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# Blue Horizons: On Blue Economy Development for the Philippines

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**Supporting  
Sustainable Transformations**



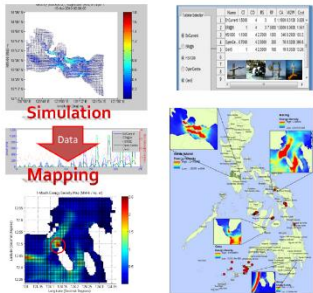
Energy Research Institute @ NTU

OceanPixel is a Singapore start-up that was incorporated in 2014, having spun-off from the Energy Research Institute at NTU.

The core team has combined expertise in sustainable energy research, development, demonstration, project development and experience in the relevant industry ecosystem, business, finance, policy and education.

OceanPixel believes in the development of **Sustainable Ecosystems**, and supports these efforts by offering **Data Management** technologies and services coupled with **Suitability Analytics**, data catalogues, report products and technical services. OceanPixel has various global involvements, but is currently focused in South East Asia, handling projects in Singapore, Philippines and Indonesia.

With OceanPixel's capabilities, we provide Multi-Site, Multi-Device, Multi-Criteria GIS Decision Approach to project development.



- **Resource Data**
  - ◊ Integration
  - ◊ Processing
  - ◊ Analysis
- **Device Database**
  - ◊ Mechanical Specs
  - ◊ Electrical Specs
  - ◊ Cost
- **Installation**
  - ◊ Distance to Port
  - ◊ Distance to Shore (Grid)
- **Constraints**
  - ◊ Navigation & Shipping
  - ◊ Marine Protected Areas
  - ◊ Depth Constraints
- **Suitability Scoring**
  - ◊ "Best Site" Nomination
  - ◊ "Best Technology"
  - ◊ "Best Device"
  - ◊ Least Cost Analysis



**BLUE ECONOMY**



- 'Oceans' of Data.
- Multiple 'Ecosystems'.
- Visualized and Understood.

# Traction in Focus Industry Sectors: >100 Engagements for 50+ Clients worldwide

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**Marine &  
Offshore**



**Oil & Gas**



**Telecommunications**



**Renewable  
Energy**



**Disaster & Defence**  
(Surveillance,  
Resilience)



**Food**  
(Farming, Aquaculture)



**Transportation**  
(Land, Sea, and Air)



**Habitable Environments**  
(Cities/Urban, Rural,  
Islands, & Coasts)



**Water**  
(Production, Desalination,  
Sanitation, Wastewater)

\*Future

# OceanPixel – Our Journey so far...

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2014



UK Study Visit

2016

- JV w/ Aquatera (UK) for Project Development in South East Asia
- Pioneering Tidal Energy Hybrid Project in Indonesia



2018

- Selected (top 5) for the Oracle Startup Cloud Accelerator

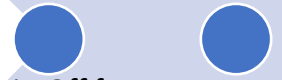


2020

- Australia Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre Industry Partner
- SLNG Innovation Project Collaboration



2023



\$2M to \$5M



2015

- NTU Pre-Seed Funding
- Presence in PH

- Key presence in Asian Wave and Tidal Energy Conference



2017

- SPRING SG Grant Support for Technology and Market Dev't
- Singapore Floating Tidal Energy Demo with Envirotek



2019

- Joint Venture with DAEUN (Korea) and LIVES (PH) for Solar RE Projects in Philippines



2021



2025



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(Data Mgt & Intelligence, Consultancy)



3 Core IP (5+ in R&D)



Strategic Partnerships (e.g. DHI, Elcee, VOS, Aquatera, Orcades, Brimes Wave Energy, etc)



“BE: sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem. (World Bank) ”



## A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY:

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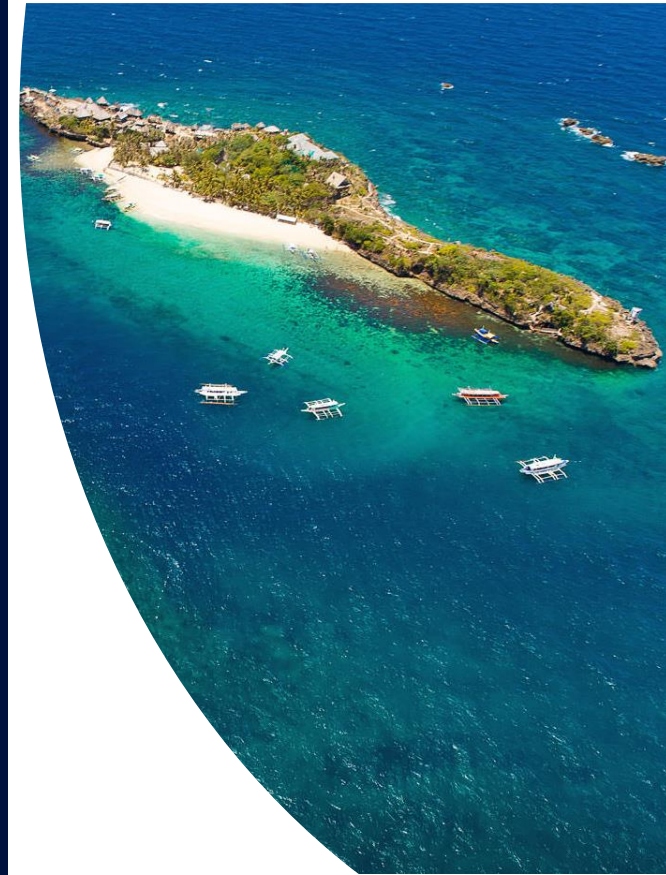
Is based on clean technologies, renewable energy, and circular material flows to secure economic and social stability over time, while keeping within the limits of one planet.

Provides social and economic benefits for current and future generations by contributing to food security, poverty eradication, livelihoods, income, employment, health, safety, equity, and political stability.



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Example: ADB MARES Project: Marine Aquaculture, Reefs, Renewable Energy, & Ecotourism for Ecosystem Services



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Understand and map land and sea-based sources of pollutants and contaminants and their potential impacts on human health and ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to remove or mitigate them.



Understand the effects of multiple stressors on ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to monitor, protect, manage and restore ecosystems and their biodiversity under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.



Generate knowledge, support innovation, and develop solutions to optimise the role of the ocean in sustainably feeding the world's population under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.



Generate knowledge, support innovation, and develop solutions for equitable and sustainable development of the ocean economy under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.



Enhance understanding of the ocean-climate nexus and generate knowledge and solutions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to the effects of climate change across all geographies and at all scales, and to improve services including predictions for the ocean, climate and weather.



Enhance multi-hazard early warning services for all geophysical, ecological, biological, weather, climate and anthropogenic related ocean and coastal hazards, and mainstream community preparedness and resilience.



Ensure a sustainable ocean observing system across all ocean basins that delivers accessible, timely, and actionable data and information to all users.



Through multi-stakeholder collaboration, develop a comprehensive digital representation of the ocean, including a dynamic ocean map, which provides free and open access for exploring, discovering, and visualizing past, current, and future ocean conditions in a manner relevant to diverse stakeholders.



Ensure comprehensive capacity development and equitable access to data, information, knowledge and technology across all aspects of ocean science and for all stakeholders.



Ensure that the multiple values and services of the ocean for human wellbeing, culture, and sustainable development are widely understood, and identify and overcome barriers to behaviour change required for a step change in humanity's relationship with the ocean.



**2021** United Nations Decade  
**2030** of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

### Outcomes and Challenges

The Decade is a transformative vision to deliver the 'science needed for the future we want' painted by the following outcomes:

1. A **clean ocean** where sources of pollution are identified and reduced or removed.
2. A **healthy and resilient ocean** where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored and managed.
3. A **productive ocean** supporting sustainable food supply and a sustainable ocean economy.
4. A **predicted ocean** where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions.
5. A **safe ocean** where life and livelihoods are protected from ocean-related hazards.
6. An **accessible ocean** with open and equitable access to data, information and technology and innovation.
7. An **inspiring and engaging ocean** where society understands and values the ocean in relation to human wellbeing and sustainable development.

# Blue Economy Aspirations for the Philippines

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## NATIONAL INNOVATION AGENDA 2032

Smart and Innovative Philippines  
Patungo sa Matatag, Maginhawa,  
at Panatag na Buhay para sa Lahat



### Blue Economy and Water

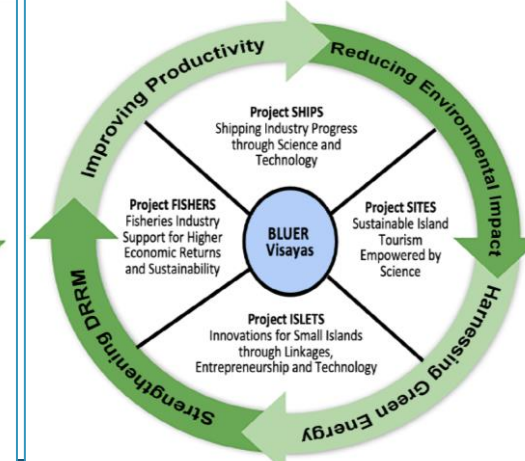
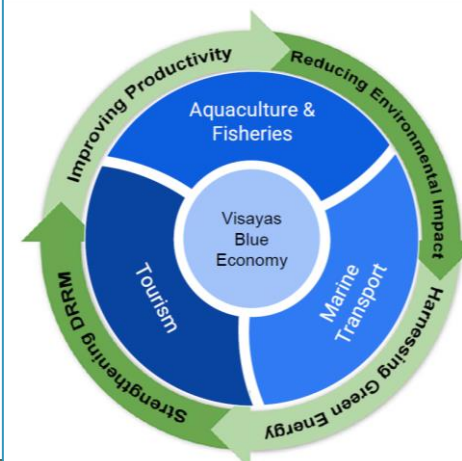
Innovations that sustainably harness coastal, marine, and inland water resources to support economic growth and generate sustainable livelihoods and jobs while preserving aquatic ecosystems.

These include the sustainable fish- and marine-based industries, green maritime transport, sustainable tourism, ocean energy, sustainable management of freshwater resources, protection of marine ecosystems, marine scientific research, and improvement of water quality according to intended uses such as food production, recreation, and sanitation.



## PAGTANAW 2050 THE PHILIPPINE FORESIGHT Science • Technology • Innovation

## Towards a Prosperous, Archipelagic, Maritime Nation



### PAGTANAW 2050

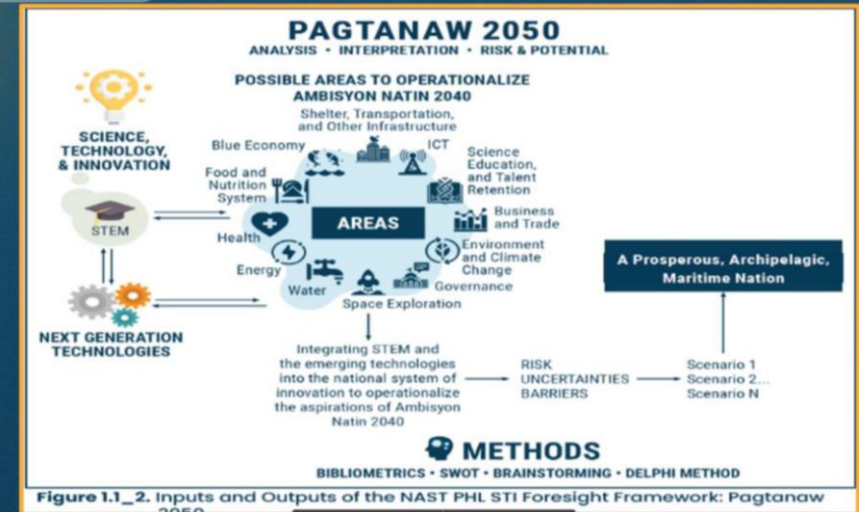
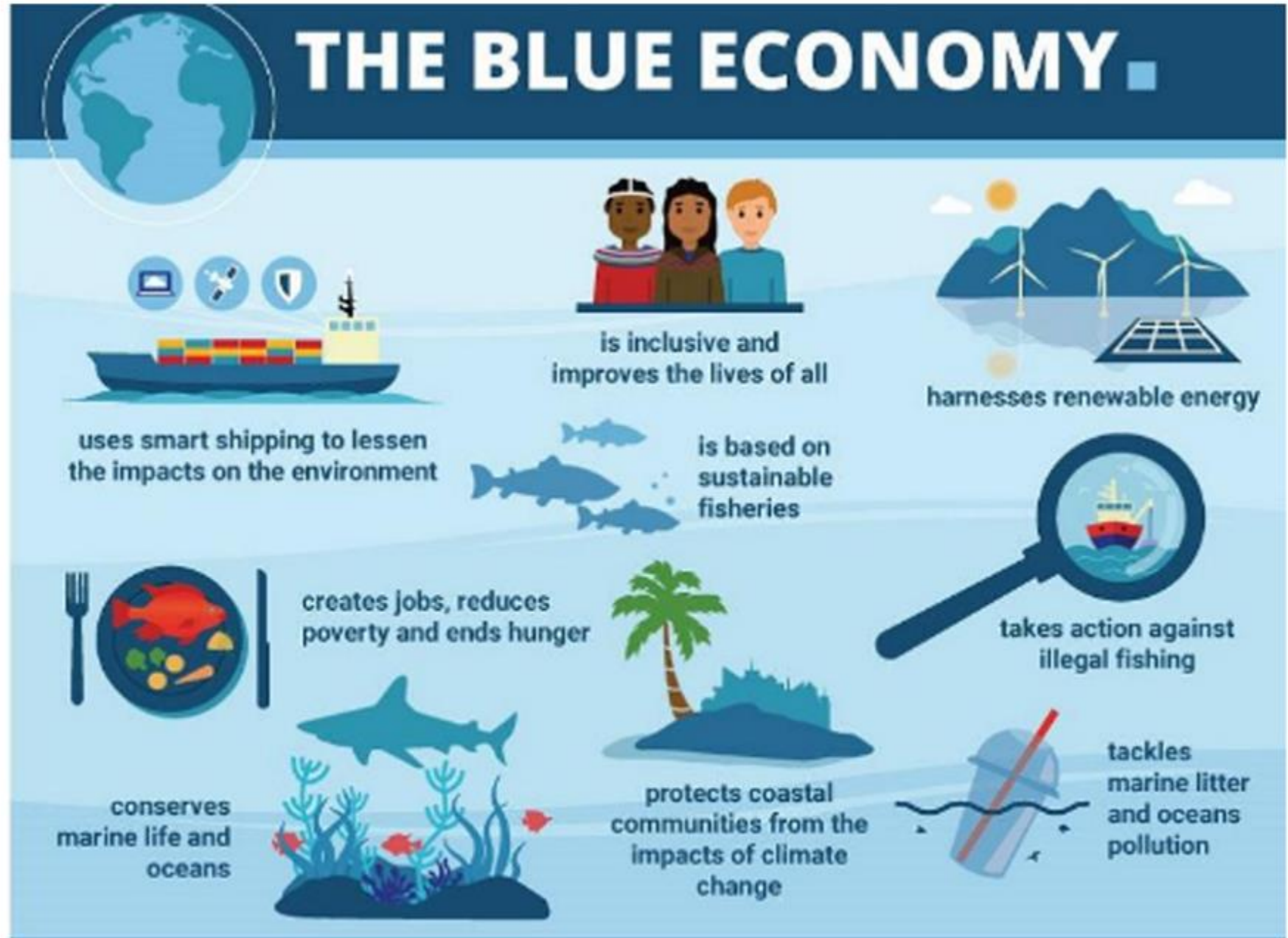


Figure 1.1\_2. Inputs and Outputs of the NAST PHL STI Foresight Framework: Pagtanaw 2050

But the vision of a real BLUE ECONOMY entails being aware of and working with the ENVIRONMENT

This means using new knowledge & technology to lessen impact on the ocean and sharing the bounty to improve lives







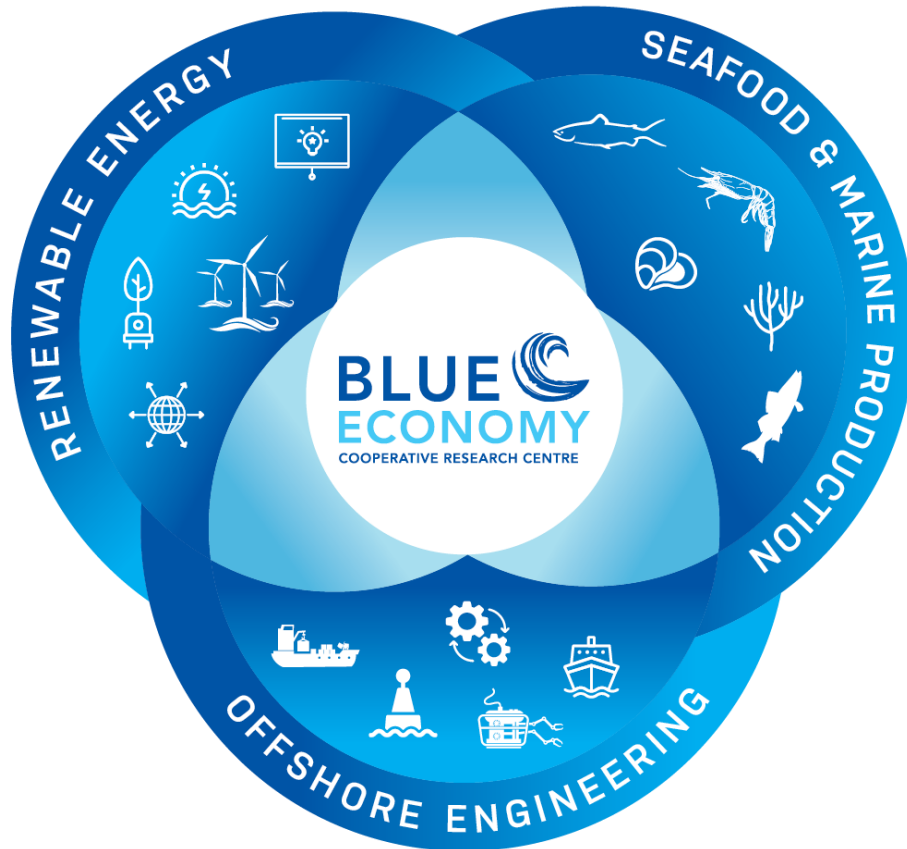
# Blue Economy Hubs – Some Int'l Learning

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- Renewable Energy and Offshore Electrification
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Maritime Transport

- Tourism
- Climate Change
- Waste Management

- Water Supply and Sanitation
- Reclamation
- And more!





# Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) for achieving sustainable Blue Economy

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The **Blue Economy** is a sustainable approach to **ocean** use that seeks to balance economic growth with the protection of ocean ecosystems.

- It encompasses a wide range of activities, including fisheries, maritime transport, tourism, offshore renewable energy, aquaculture, and marine biotechnology.

FAO's BGI and the European Commission's approach are both working to promote sustainable development of the ocean.

**MSP is a key tool for achieving this goal, as it can help to ensure that human activities in the ocean are managed in a way that benefits both the environment and the economy.**



# Ecosystems towards Blue Economy Development

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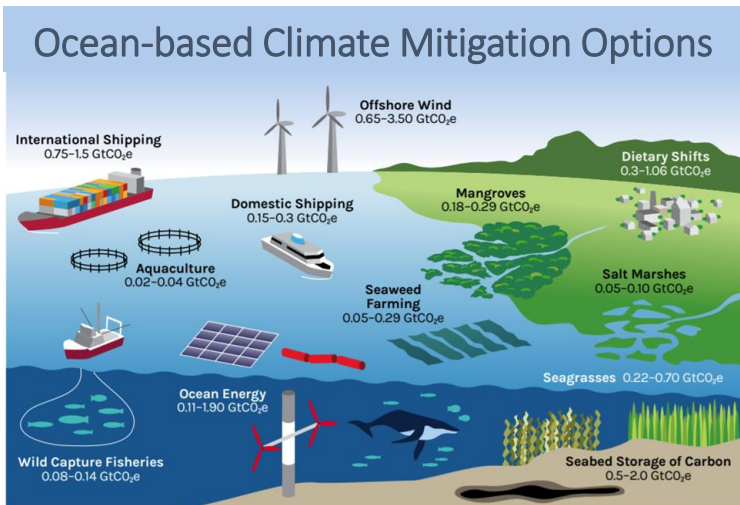
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# Sustainable Integrated Development for Islands & Coasts



Aquaculture & Fisheries



Green Transport – Sea and Land



Green Maritime Ecosystem – Ports, Vessels, Aquaculture, Desalination, Water, Ice/Cooling ++



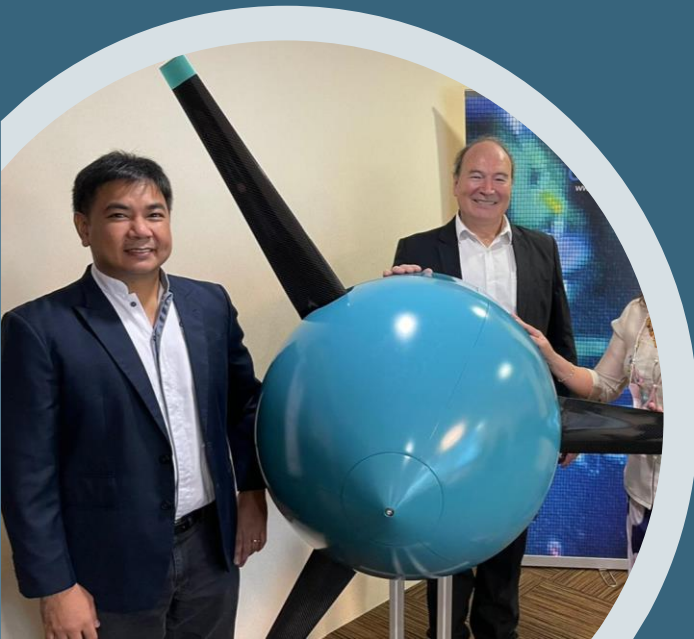
Renewable Energy + Green Transport  
+ Aquaculture + Water Production  
+ Freezing/Cooling + Local Content  
+ Other Sustainable Initiatives



NLA International's Holistic Blue Economy Development Framework (22 steps)					Continuous Activities		
<b>1. Map and measure ocean wealth (4 steps)</b>					<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>	<b>Mobilise financial resources</b>	<b>Strategic Communication</b>
1.1 Map extent and condition of ocean natural assets over time	1.2 Quantify natural capital and ecosystem services from ocean resources	1.3 Collect and synthesise socio-economic information on existing ocean sectors and users	1.4 Create Ocean accounts, a holistic dashboard of ocean wealth including historic information		Establish list of key stakeholders and communication channels with / to them	Undertake review of available development bank / related sources of funding	Announce Blue Economy as a major strategic initiative
<b>2. Assess Ocean risks and impacts (4 steps)</b>					<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>	<b>Mobilise financial resources</b>	<b>Strategic Communication</b>
2.1 Map flows of land-based pollution into the coastal zone and other forms of ocean pollution	2.2 Map loss and degradation of marine and coastal ecosystems and key drivers thereof such as dams, coastal development, pollution, climate change, fishing practices	2.3 Establish anticipated effects of climate change on coastal and marine resources	2.4 Quantify and prioritise risk areas under a business-as-usual scenario to inform planning		Invite submissions from stakeholders on Ocean risks and impacts	Engage Development Banks in assessing Ocean risks and discuss funding potential mitigation plans	Publicise the importance of Ocean risk mitigation for the Blue Economy, and the government's commitment to it
<b>3. Establish a holistic and integrated Blue Economy governance framework (4 steps)</b>					<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>	<b>Mobilise financial resources</b>	<b>Strategic Communication</b>
3.1 Conduct review of best practice Blue Economy governance structures in comparable nations to create a menu of options for implementation	3.2 Create gender-balanced, responsive and trans-disciplinary ocean governance structures including Finance, Education and Environment Ministries	3.3 Establish accessible ocean data repositories and portals and data governance protocols	3.4 Participate in international collaborations for peer-learning, innovation and cooperation		Discuss ideal governance arrangements and principles with stakeholders	Mobilise financial resources for implementation of Blue Economy plan	Announce new governance structures, and the impact they will have on cross-cutting government priorities
<b>4. Develop a Blue Economy plan (5 steps)</b>					<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>	<b>Mobilise financial resources</b>	<b>Strategic Communication</b>
4.1 Determine an overall vision for a national Blue Economy	4.2 Establish SMART objectives (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timebound)	4.3 Undertake consultative Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) including ambitious conservation targets, including all ocean stakeholders	4.4 Determine policies and regulations with an ecosystem and natural capital approach including activities on the high seas	4.5 Assess measures required to stem ocean pollution	Invite to all relevant stakeholders to contribute to / comment on the Blue Economy plan	Plan and secure resources to implement and enforce associated regulations, including capacity development	Announce ambition and intended outcomes of the nation's Blue Economy plan
<b>5. Implement and monitor the Blue Economy plan (5 steps)</b>					<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>	<b>Mobilise financial resources</b>	<b>Strategic Communication</b>
5.1 Implement measures required to stem ocean pollution	5.2 Implement and enforce policies and regulations with an ecosystem approach including activities on the high seas	5.3 Implement monitoring, control and surveillance activities across EEZ	5.4 Promote Blue Economy entrepreneurship	5.5 Monitor activities and ocean wealth over time and adapt marine spatial planning and policy as necessary according to evidence of what works well	Develop and implement an ongoing stakeholder engagement plan grid targeted at specific sectors	Provide resources for capacity development	Develop and implement an ongoing comms grid targeted at specific audiences

# Supporting Blue Economy Development

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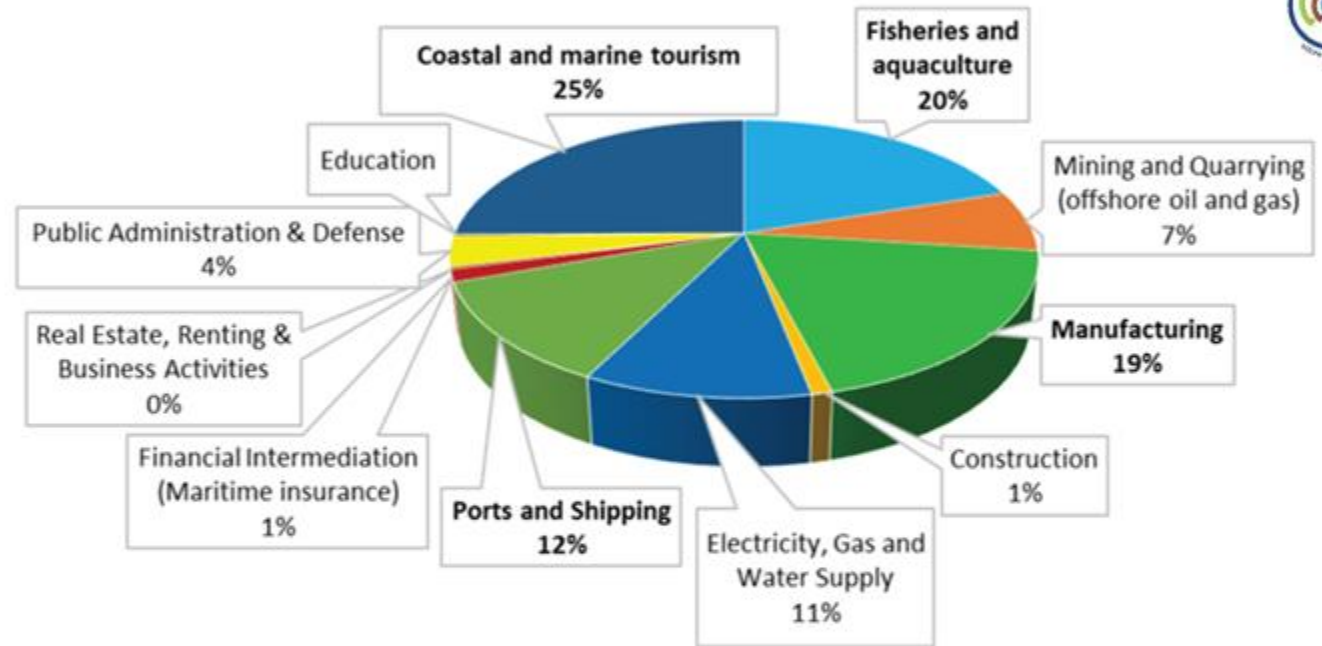
- *MoU with MinDA signed in Sept 2022 during Presidential Visit of BBM in Singapore*
- *Workshop in Oct 2022 with MinDA and Partners for Blue Economy Development Strategy*
- *Met with Cong. Kiko Benitez to support PH Blue Economy Bill*
- *Advocating the Establishment of Blue Economy Consortia and Knowledge Hubs in PH*
- *Exploring ADB Support / Technical Assistance for developing a Philippine Blue Economy Framework (with NEDA) and formulating an over-arching strategic plan*
- *Information, Education, and Communication efforts, e.g. Visayas Blue Economy Forum (April 2023)*
- *Incorporation of Blue Economy Development Mindset & Principles in various sectors, agencies, etc for all stakeholders (industry, government, academe, communities, NGOs, general public)*

# Philippine BLUE by the numbers

Laura T. David, Ph.D. , Rhodora Azanza, Ph.D.

We can think of **blue economy** as being composed of all industries associated with the marine environment

1. Tourism, Resorts, and Coastal Development
2. Fisheries and Aquaculture
3. Coastal Manufacturing
4. Ports, Shipping, and Marine Transport
5. Energy
6. Seabed Mining Oil and Gas
7. Defence
8. Marine Biotechnology and Medicine
9. Marine Technology and Environmental Services



