cooperation between public authorities, communities, researchers and private investors to ensure sustainable development.

Be part of the drive to unlock the potential of the blue economy in a smart, sustainable and inclusive way.

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# Ecosystem Perspective for Ocean and Coastal Management – Be sure that Blue Economy is a Green one....



# Coastal ZEE





#### Recent and Current Situation. Difficult Execution, Incipient Implementation !!!

- Problems persist !!!
- The execution is very difficult !!!
- Technical and governance issues.
- Do we need a new way?
- Should we use new opportunities?





### General Finding !!

The process should be predominantly	The process is predominantly
Political, Participatory and Technical	Bureaucratic and Legalistic
Integrated	Focused on sectors



## What does the world tell us? Ecosystem-Based Management

ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT: A PARADIGM SHIFT				
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individual species	Essessions			
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Ecosystem-Based Management for Marine Fisheries











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# What is the role of ecosystems?

- For society (or humanity)?
- They are life support systems
- Regulate the weather



• Provide the necessary Ecosystem Services



Guaranteed by ecosystem services classified as ...

- **Provisioning services**: food, fuel, fiber, water, etc.
- Regulatory services: biological, sedimentation patterns, damping of disturbances, etc.
- **Support services**: primary production, soil formation
- Cultural services: aesthetic, recreational, educational, etc.





After all, what do we want and need to have from Ecosystem Based Management?

- <u>Preserving Ecosystem Services</u> and ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS with a focus on Intergenerational Social and Environmental Quality
- In so doing, we would secure the advantages for <u>Nature and Society</u>.
- <u>Social and Environmental Sustainability</u> can be understood as the maintenance of ES and functions, and HW in a temporal scale



But do we have the necessary "Ecosystemic Basis" of marine and coastal systems?

- In general ..... NOT !!
- In general, we have a considerable but incomplete knowledge of various components and processes of marine and coastal environments in a nonintegrated or ecosystemic way.
- It is the basis of our environmental policy! (EIAs, Management Plans, CEEZ physical, biological, socioeconomic aspects)



# Business as usual !!





#### Where are the difficulties ??

(1) Decisions are not correct
 (2) Inadequate implementation
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Alternative?





## A ROAD MAP TO EBM

- (1) Identify ecosystems as Management Units
- (2) Map, model, simulate
- (3) Identify Ecosystem Services and the Risk of Losing them
- (4) Define Values and Quality (social perception)

(5) Identify the "management spaces"(6) Integrate with Policies and Instruments

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#### Simples para ser útil: base ecossistêmica para o gerenciamento costeiro

#### Simple to be Useful: Ecosystem Base for Coastal Management

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Ecosystem-Based Knowledge and Management as a tool for Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management: A Brazilian Initiative

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#### ABSTRACT |

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The Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) brings knowledge highlighting the importance of ecosystem services (ES) as the key factors supporting the environment, social and economic integrity, as well as human wellbeing. EBM could represent the change from public policies greatly focused on normative and bureaucratic components to new policies predominantly based on the understanding of ecosystem processes and the regulation of human activities. Nevertheless, most of the coastal zone management initiatives in Brazil lack the necessary ecosystem based information to fully support EBM. They also often don't integrate the ecosystem-based information into the management system in an appropriate way. This paper proposes a roadmap model to produce the ecosystem-based information and its application for coastal policies. This involves the identification of (1) dominant ecosystems and ecosystem services; (2) benefits for human wellbeing; (3) stakeholders affected; (4) main pressure, human or

# The experimental CASE on the development of the methodology





(1) Define ecosystems

coastal areas, coastal lagoons, intertidal plains, seagrass beds, shallows, intermediate zones, canals, estuarine beach, jetties, agricultural systems, urbanized areas, industrial areas, port area, forestry, wind farms



# (2) Map the Ecosystems



Ecossistemas em área do Estuário da Lagoa dos Patos

Limite Área de Estudio Zona Urbana Zona Industrial/Portuária Limite terminal Superporto Limite Distrito Industrial Saco da Mangueira Banhados e Marismas Mata Nativa Molhes Baixo Estuário Dunas e Parias Campos Litoraneos

Sistema de Coordenadas Geograficas Datum WGS 84 proyección UTM



# (3)- Matrix of Ecosystems and Services

Baixo Estuário da Lagoa dos Patos - BELP				
ecossistemas	classificação	serviços	beneficios	atores
marismas	suporte	área de refúgio/base para biodiversidade/berçario/ciclagem de nutriene		
	provisao	produção de biomassa/fibras vegetais	pesca artesanal/usos na agricultura	pescador artesanal/pequeno agricultor
	regulação	controle de inundação	segurança para acupação adjacente	comunidade local
		controle de erosão	segurança para aocupação adjacente	comunidade local
		filtragem de sed. e nutr.	qualidade da água	comunidade local
	cultural	cenário	valor contemplativo / educação ambiental/lazer	comunidade local, turista/veranista, instituições de ensino, ONGs

Asmus, Conde, Polette, 2013

#### **Coastal Dunes**



- Service: sediment stocks (support)
- Benefit: maintenance of the coastline
- Stakeholders:
   Iocal community
- Service: scenery (cultural)
- Benefit: leisure / tourism / environmental education
- Stakeholders: local community, tourist / vacationers, educational institutions, NGOs



#### Agricultural Systems



- <u>Service</u>: biomass production (provision)
- Benefit: food production
- Stakeholders: family farmer
- <u>Service</u>: economic regulation (regulation)
- Benefit: rural social relations
- Stakeholders: rural community



#### (4) Value and Quality of Ecosystem Services





#### (5) - Management Spaces

- (1) The Systemic Information Base involves Processes.
- (2) It is focused on the Knowledge of Mechanisms









Modified from Asmus and Polette (2015), based on Day et al. (2013, page 12)






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## Proposed Logic / EBM





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## (6) - Policies and Instruments Matching with GBE

• Exemples

- CEEZ translated as:
- The organization of ecosystems, conditioning the "economic" actions to the proper use of ES and the "ecological" actions aimed at the conservation of ES.



Policies and Instruments Matching with GBE

• Exemples

- Environmental Management Plans translated as:
- Coordinated actions towards the Use and Preservation of ESs, and Mitigation and Compensation of their Losses.

Environmental Compensation as ES Compensation





## **ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT**

- Ecosystems
- Services
- Stakeholders

- Institutions
- Participation
- Legislation
- Policies
- Perceptions
- Resources



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## Concluding...



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