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The Ocean Economy 2030

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Presentation overview



1. Relationship between and value of ocean industries and marine ecosystems

2. Potential ocean economy growth and its industries

3. Role and drivers of innovation in sustainable development of the ocean economy

4. Funding innovation & outlook



OECD Report



http://www.oecd.org/futures/oceaneconomy.htm



The Concept of the Ocean Economy: an interactive, interdependent system



Source: OECD (2016), *The Ocean Economy in 2030*, OECD Publishing.

Global environmental change: impacts on ocean health and economy

Increasing acidification

- Habitat degradation, Coral decline, Food web disruption
- Increases in sea temperature and sea levels
 - Coastal flooding, distribution and abundance of biota, changes in biodiversity
- Marine Pollution
 - Habitat loss, biodiversity decline, changes to ecosystem structure and function
- Impacts

1. Industries & Ecosystems

• on coastal tourism, reduced marine food production, coastal infrastructure, ports and harbours, ship routing



Category (examples)	Geographic scale
Food (e.g. fisheries and aquaculture)	Local/regional/global
Fuel (e.g. mangrove wood)	Local/regional/global
Water	Local/regional
Natural products (e.g. sand, pearls, diatomaceous earth)	Local/regional/global
Genetic and pharmaceutical products	Local/regional/global
Lifecycle maintenance, habitat and gene pool protection	Global
Atmospheric composition, carbon sequestration and climate regulation	Local/regional/global
Shoreline stabilization/erosion control	Local
Natural hazard protection (e.g. from storms, hurricanes and floods)	Local/regional
Pollution buffering and water quality	Local/regional
Soil, sediment, and sand formation and composition	Local/regional
Tourism	Local/regional/global
Recreation	Local/regional/global
Spiritual values	Local/regional/global
Education and research	Local/regional/global
Aesthetics	Local

Examples of marine ecosystem services and scale



Estimate of economic value of world marine ecosystems

- Ecosystem services provided by one "average" hectare of open seas = USD 490 per year (De Groot, 2012)
- Ecosystem services provided by one "average" hectare of coral reef = USD 300 000 per year (De Groot 2012)
- Global carbon sequestration through absorption by ocean and seas ranges between USD 74bn and USD 222bn per year (GOC, 2014)
- Direct value of output for coral reefs, sea-grass, mangroves and marine fisheries = USD 6.9trillion (WWF, 2015)
- (note much uncertainty in these figures!)







Ocean industries and their net contribution to world economy in 2010



1.5 trillion USD in 2010

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2. Industries & economic growth





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Marine industries with prospects for high longterm growth of business and employment

- Shipping
- Shipbuilding
- Marine equipment and supplies
- Offshore wind
- Marine aquaculture
- Maritime tourism, cruise industry
- Port activities





Role of innovation in sustainable development of the ocean economy



A KEY CONCLUSION OF THE OECD OCEAN ECONOMY 2030 REPORT: IN BALANCING OCEAN BUSINESS

GROWTH WITH THE NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE OCEAN, <u>INNOVATION</u> HAS A PRE-EMINENT ROLE TO PLAY



4. Drivers of innovation (a non-exhaustive list)

Market development: growing existing markets, new & emerging markets

Market forces: competition, cost efficiencies.....

Disaster response, risk mitigation.....

Political peer pressure

Regulation

Opportunism – capitalising on necessity

3. Innovation drivers



New markets: potential business opportunities

Carbon capture & storage

- Saline aquifers
- Public support
- Up front costs





Source: Prof. Bela Buck, AWI

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Emerging markets: Ocean Renewable Energy

- tidal, wave, current, osmosis, ocean thermal energy, conversion (OTEC)
- 337 GW of wave and tidal energy by 2050 (Nuclear 383 GW 2015)
- Decarbonising national economies (e.g. 8% UK needs from tides)
- 1.2 million direct jobs by 2050 in deprived coastal communities
- Challenge: from demonstration to operational scale

3. Innovation drivers

FRICO

Minesto – Underwater Kite



Deep Green

- Underwater kite and turbine (0.5-2.5 m/s)
- Holyhead Deep Project 0.5 MW full scale pilot
- Installation of a 10 MW marine energy array in 2017

Why Holyhead ?

"Unique collaborative research opportunities offered by Bangor University and SEACAMS"



"Vision - the Holyhead Deep project is to be a part of the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, making the UK and Wales a global leader for a sustainable future"

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UNDP Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Goal 14 – Life Below Water

- 14.1 By 2025, reduction of marine pollution of all kinds
- 14.2 –By 2020, sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems
- 14.3 –Addressing impacts of ocean acidification through enhanced scientific cooperation
- 14.4 –By 2020, end overfishing and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and implement science-based management plans
- 14.5 –By 2020, conserve at least 10% of coastal and marine areas

Regulation

Innovation in shipbuilding for climate change mitigation:

- hull design,
- propulsion,
- emission technology
- new fuels.....





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Capitalising on necessity – Rigs to Reef

- 600 rigs decommissioning planned within 5y
- 6000 decommissioned by 2040









4. Funding innovation and outlook

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Public Research and Development Funding Decline

R&D expenditures over the business cycle by source of financing, OECD area, 1995-2016





Source: OECD Long-Term Economic Outlook, 2014

Trade increasing but at slower rates Projected average growth of seaborne trade: 2017-19: 4.1% 2020-29: 4.0% 2030-40: 3.3%







Scenarios for Future Ocean Economy in 2030

"<u>Sustainable scenario</u>" assumes high economic growth & low environmental deterioration due to the development of resource-efficient and climate-friendly technologies combined with a supportive governmental framework that provides the right incentives to allow the ocean economy to thrive economically while meeting environmental standards.

"<u>Unsustainable scenario</u>" assumes low economic growth and serious environmental deterioration. Coupled with faster than expected climate change and environmental damage and low rates of technological innovation, the ocean economy experiences a challenging outlook beyond 2030.



4. Funding

innovation

Overview



- Public spending on R&D not keeping pace with economic growth
- Anticipated further reductions in R&D due to other pressures
- How will R&D offset loss of public investment in science and technology?
 - Collaboration
- Likely increase in expectations for investments in science and technology to create impact – demonstrable economic growth & other societal benefits