% Contribution to the BLUE economy  
PEMSEA 2016



**510-780Mg**

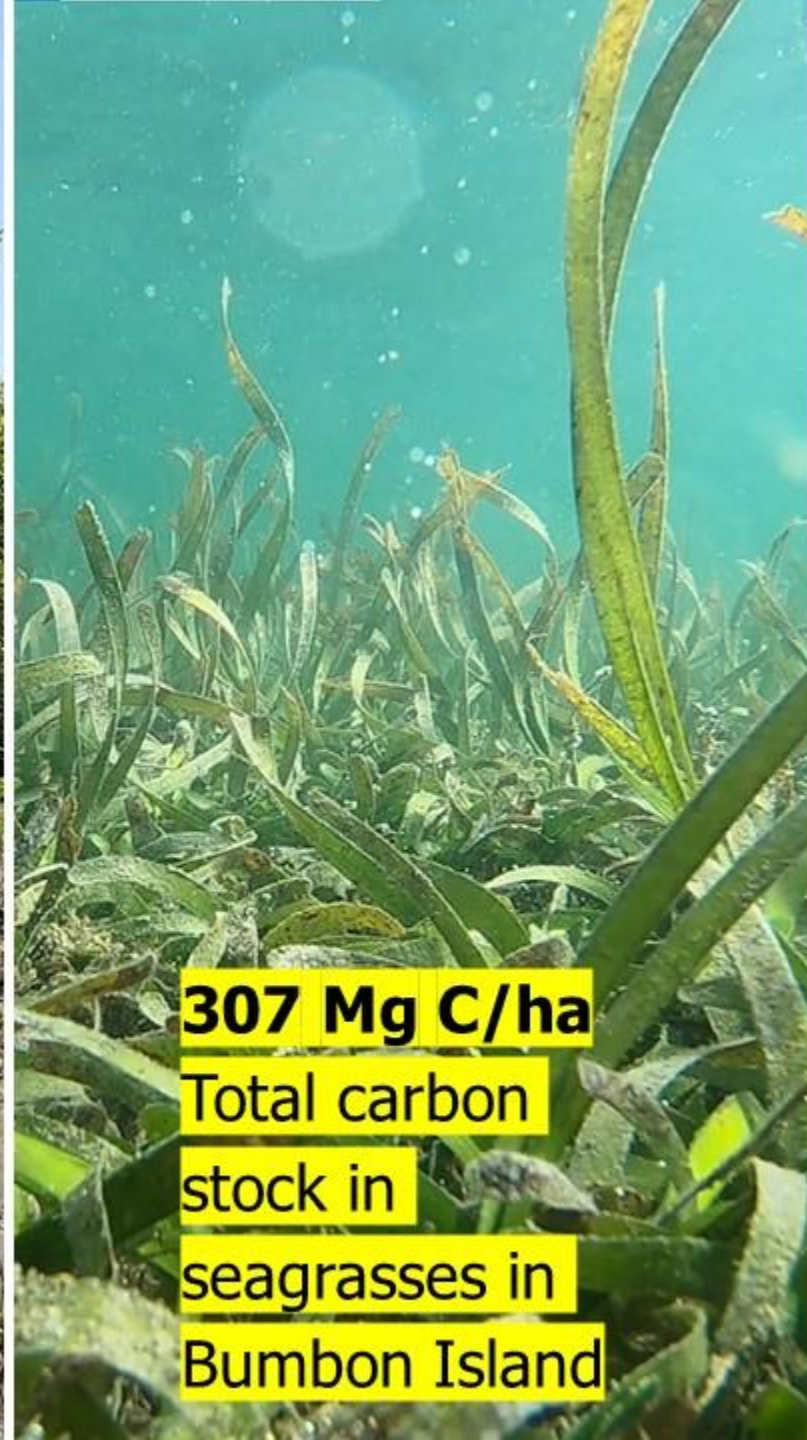
**C/ha**

Total carbon

stock in

Carretunan

Mangroves



**307 Mg C/ha**

Total carbon

stock in

seagrasses in

Bumbon Island



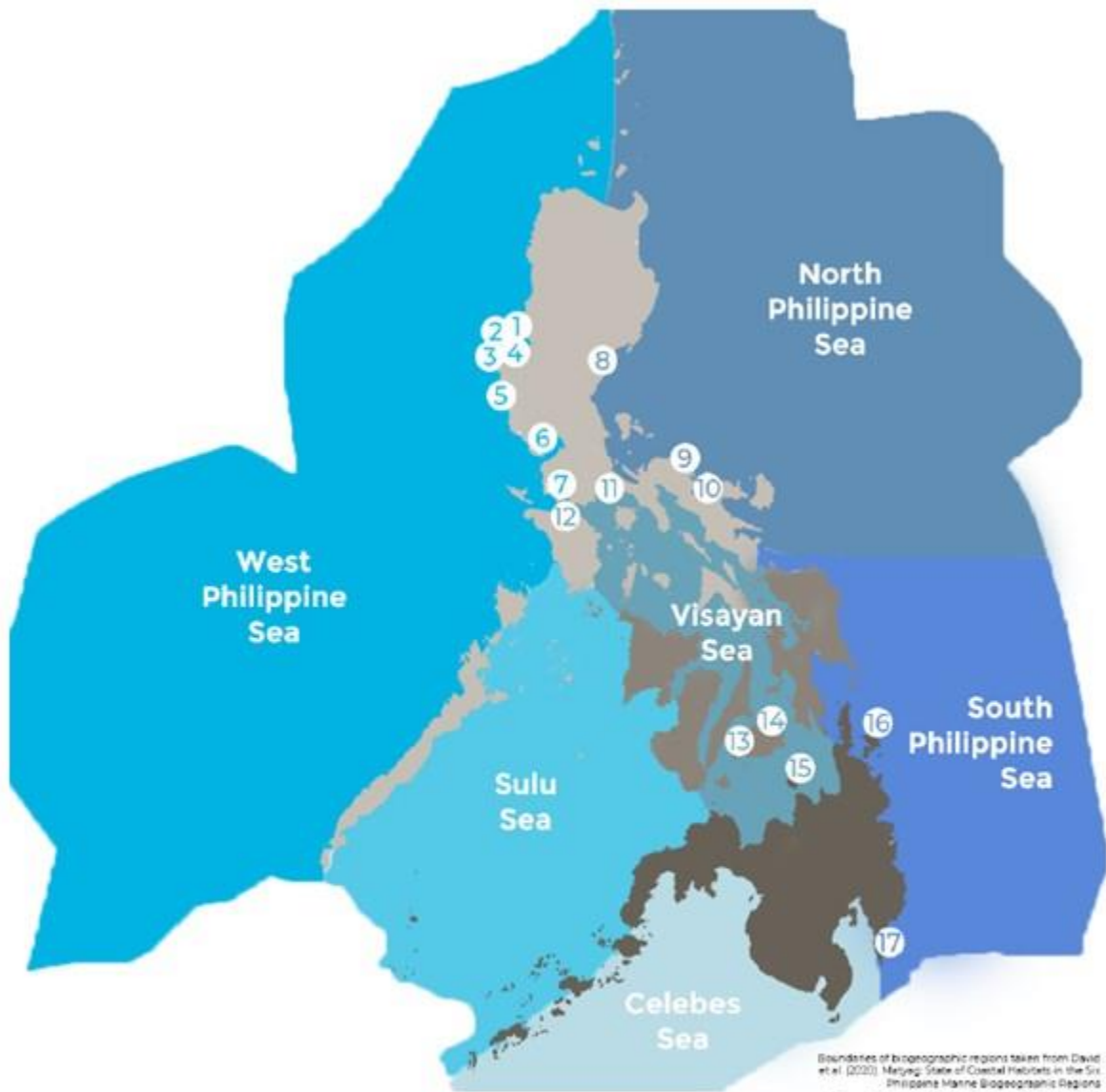
**278 Mg C/ha**

Total carbon

stock in the

unvegetated area





Boundaries of biogeographic regions taken from David et al. (2020) Marjag: State of Coastal Habitats in the Six Philippine Marine Biogeographic Regions  
 \*The different shades of blue pertain to the 6 biogeographic regions

Standing Stock (Tons CO <sub>2</sub> )
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2.7 Million Total

Additional CO <sub>2</sub> Sequestered by Seagrass beds Per Year (Minimum Tons CO <sub>2</sub> )	Additional CO <sub>2</sub> Sequestered by Seagrass beds Per Year (Maximum Tons CO <sub>2</sub> )
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1.7 – 3.4 Thousand Total

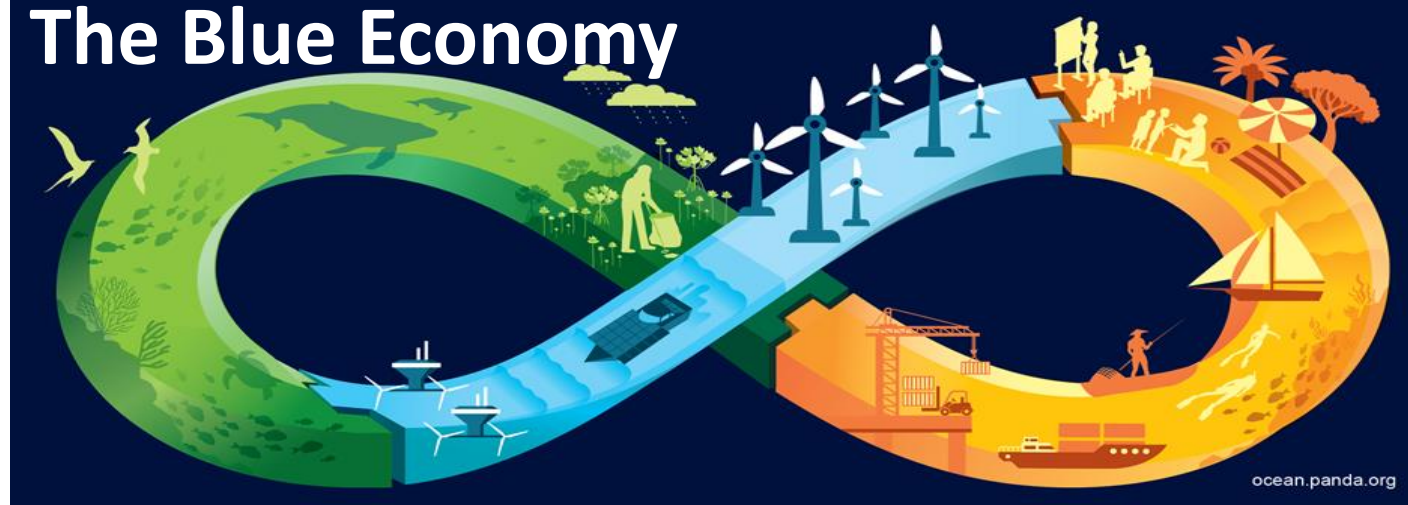
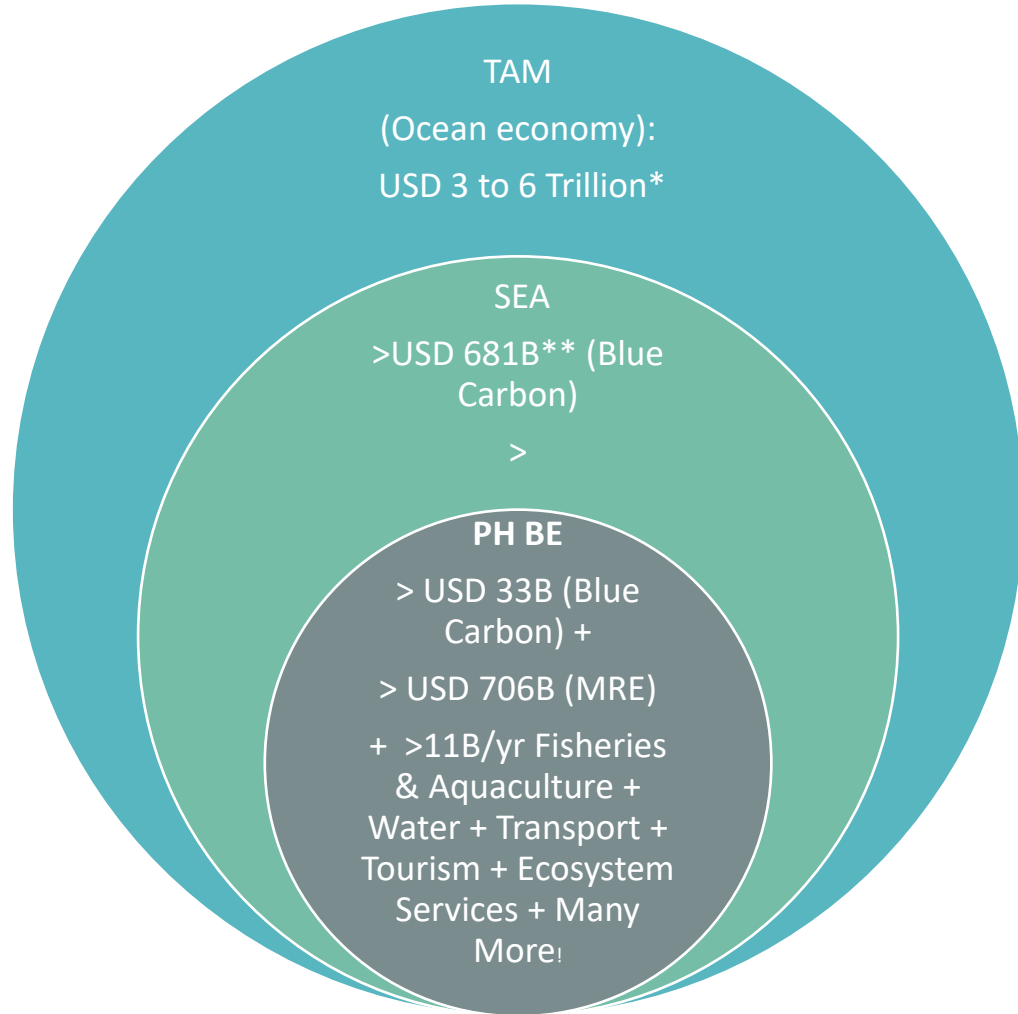
Potential Number of Household Offsets from Annual Sequestration of Seagrass Beds	
Min	Max

15 – 29 Thousand Total

\*Currently, the 16 sites are approximated to have 0.0028 Gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub> stored in its biomass and sediments. Annually, they are estimated to capture 0.000029 to 0.000054 Gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub>.  
 \*\*Average Filipino household emission = 1.86 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually  
 \*\*\*It is estimated that seagrass captures around 8.44 and 15.9 Mg CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> (average minimum and maximum). Ganguly et al., 2018

# Blue Economy : Opportunity

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- Blue Carbon Credits
- Marine Renewable Energy (e.g. offshore wind, marine floating solar, Ocean RE – tidal , wave, etc)
- Surveys: MetOcean, Hydrography, etc
- Environmental Monitoring (e.g. Marine Protected Areas, Coral Reefs, etc)
- Vessel and Port Electrification
- Aquaculture (e.g. Seaweed, fish farming)
- Eco-Tourism, Water (e.g. Desalination), Marine & Offshore

\*<https://www.un.org/en/desa/exploring-potential-blue-economy>

\*\*[http://pemsea.org/sites/default/files/Regional\\_SOC\\_20190611.pdf](http://pemsea.org/sites/default/files/Regional_SOC_20190611.pdf)

# Activities to Support Blue Economy Development

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Blue [Carbon] Assets (e.g. Mangroves, Seagrass, Seaweeds, Coral Reefs, Biodiversity, Blue Economy 'Ecosystem', etc)

- Digital Transformation: Assessment & Valuation, Management (e.g. using digital tools, platform/s), Monetization (e.g. exchanges, use of APIs, etc)

Digitalization – Data, Digital Tools (Modules, APIs, Algorithms), and more (e.g. Software, Platforms, etc)

- Data Mgt, Visualization, Analytics (e.g. Suitability), Dashboarding, Digital Twins, Autonomous Ops, Remote Monitoring, Marketplace, etc

Technology and Project Development (Pilot, R&D, Innovation, Testbed)

- Urban Wind RE, Marine RE (Tidal, Offshore Wind/Solar, Wave, etc), Electrification (incl Vessels), Hydrogen, Blue Economy, Energy Recovery

Consulting and Advisory / Think Tank

- Technology, Industry, Market, Business Dev't, Fundraising Support, Techno-Economics, Proj. Pre-Dev't (e.g. FS, Pre-FEED, Envi, Social)

Field Survey (e.g. Marine, Offshore) and Related Support Services

- MetOcean, Hydrodynamics, Hydrography, Bathymetry, Geotechnical, Environmental (e.g. Fish Census, EIA, IEE, etc), Drone-based Surveys

# Potential Pilot Projects



Ocean/Marine Renewable Energy: Marine Solar, Offshore Wind, Tidal In-Stream, Wave

## Systems and Eco-Systems' Integration



## Energy Storage



Testbedding  
Other Innovations  
Technologies  
Business Models  
"Learn by Doing"

## Transportation



## Ice



## Aquaculture



## Ports/Marinas/Bays



## Water Production



## Reef Restoration, Marine Area Monitoring



# Digital Tools – Data Management, Analytics - Visualization, Dashboarding, etc

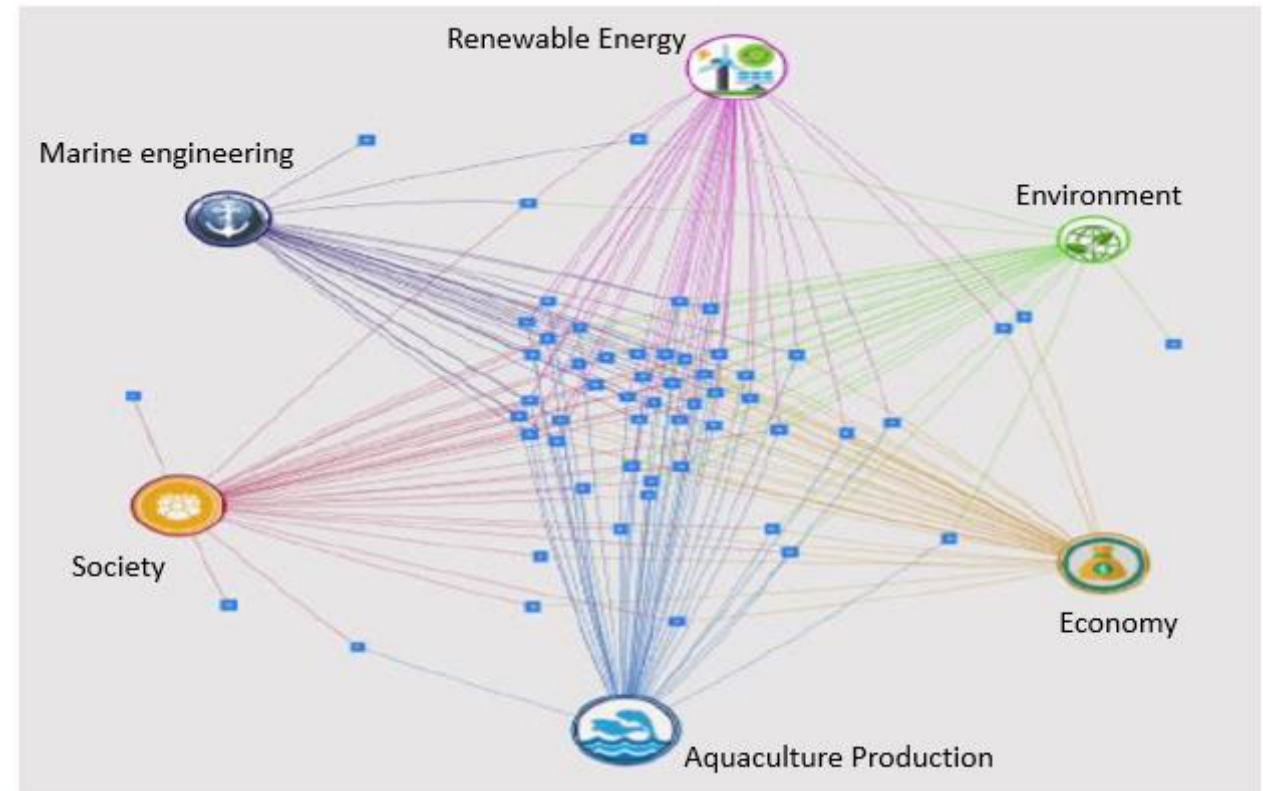
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## Blue Economy Risk Registry

An Interactive dashboard summarizing hazards identified across a broad set of domains cross-linked to Australia's emerging Blue Economy.

### Project Goals:

- Cross-linking domains and hazard to have an overview of shared hazards.
- Hazard Impact ranking to help authorities in making impact assessment and mitigation strategies.
- Help Government organizations in Policy-making for a sustainable blue economy.
- New entrants in Blue economy industry can identify their relevant hazards and plan accordingly.



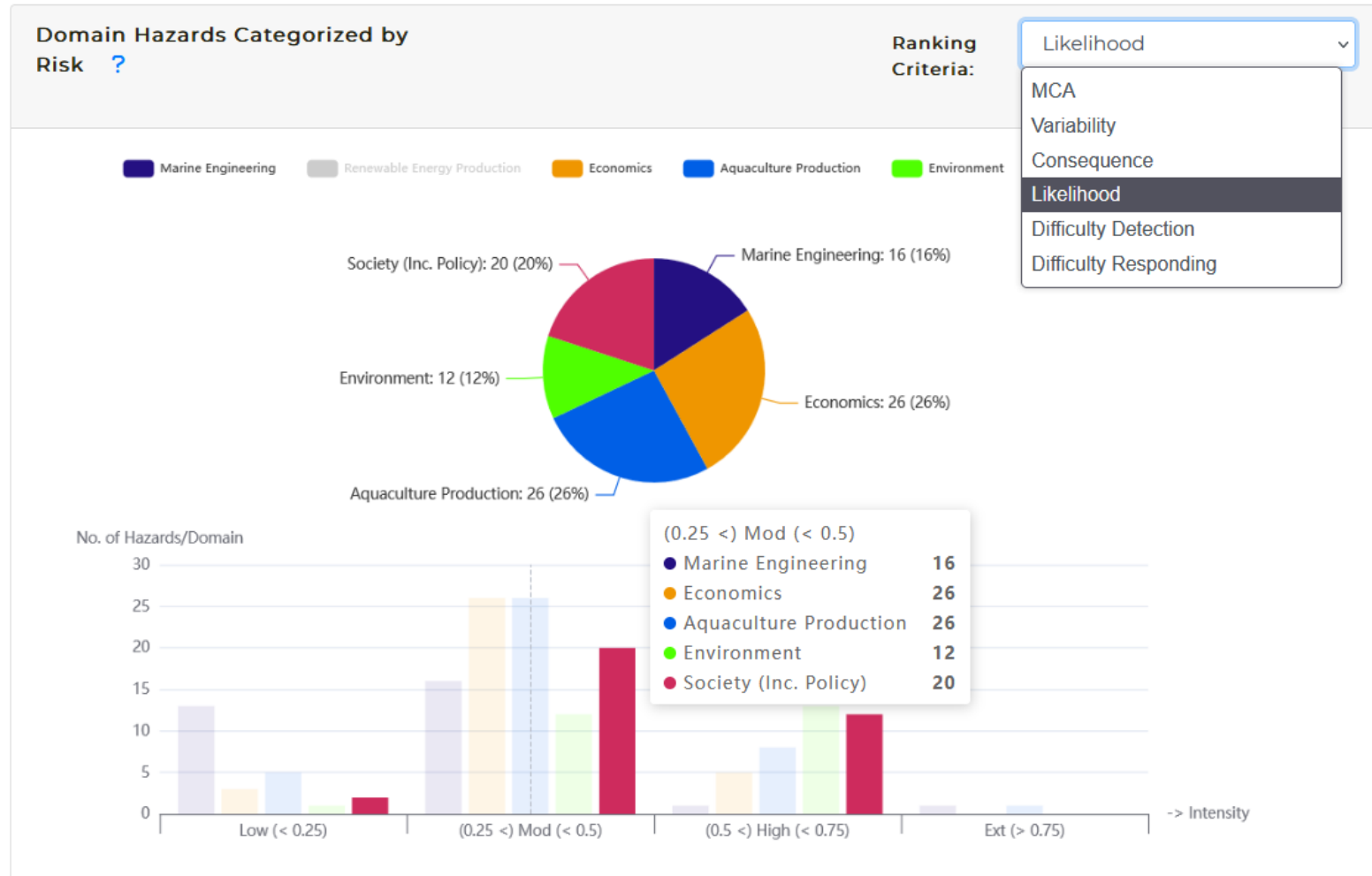


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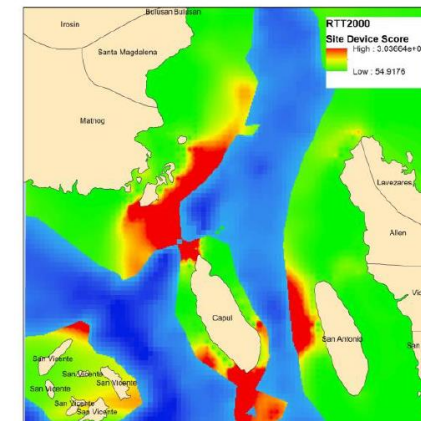
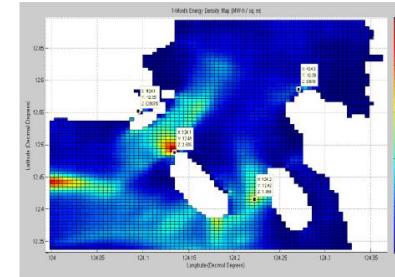
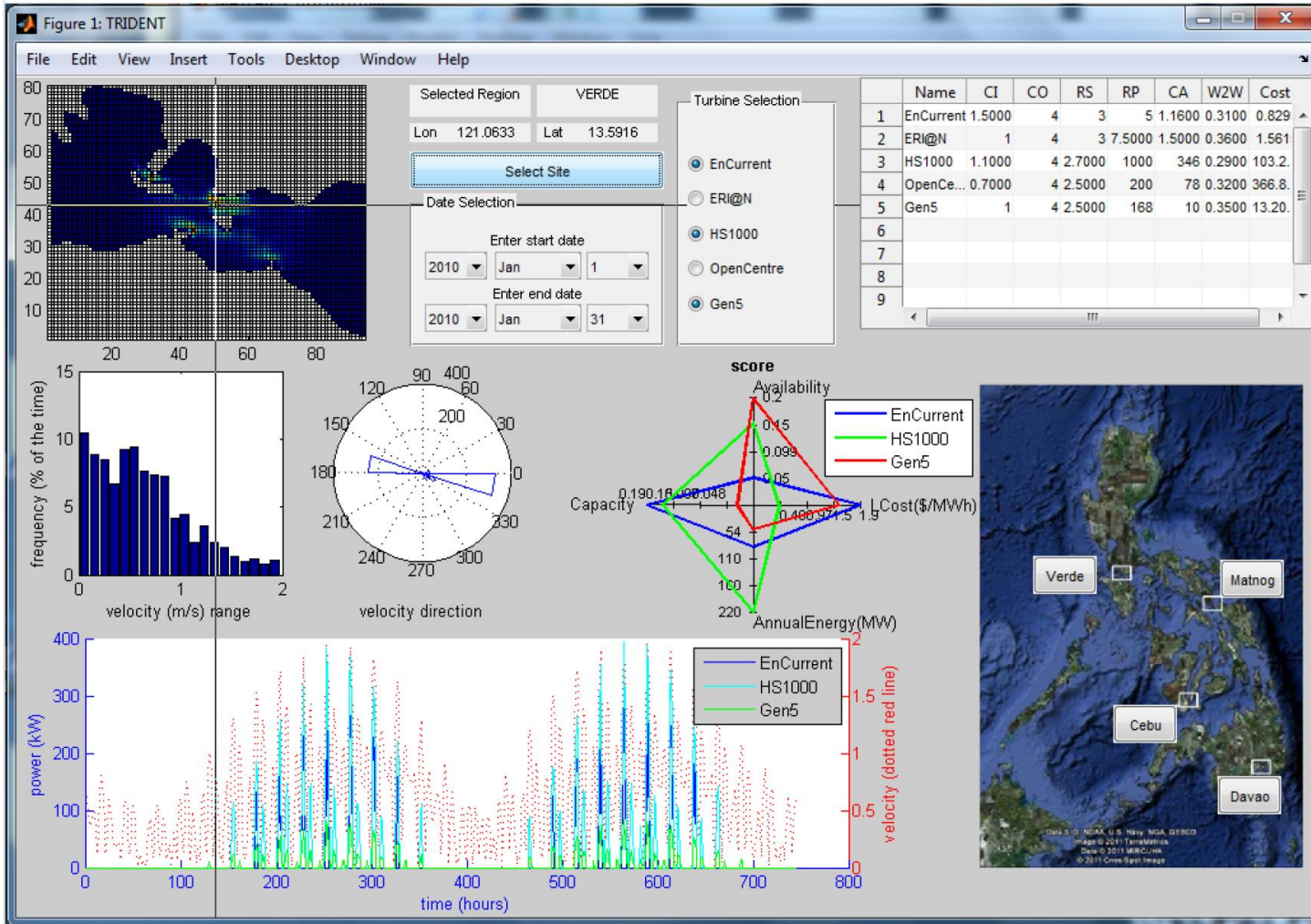
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Hazards ranking based on following criteria and put into Risk categories according to their combined score (Multi Criteria Analysis)

- The **likelihood** of the hazard having an impact.
- The **consequence** of that impact.
- How **difficult** it is to detect the impact.
- How **difficult** it is to respond to the impact.



# Digital Tools (e.g. GIS) for Site & Resource Assessments, Techno-Economics, and Other Analyses





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## Wind Renewable Energy Project Site Assessment and Planning Considerations

### 1. Resource Assessment

- Wind Speed

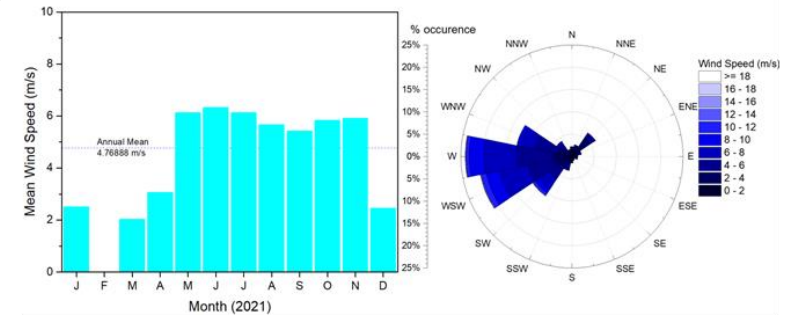
### 2. Scenarios modeling

- Wind turbine characteristics
- Total capacity
- Noise Analysis
- Shadow Flicker Analysis

### 3. Environmental Impacts Mapping

### 4. Project Recommendations

#### 1 Annual Wind Speed Data



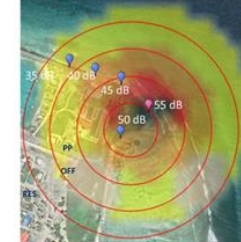
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Array Configuration Scenario 1:  
25 kW x 6 turbines

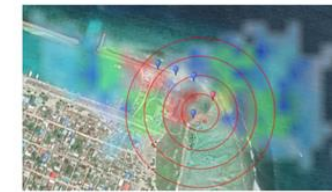


Shadow hours/year

Array Configuration Scenario 4:  
25 kW x 4 turbines + 50kW x 1 Turbine



Noise Map 14 m/s (50 kW turbine curtailed at 10 m/s)



Shadow hours/year

#### 3



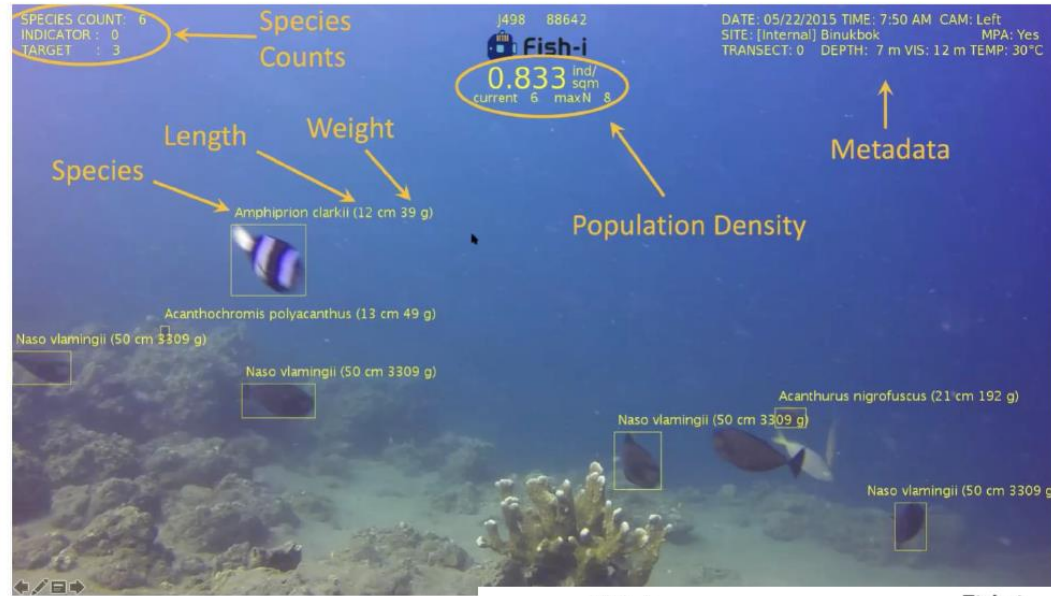




# Digital Tools (e.g. Computer Vision) for Environmental Monitoring

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Fish-i is a technology that uses artificial intelligence in automating fish visual census. It is a quicker, safer, and more accurate way to monitor fishes. With this technology, even divers with minimal knowledge and expertise in the marine sciences can acquire highly accurate information.



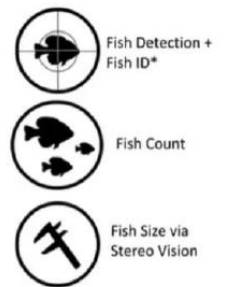
- ✓ Safer, faster, cheaper
- ✓ High scalability
- ✓ More frequent census



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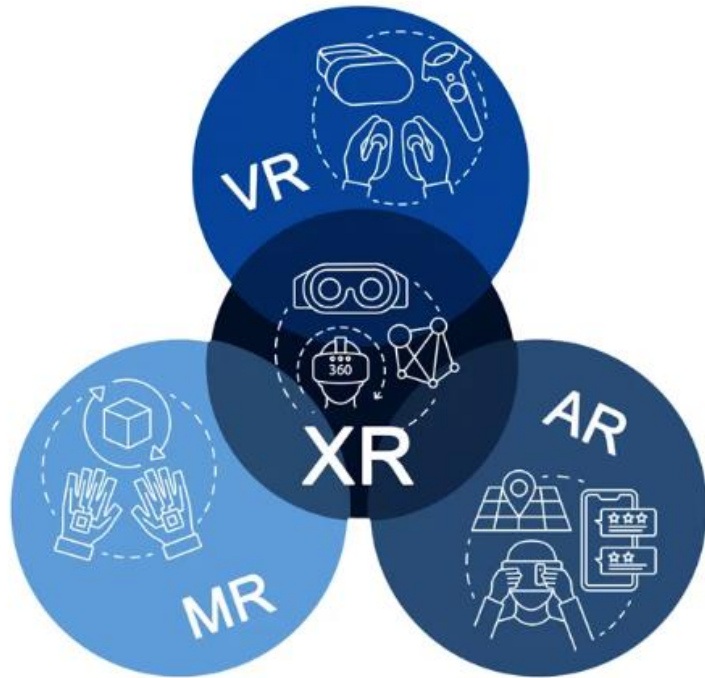
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# More Digital Tools – Extended Reality (XR), e.g. AR, MR, VR

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## Augmented Reality

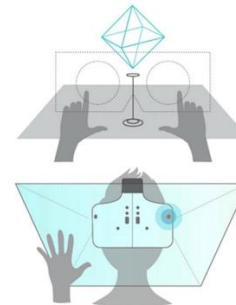
Real world with digital information overlay



**Augmented Reality Devices Example**  
ODG R-7 oder Smartphones/Tablets

## Mixed Reality

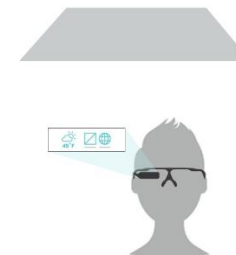
Real and virtual are intertwined



**Mixed Reality Glasses Example**  
Microsoft HoloLens 2

## Assisted Reality

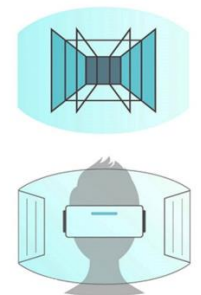
Support through a small display in front of the eye



**Assisted Reality Glasses Example**  
RealWear HMT-1

## Virtual Reality

Completely closed, digital experience with no sense of the real world



**Virtual Reality Glasses Example**  
Varjo VR-1



# More Digital Tools – Extended Reality (XR), e.g. AR, MR, VR

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## A Shared Interactive Space in Mixed Reality for Collaborative Digital Tower Operations

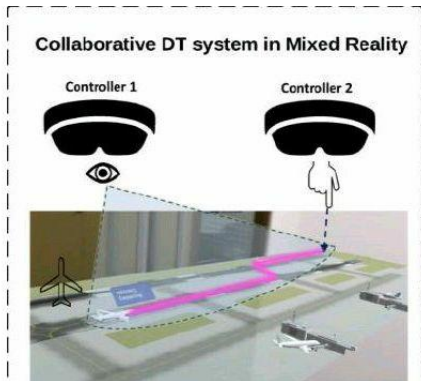
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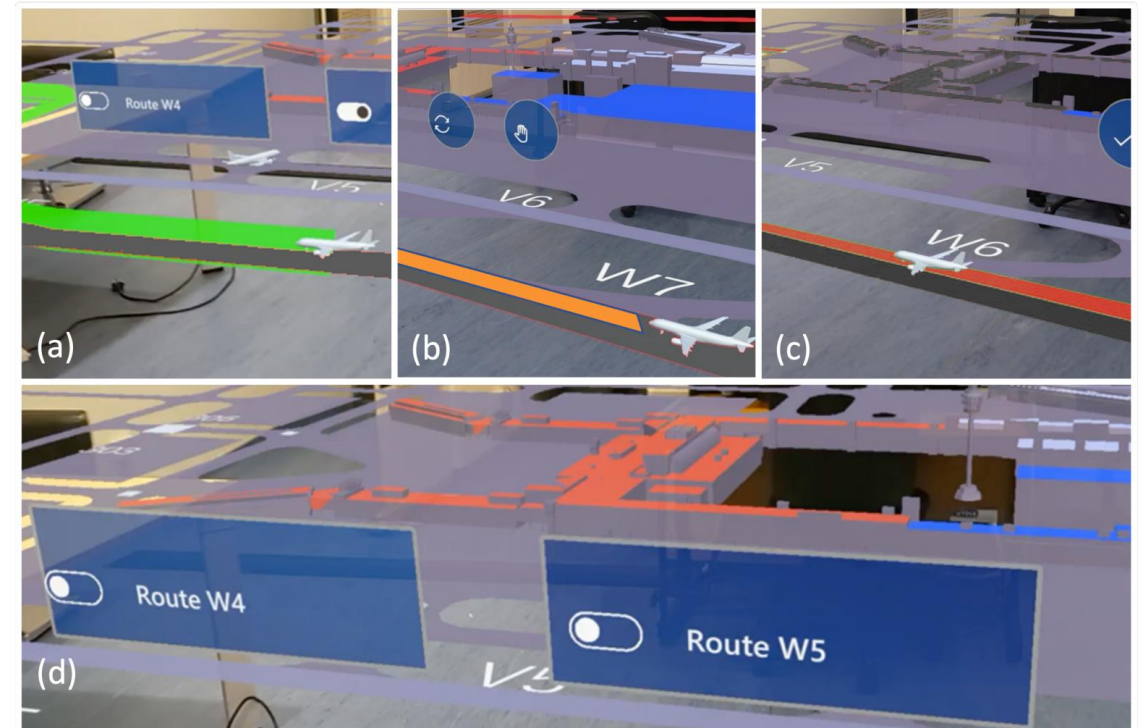
### To collaborate

Can transform any room into an Air Traffic Control Tower - cost savings and efficiency

Results shows XR brings **enhanced situational awareness** with same work load and reduced Time to Decision

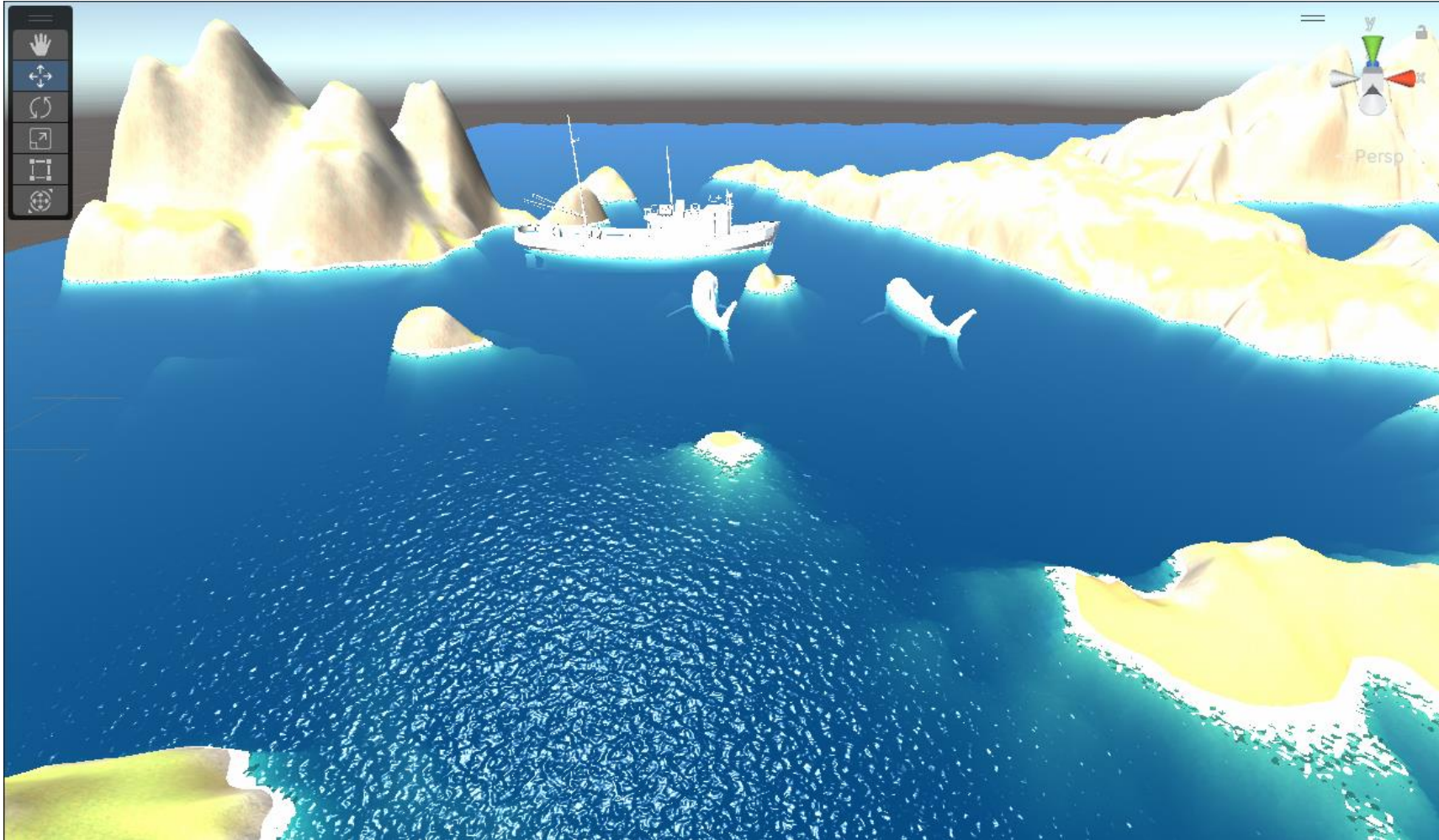


Interface of a Mixed Reality Air Traffic Control



# More Digital Tools – Extended Reality (XR), e.g. AR, MR, VR

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## Applications

- Advanced maintenance
- Better visualization & collaboration for training with holograms
- Remote assistance with Digital Twins
- Emergency response

Applications in many more industries..

- Healthcare
- Robotics
- Construction/Interior designing
- Retail
- Clothing etc



The **Digital Blue Online Platform** will include the following features:

1. Digital Twin for Tidal Energy System
2. Sustainability Dashboard (kWh, kgCO<sub>2</sub>e, \$ Savings, etc)
3. Project Website
4. Digital Educational (and Interactive) Content
5. Data Visualization & Data Analytics (e.g. Tidal Energy System)
6. Underwater Monitoring (Video-based) System for environmental interaction
7. Augmented Reality and other Digital Tools for Information, Education, and Communication
8. Smart Marine Renewable Energy Prediction System (considering Hydrodynamics, Environment, etc)

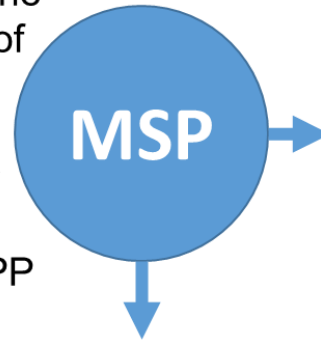


# Digital Ecosystems Approach – Using Digital Tools and Appropriate Frameworks for Blue Economy Projects

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## Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

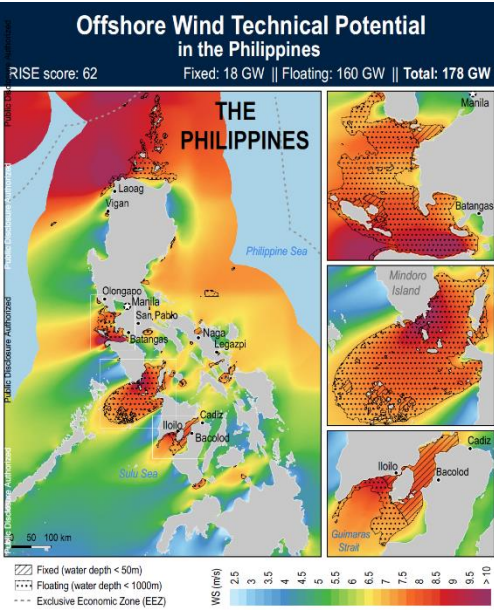
An integrated, policy-based approach to the regulation, management and protection of the marine environment, including the allocation of space that addresses the multiple, cumulative and potentially conflicting uses of the sea and thereby facilitates sustainable development (MSPP Consortium, 2006).



SECTOR	EXAMPLES	United Nations 17 SDG's
Transportation	Route Generation, Evaluation, Optimization, Traffic Management, Environmental Impact, Pollution Generation & Management	1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14
Food Production	Optimized spatial development for fishing, aquaculture, multi-level aquaculture centers, offshore and nearshore hatcheries etc	2, 3, 8, 11, 12, 14
Zoning	Marine Reserves, Coastal Protection, Special Economic And Tourism	1, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17
Energy	Marine Renewables ie Wind, Wave, Tidal, Floating Solar, Salinity and Thermal Gradients, Offshore/nearshore site evaluations	1, 2, 7, 8, 9,
Resource Protection	Coastal, Cultural and Underwater Archeological Management, Aggregate extraction & mining activities	12, 14, 16, 17

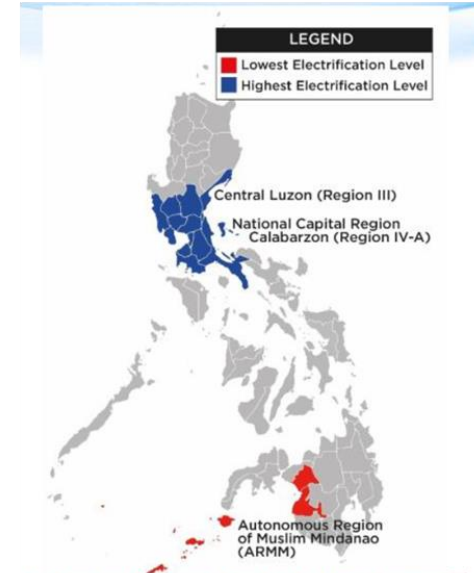
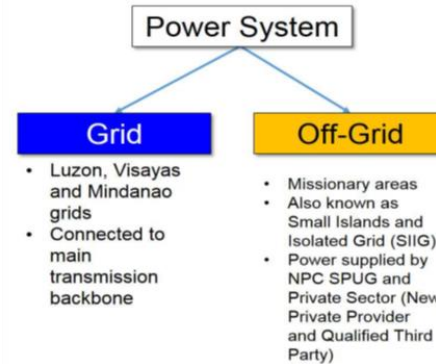
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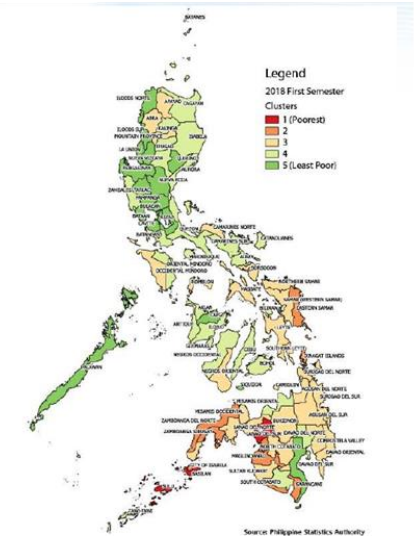


Philippines' tidal-in-stream and wave energy potential

No	Province / Region	Electrification rate*	Population (million)
1	Cagayan / II	91.8%	1.20
2	Catanduanes / V	88.7%	0.26
3	Sorsogon / V	88.7%	0.79
4	Northern Samar / VIII	87.2%	0.63
5	Southern Leyte / VIII	87.2%	0.42
6	Surigao del Norte / XIII/Caraga	93.8%	0.49
7	Basilan / ARMM	38.7%	0.35
8	Sulu / ARMM	38.7%	0.82
9	Tawi-tawi / ARMM	38.7%	0.39
10	Palawan / IV-B	82.2%	0.85
11	Batangas / IV-A	96.3%	2.69
12	Occidental Mindoro / IV-B	82.2%	0.49
13	Oriental Mindoro / IV-B	82.2%	0.84



Highest and Lowest levels of electrification<sup>[3]</sup>



Poverty index in the Philippines (2018)<sup>[4]</sup>

Source	Potential
Geothermal	> 4,000 MW
Wind	> 76,600 MW
Hydropower	> 10,000 MW
Solar	> 5kW/m <sup>2</sup> per day
Ocean	> 170,000 MW
Biomass	> 500 MW (bagasse & rice hulls only)

from IRENA, DOE (2016)<sup>[5]</sup>

**7,641**  
islands in the Philippines<sup>[6]</sup>

**850<sub>M</sub>** deprived of access to electricity<sup>[1]</sup>      **18%** rural communities<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] International Energy Agency (IEA), "World Energy Outlook 2019 – Analysis - IEA." [Online]. Available: <https://www.iea.org/reports/world-energy-outlook-2019>. [Accessed: 26-May-2020]

[2] The World Bank, "Access to electricity, rural (% of rural population)." [Online]. Available: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/EG.ELC.ACCS.RU.ZS>. [Accessed: 26-May-2020].

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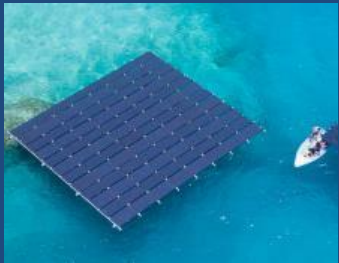


# Marine Renewable Energy (MRE)

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“Renewable energy production which makes use of marine resources or marine space.”\*

## Marine Renewable Energy



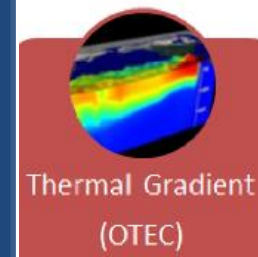
- Offshore Wind
- Floating Solar
- Marine biomass (micro- and macro-algae)

## Ocean Renewable Energy (ORE)

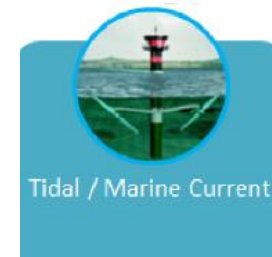
- Currents (Ocean Current, Tidal Currents/In-Stream)
- Tides (Tidal Range)
- Waves
- Salinity / Osmotic Gradient
- Thermal Gradient

MRE  $\neq$  ORE

ORE is a subset of MRE.



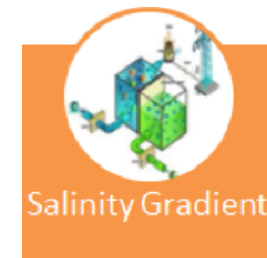
Thermal Gradient (OTEC)



Tidal / Marine Current



Waves



Salinity Gradient



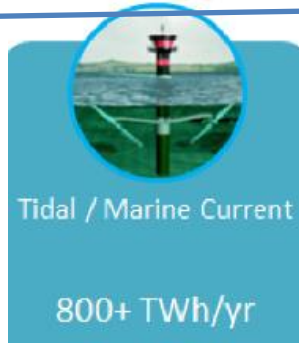
Tides or Tidal Range (Barrage)

\*European Science Foundation

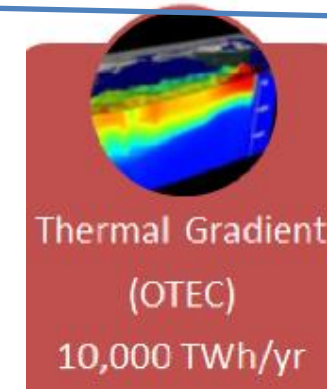


## 5 Ocean Renewable Energy Resources\*

“Marine & Hydrokinetic / ***Marine Hydrokinetic (MHK)***” : Currents, Waves, and Tides

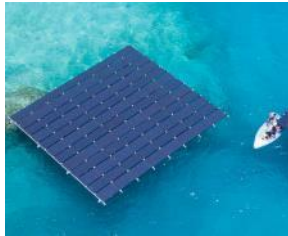


- **Ocean Current / Tidal In-Stream** energy is harvested by Current/Hydrokinetic turbines placed underwater where fast-flowing currents turn the generator blades similar to what wind does with wind turbines.
- **Tides (Tidal Range)** Tidal Barrages utilize the potential energy from the difference in height between high and low tides.
- **Wave** energy is produced from the surface motion of ocean waves or from pressure fluctuations below the surface.
- **Ocean Thermal** energy conversion (OTEC) uses the temperature difference between the surface seawaters (warm) and the deep seawaters (cool) to drive a heat engine to produce electricity.
- **Salinity Gradient** power is the available energy (or chemical potential) from the differences in salt concentration between the fresh water and seawater.



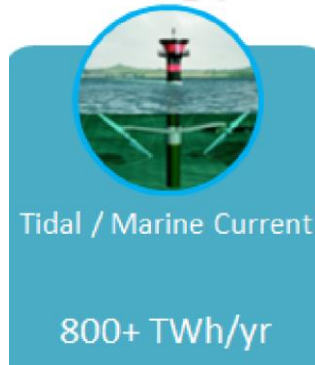
# Marine-related RE Options

## Floating - Solar, Wind

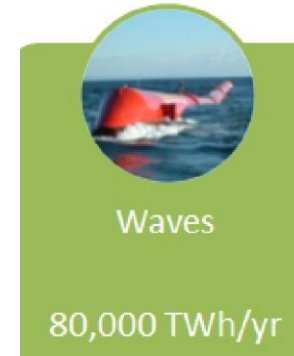


Very High  
Chance of  
Feasibility

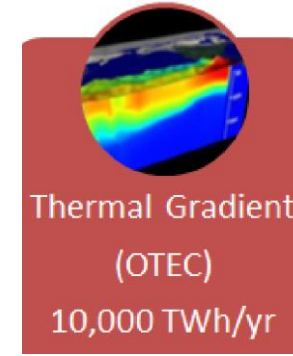
Up to a  
certain  
depth



Resource: H  
TRL\*: High



Resource: H  
TRL: Med

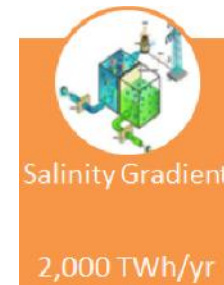


Resource: H  
TRL: Med

\*TRL = Technology Readiness Level



Present Technologies  
need >4m to be  
economically viable



- Already viable either with co-application or at certain scale
- Good for Energy Recovery for Desalination Plants

# Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) Technology

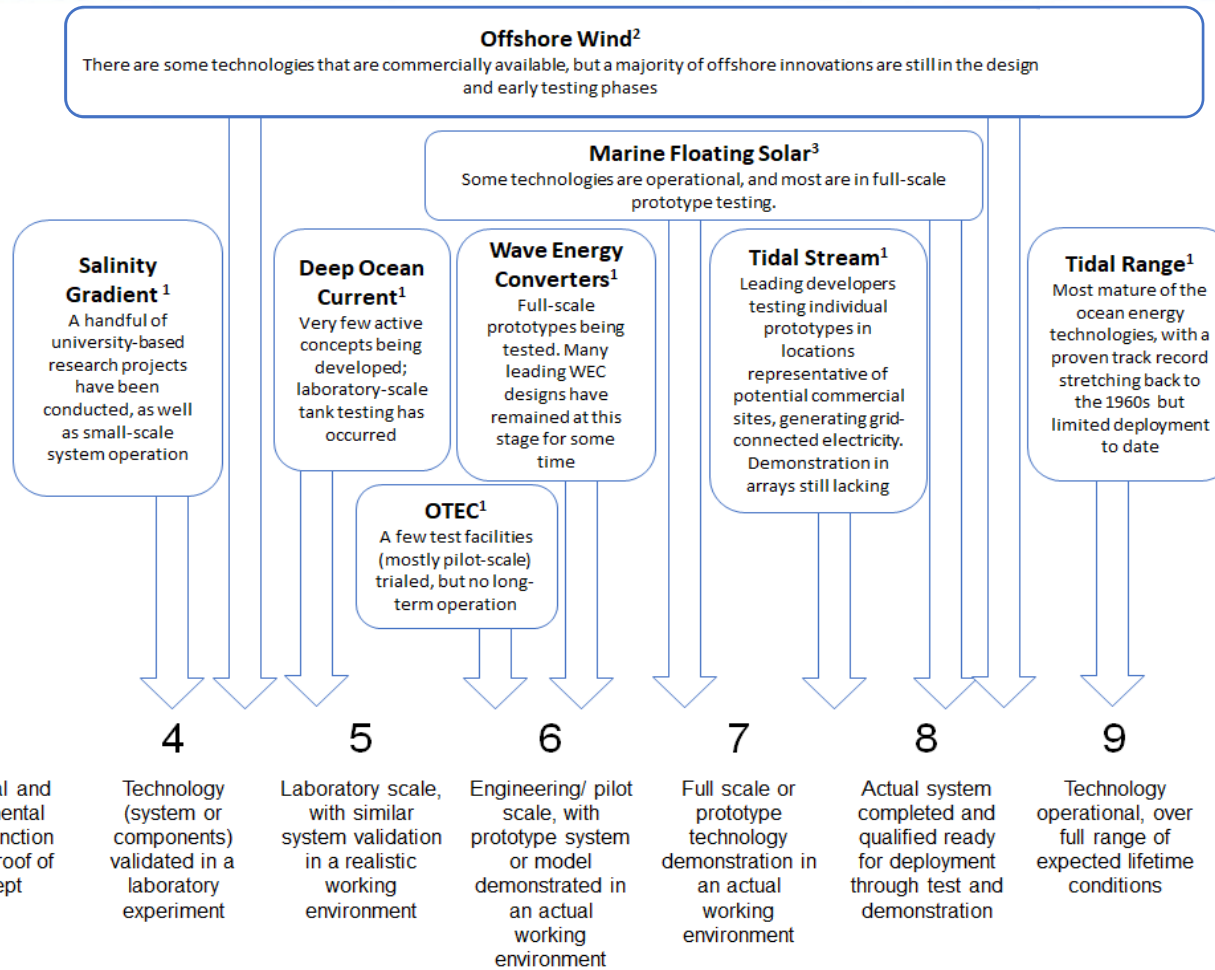
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## Technology Readiness

<sup>1</sup>IRENA (2014)

<sup>2</sup>Dvorak et al. (2016)

<sup>3</sup>estimation from 2021 data



Technology	Typical Plant Capacity Factors*
Solar PV	16.1% to 20.8%
Offshore Wind	30% to 50%
Tidal Range (e.g. Barrage)	Typically 25%
Tidal Stream	25% to 40%
Ocean Current (e.g. Gulf Current in Florida Strait)	Up to 70%
Wave	32% to 40%
OTEC	90% to 95%










**\*Note: these are dependent on other factors such as: site, resource, technology, and other project parameters**

Increasing Maturity

# Sustainable Energy – Islands Example

**Total = > 5,000 MW deliverable capacity**

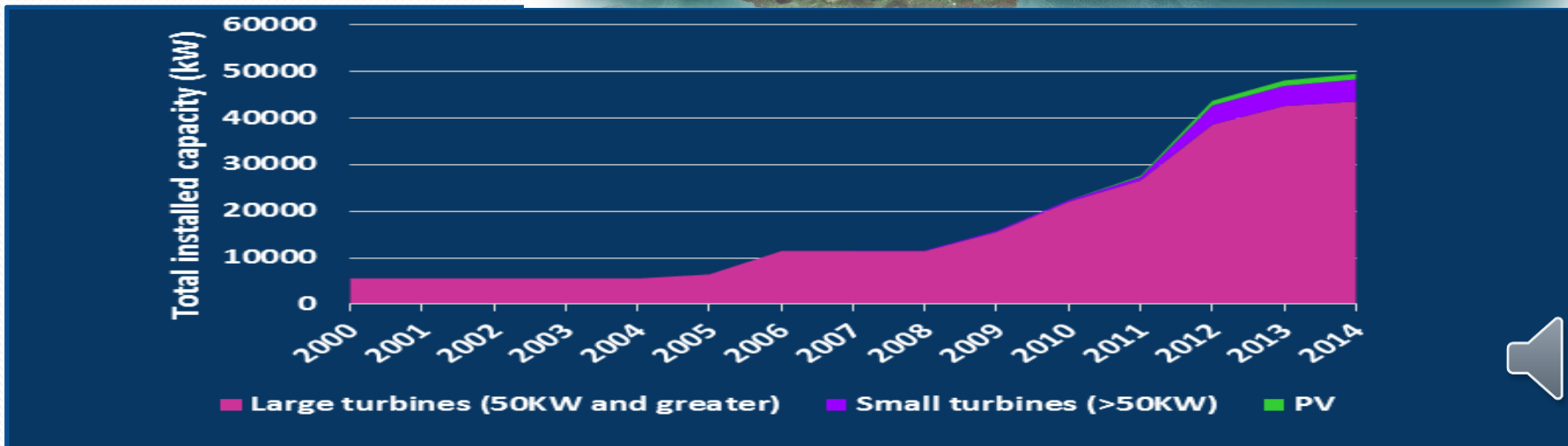
**Key**

Onshore wind	40 MW existing/planned	
New onshore wind	100-200 MW	
Wave	500-1000 MW	
Tidal	500-2,500 MW	
Offshore wind	1000 MW	
Wave leases	550 MW	
Tidal leases	500 MW	
Mirco & other	2.5 MW	
Gas & other	20 MW	<i>Dispersed</i>
EMEC sites	5 + 7 MW	<i>Dispersed and</i> 



Orkney Islands, North Scotland, UK

**107%** of electrical demand in Orkney met by renewables in 2014





# Global Initiatives



CANADA		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Tidal Currents		20450
Tidal Drives	20000	



NETHERLANDS		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power		
Tidal Currents	130	3000
Salinity Gradient	50	

UK		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	3730	40000
Tidal Currents	5600	96000

DENMARK		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power		115

BELGIUM		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power		Up to 20000

SWEDEN		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	180	10400-10600
Tidal and Ocean Currents	7.5	

NORWAY		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	200	

CHINA		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	350	2860
Tidal Currents	170	4500
Tidal Power	3900	200

REPUBLIC OF KOREA		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	500	300
Tidal Currents	1000	1300
Tidal Power	1000	1300
OTEC	220	1000

USA		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power		1365
Tidal Currents		1350

PORTUGAL		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	700	

SPAIN		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	296	300



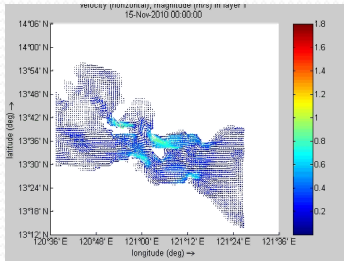
SINGAPORE		
RESOURCE	INSTALLED CAPACITY (kW)	CONSENTED PROJECTS (kW)
Wave Power	16	
Tidal and Ocean Currents		2.5

>1,000 Sites  
200MW each

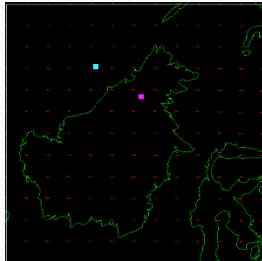


# Developing Countries' Initiatives

## Simulation Studies



## Brunei Offshore Wind



## Tow Tanks (eg UTM, MMU, NTU)



## Myanmar Tidal Barrage



## Vietnam Tidal Turbine Drive Train



## Philippines Tidal Barrage



## Indonesia Tidal Current Test



## Malaysia OWC Test



## Singapore Tidal Turbine Testing

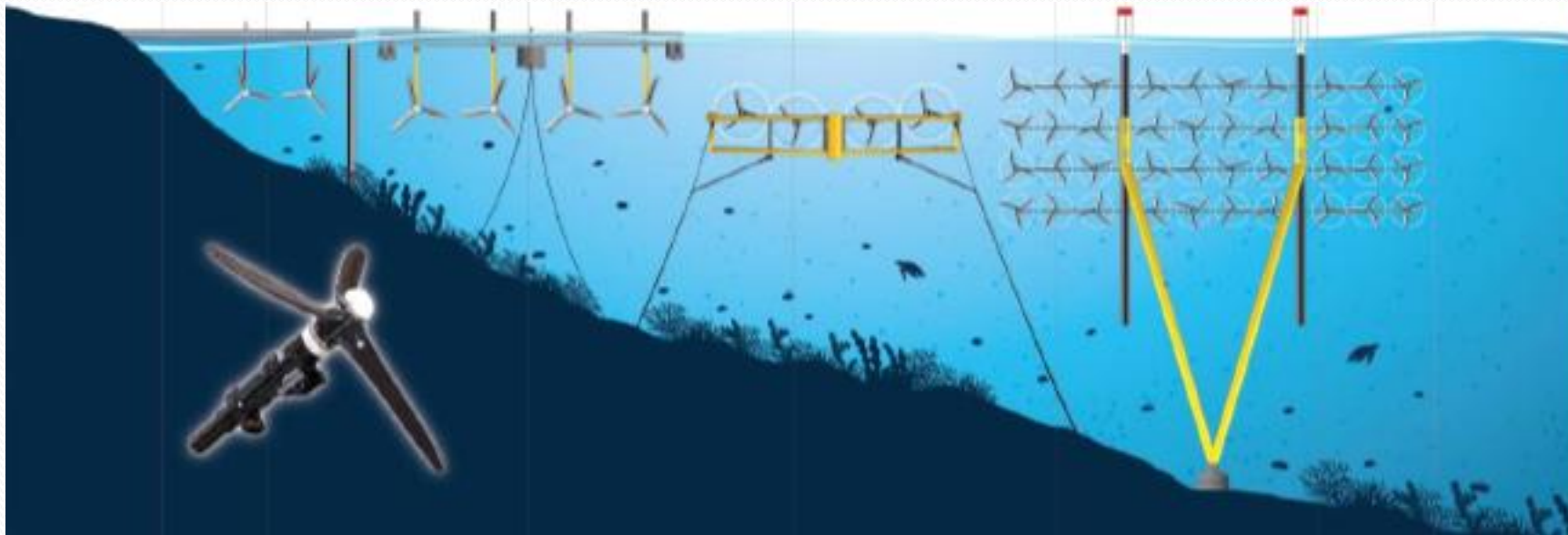


## Europe, N. America, Australia



# Ocean Energy - Configuration Options

(Tidal In-Stream Energy Device example)



- Jetty-based / fixed structure (e.g. bridges)
- Floating
- Submerged (neutrally-buoyant)
- Seabed-mounted
- Others? – Vessel-mounted?

# What is a Cushion Roller?

Cushion Rollers are components that hold floating platforms in place while absorber impacts that the platforms experience.







# Technology Zones



Medium Energy  
Medium Risk  
Array Approach



Hs > 1m



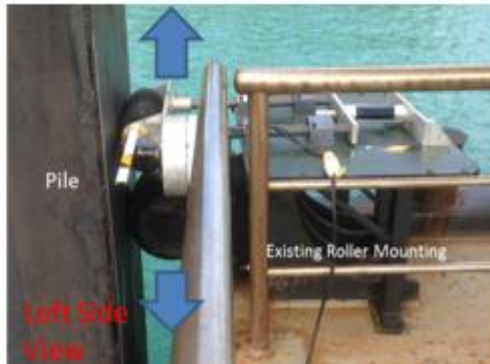
Hs > 0.5m

Huge Waves  
High Energy  
High Risk  
Offshore Challenges

Hs < 0.5m



Multi-function Device  
'Low Wave' Resource Capture



'Dry Setup'  
Low Risk  
Easier Maintenance



# Technology Innovation – Competitive Edge

## As a Cushion Roller

- First cushion roller to be able to produce electricity
  - Translate to cost savings
- Impact absorbing mechanism has potential for extended lifespan

## As a Wave Energy Device

- Device is completely above water
  - Translate to reduced corrosion
  - Easier access for installation, maintenance and repair
- Able to generate under small waves conditions
  - Translate to greater range of application

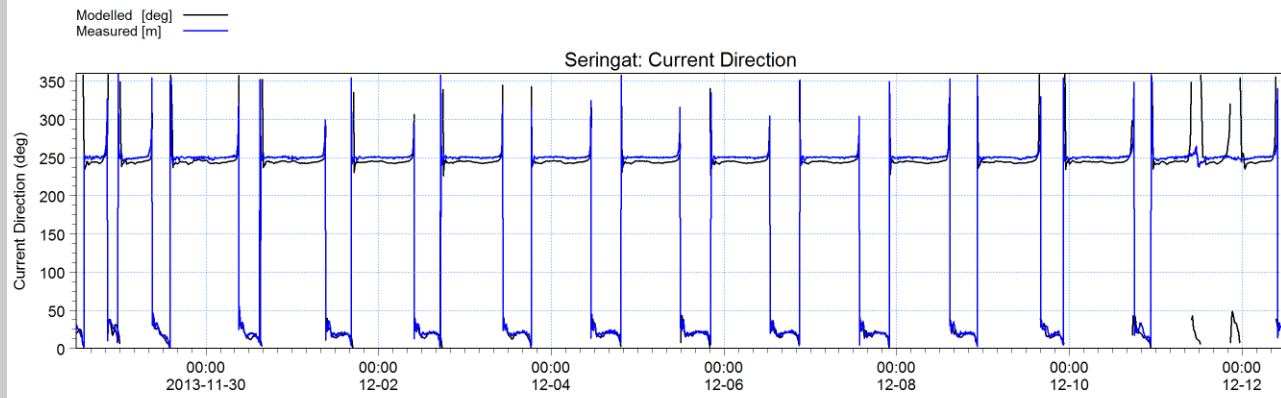
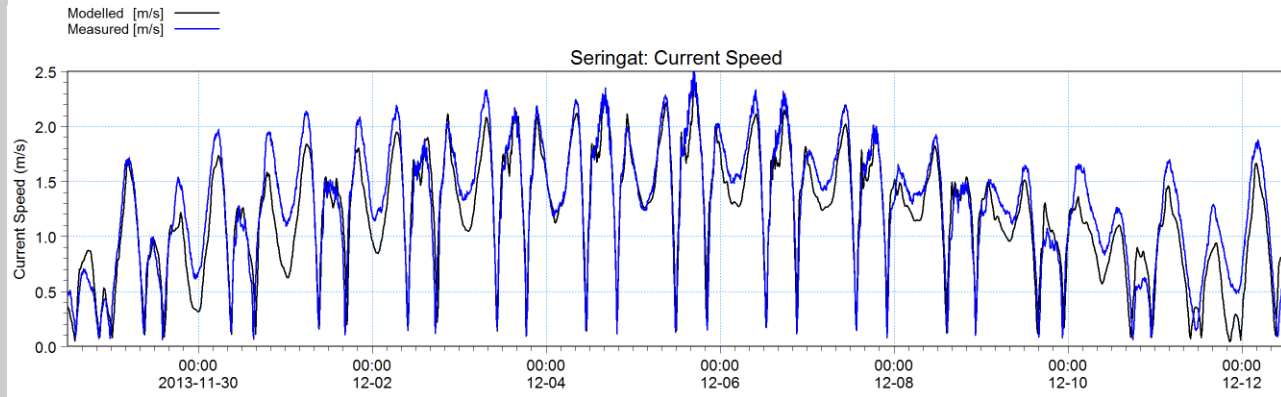
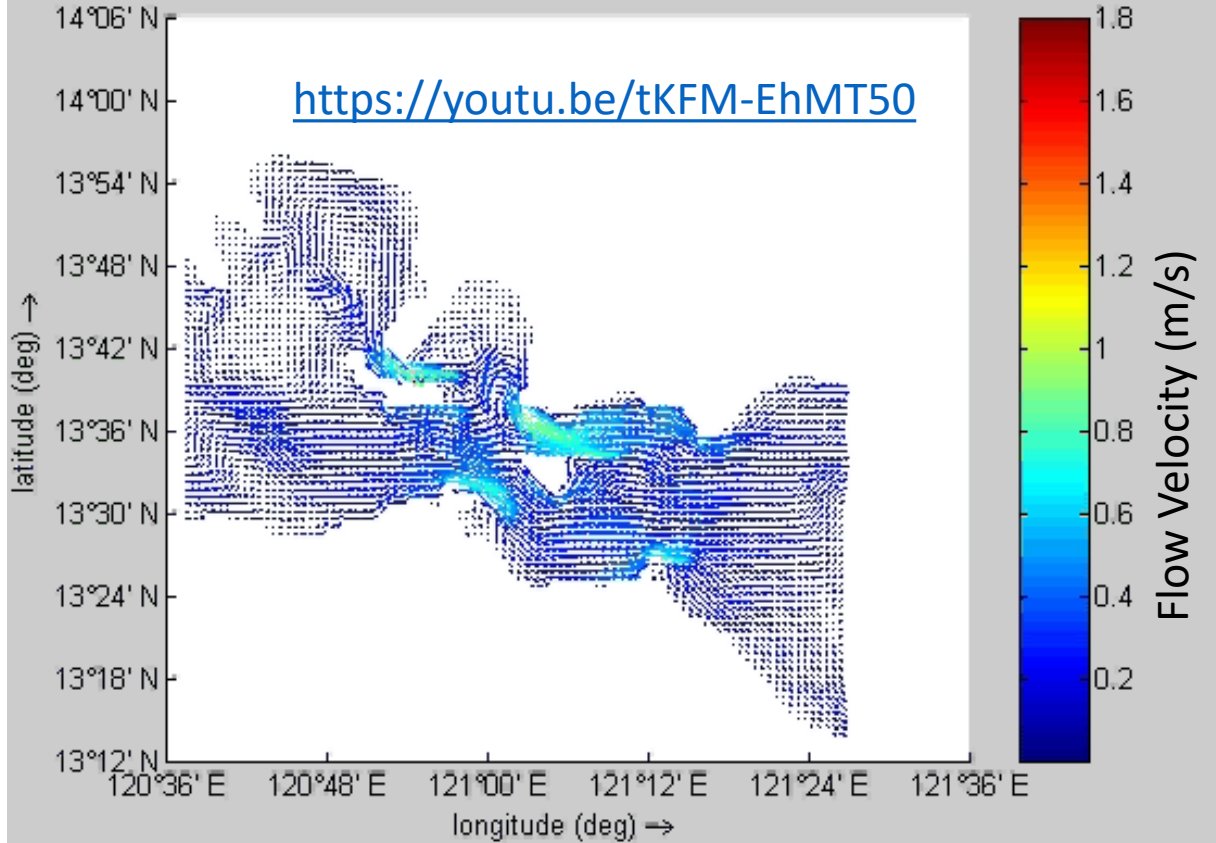




# Tidal Currents: Visualized Examples

velocity (horizontal), magnitude (m/s) in layer 1  
15-Nov-2010 00:00:00

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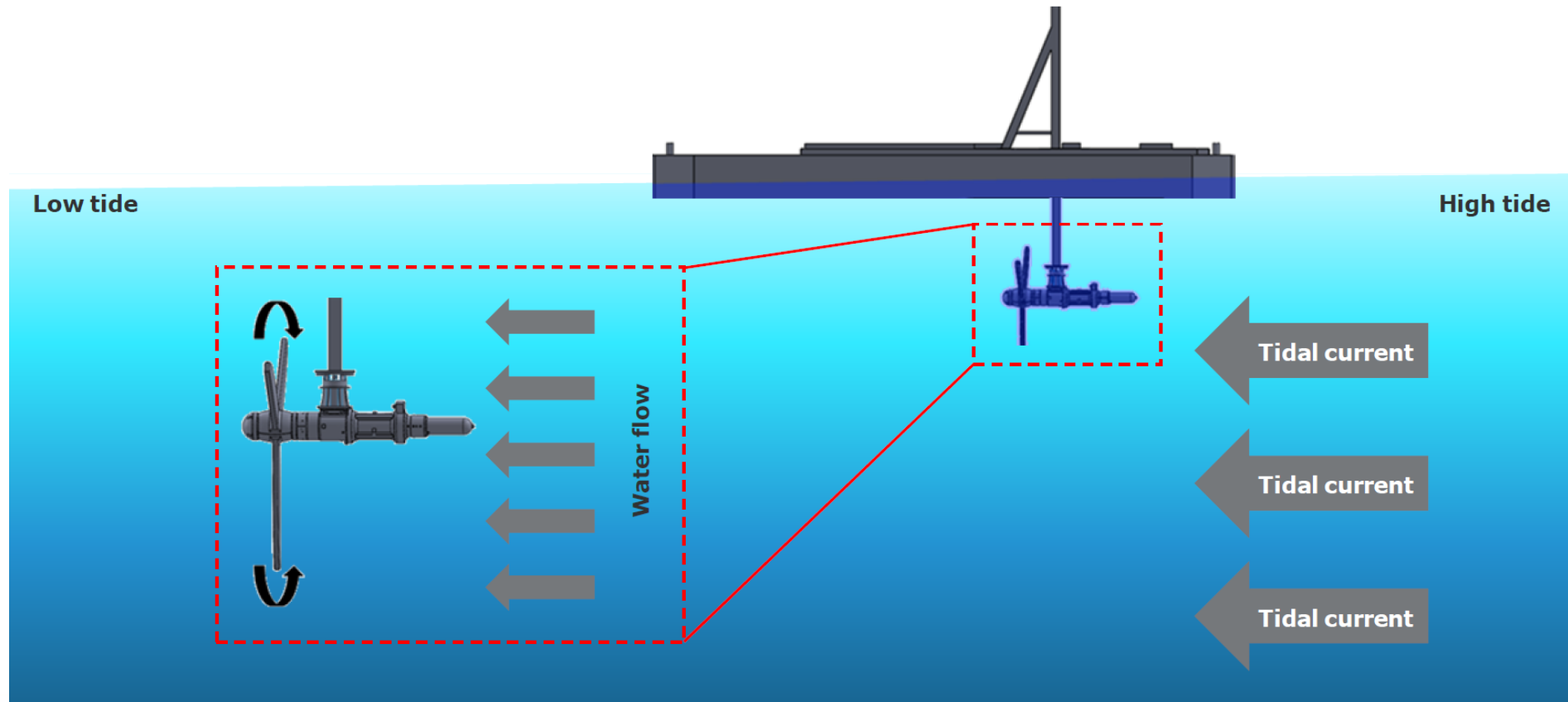




# How tidal in-stream power generation works

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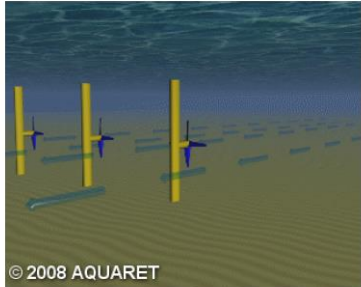
The influence of the moon and sun's gravity on the ocean produces high and low tides which create tidal currents in the coastal areas. The energy of the current which will drive the turbine rotation is forwarded to the generator and converted into electrical energy.



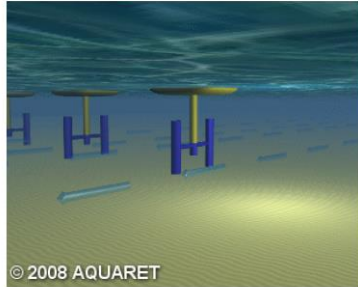


# Flow / Current / In-Stream (e.g. Tidal, Ocean) Technology Type & Examples

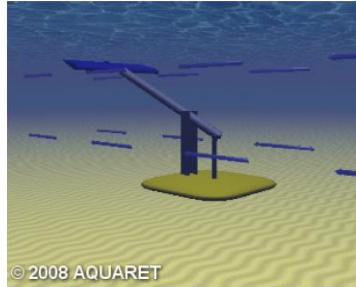
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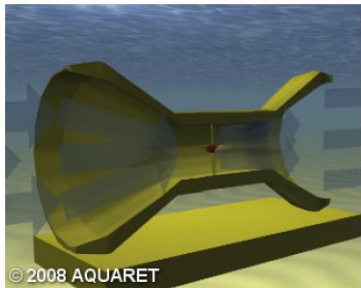
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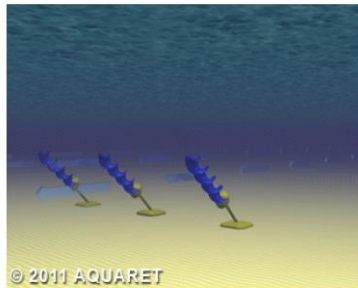
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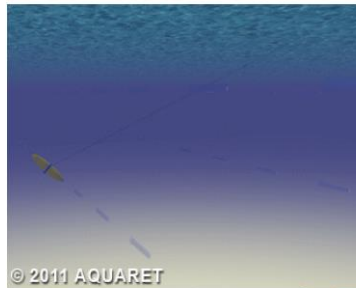
Oscillating hydrofoil



Ducted housing/Venturi



Archimedes Screw



Tidal Kite



Sabella (500kW to 1MW)

SME (280 to 420kW)



Orbital Marine (2MW)



SIMEC Atlantis (2MW)



Nova Innovation (100kW)



ENVIROTEK Demo: 70kW



Minesto(50kW)

New Energy Corp.



Guinard (3.5kW to 20kW)



Mako (~5kW to 20kW)



ORPC



New Energy Corp.

# TIDAL IN-STREAM ENERGY DEMONSTRATION IN SG (50kW)

**Client:** Envirotek Pte Ltd **Collaborators:** Schottel Hydro, OceanPixel, LitaOcean, Sentosa, Aquatera, Orcades Marine, ITP, Braemar Offshore

**Start:** November 2015 **Deployment:** February 2017 **End:** February 2018



**OceanPixel**

# Envirotek Tidal Demo Project in Singapore (~3mins)

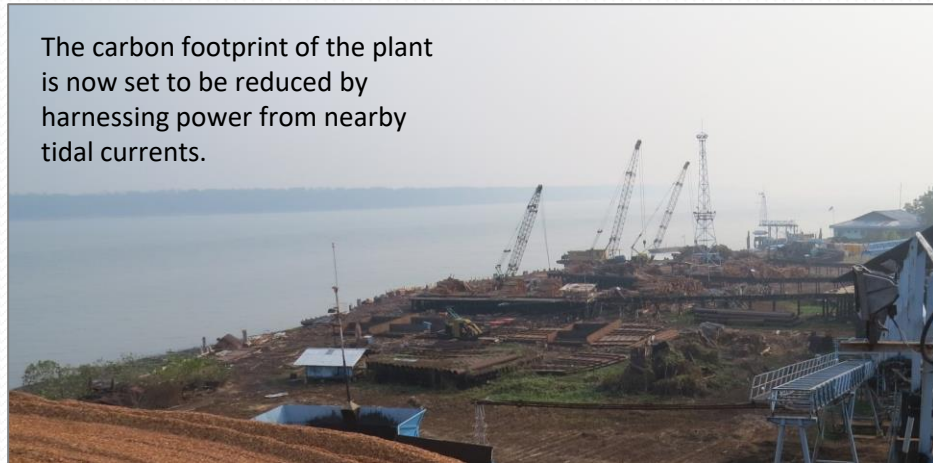
## Singapore Tidal Energy Demonstration Project



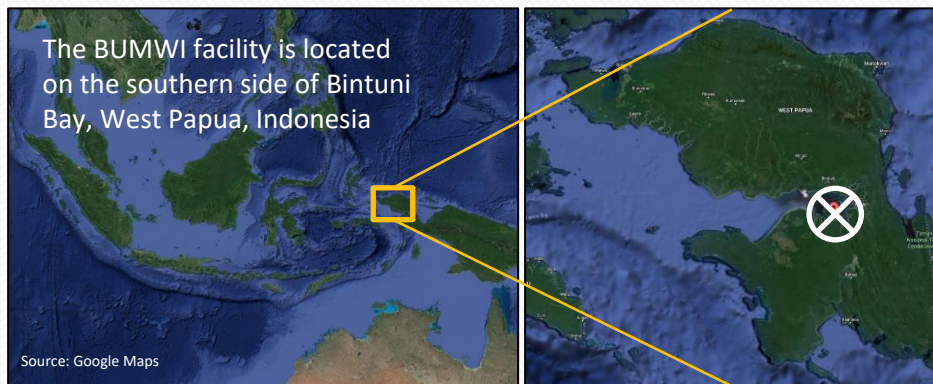
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BUMWI's mangrove chipping operation in West Papua is the first of its kind to receive sustainability certification from the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC®).



The carbon footprint of the plant is now set to be reduced by harnessing power from nearby tidal currents.



The BUMWI facility is located on the southern side of Bintuni Bay, West Papua, Indonesia

Source: Google Maps

## Tidal power in West Papua, Indonesia



Initiated by:



GREEN FOREST  
PRODUCT &  
TECHNOLOGY

**PT. Bintuni Utama  
Murni Wood Industries  
(BUMWI)**

Supported by:

**OceanPixel**



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aquatera  
environmental services and products



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The project approach combines appropriate technology with local content and know-how.

The tidal turbine is suspended below a floating barge in a simple and robust arrangement which allows for straightforward inspection and maintenance and can be easily replicated.

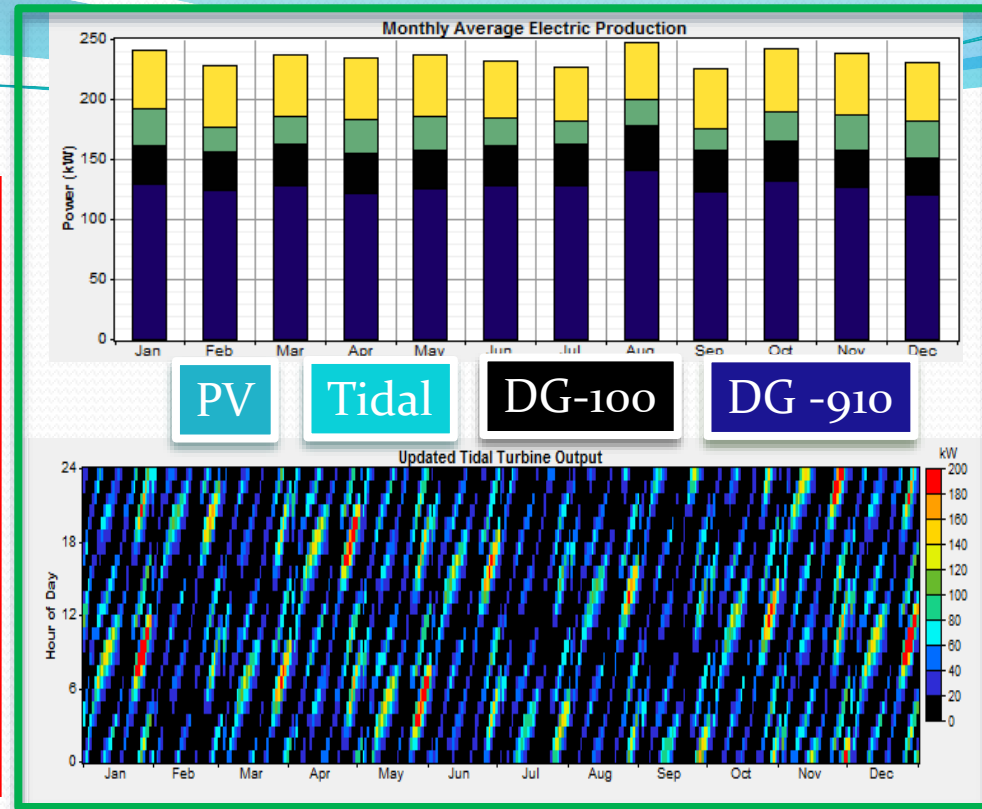
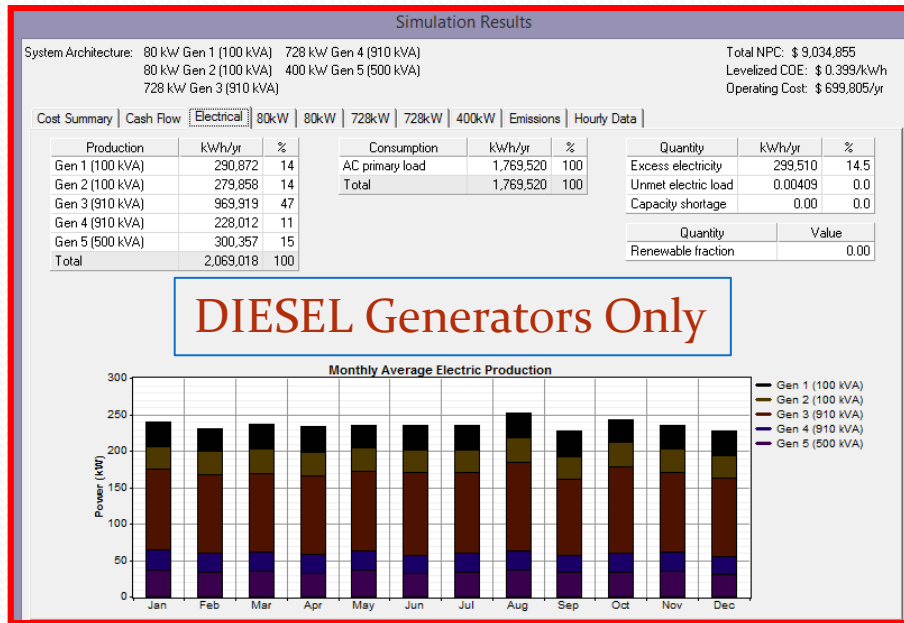


The project has proven the capability of a multi-company team to develop, implement and successfully deploy a tidal turbine in one of the most remote and areas of Indonesia.

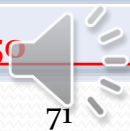
The installation of Schottel Hydro's 50kW turbine in West Papua is a significant step on the journey to use marine renewables to de-carbonise energy supplies across the region.



# Case Study: Hybrid System for an Island Micro-Grids



Power System Config.	RE Fraction	Excess Electricity	LCOE (USD/kWh)
<b>Diesel GenSets (910, 100 kVA) + Batt (576kWh) + Solar (300kWp) + Tidal (200kWp)</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>0.368</b>
Diesel GenSets (910kVA, 100 kVA) + Batt (720kWh) + Solar (600kWp)	38.6%	20.1%	0.386
Diesel GenSets (910kVA, 100 kVA)+Batt.(1440kWh)	0.0 %	2.47%	0.456
Diesel GenSets (2x 910, 500, 100 kVA)	0.0 %	14.5%	<b>0.50</b>





# Philippines' Potential Sites for Tidal In-Stream and Wave Energy

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Philippines has more than 7 thousand islands, including remote islands which either do not have electricity access or rely heavily on diesel power generation. Some of these areas are suitable for tidal in-stream and wave energy power generation development.

## Philippines' tidal in-stream and wave energy potential

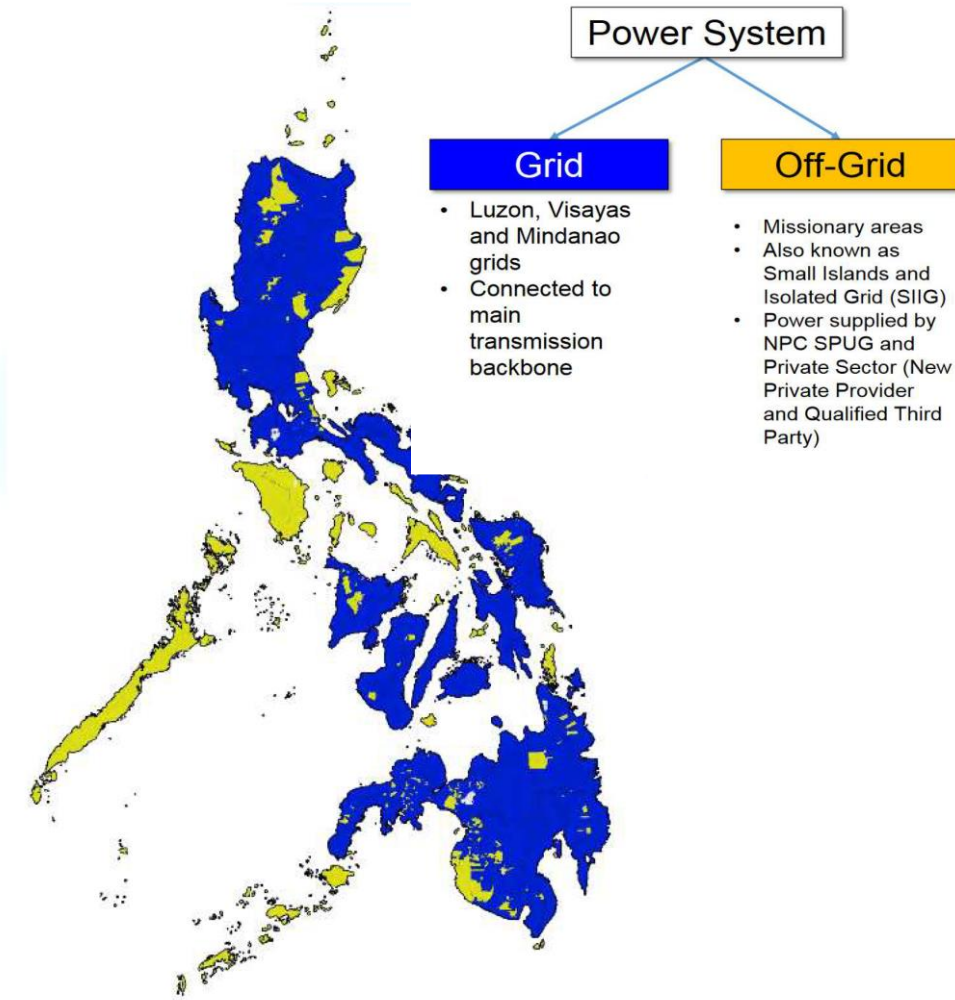
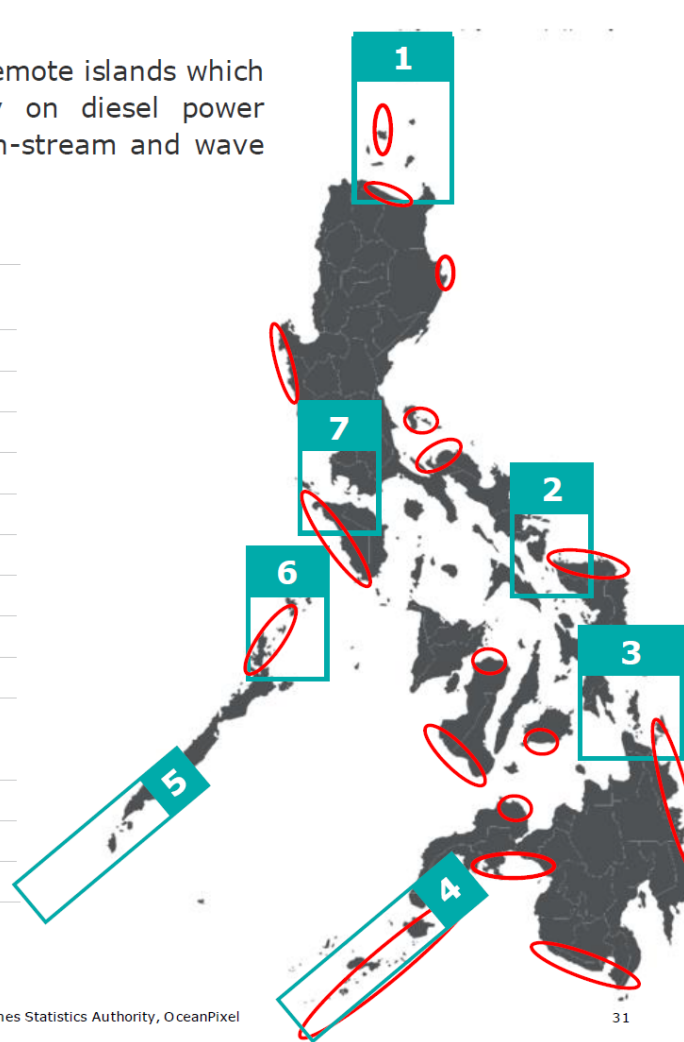
No	Province / Region	Electrification rate*	Population (million)
1	Cagayan / II	91.8%	1.20
	Catanduanes / V	88.7%	0.26
2	Sorsogon / V	88.7%	0.79
	Northern Samar / VIII	87.2%	0.63
3	Southern Leyte / VIII	87.2%	0.42
	Surigao del Norte / XIII/Caraga	93.8%	0.49
4	Basilan / ARMM	38.7%	0.35
	Sulu / ARMM	38.7%	0.82
5	Tawi-tawi / ARMM	38.7%	0.39
	Palawan / IV-B	82.2%	0.85
6	Batangas / IV-A	96.3%	2.69
	Occidental Mindoro / IV-B	82.2%	0.49
7	Oriental Mindoro / IV-B	82.2%	0.84

■ identified tidal current energy reserves

○ identified wave energy reserves

\* electrification rate are identified in Region level

Source: Energy Research Institute at Nanyang Technological University, Philippines Department of Energy, Philippines Statistics Authority, OceanPixel



# Philippines Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) Resource Maps

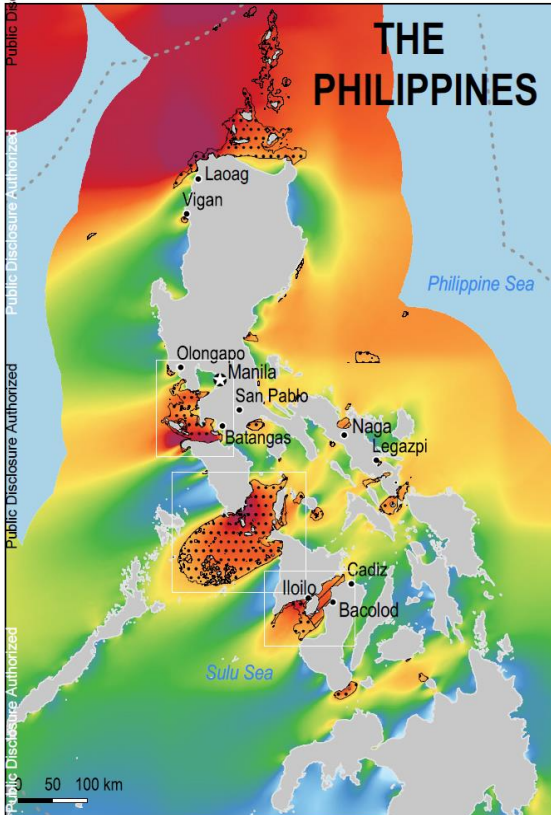
<https://www.energytransitionpartnership.org/resource/marine-renewable-energy-in-the-philippines-sustainable-energy-from-ocean-spaces-and-resources/>

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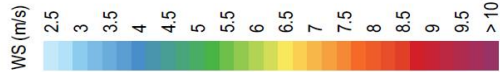
## Offshore Wind Technical Potential in the Philippines

RISE score: 62

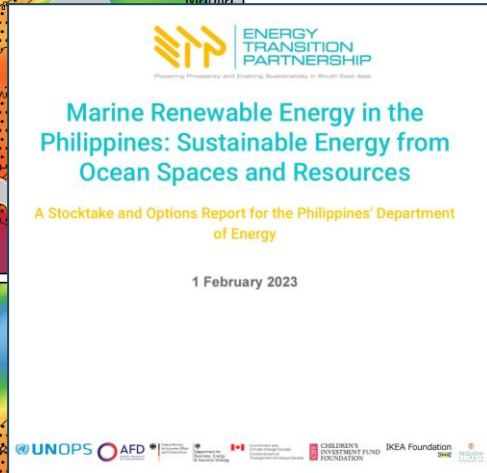
Fixed: 18 GW || Floating: 160 GW || Total: 178 GW



- ▨ Fixed (water depth < 50m)
- ▨ Floating (water depth < 1000m)
- - - Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)



Ocean Renewable Energy Potential:  
**170GW Estimated**



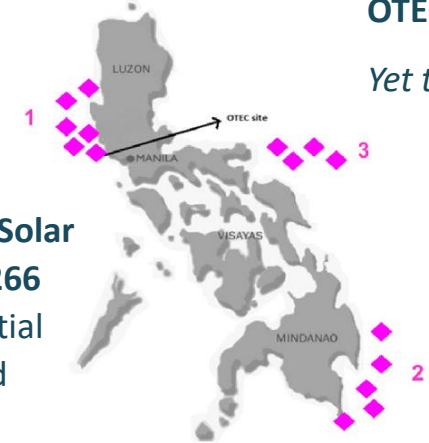
Tidal In-Stream (Current)  
At least ~40 to 60GW of practically extractable resource



Marine/Offshore Solar  
Estimated to be **266 GWp**. Huge potential for near-shore and calm bay areas.

OTEC Potential

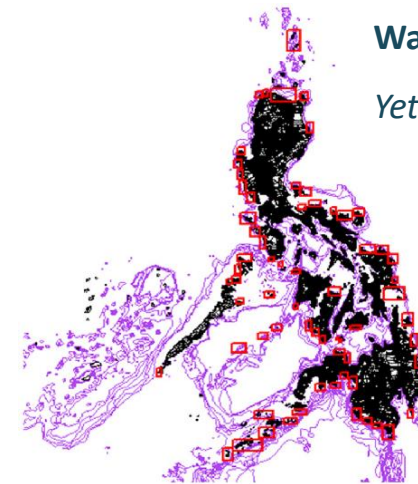
*Yet to be quantified*



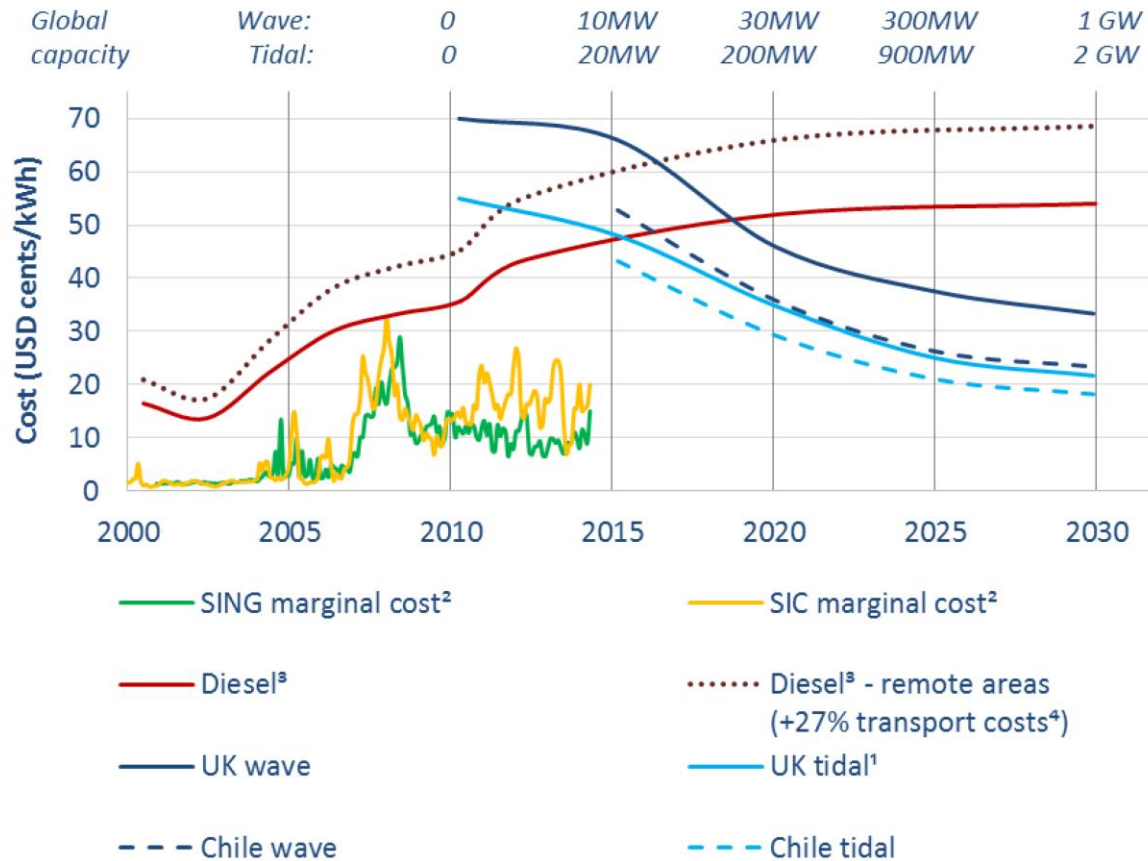
OTEC Route to Grid Parity

Wave Potential

*Yet to be quantified*



# Wave and tidal



Sources: <sup>1</sup>Carbon Trust; <sup>2</sup>CNE; <sup>3</sup>World Bank/Bloomberg; <sup>4</sup>Chilean Ministry of Energy

## Marine energy markets:



**LONG TERM**  
Grid electricity



**MEDIUM TERM**  
Diesel replacement;  
water pumping and desalination  
(mines)



**SHORT TERM**  
Remote diesel replacement



In the HYBRIDShip project of Fiskestrand Holding launched in 2016, a diesel-powered ferry was converted to hydrogen.



"Energy Observer" is currently touring the world to demonstrate the potential of hydrogen as a power source.

# Electrification of Maritime Transportation – “E-Boats”

**Asset** – Electric outrigger vessel: pilot and market demonstration

**Vision** – a clear transition to green maritime transport solutions, supported by sustainable business ecosystems which help protect marine and coastal resources and communities

**Overview** – The incubation and delivery of this asset will increase the long-term sustainability of marine ecotourism, fishing and maritime transport in ‘sustainable island states’ by replacing traditional diesel engine boats by low carbon fleets and vessels with clean, affordable and reliable electric propulsion systems, which can be charged locally using renewable energy-based electrical infrastructure.

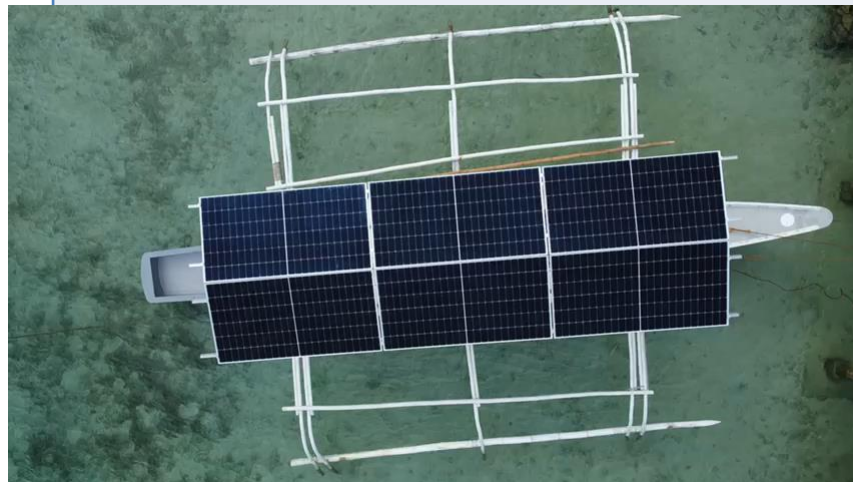
**Opportunity** – through this asset, the Company can establish itself at the forefront of the decarbonation of maritime transport sectors with key local delivery partners in South East Asia. Roll-out and scaled uptake of the asset will also require local renewable energy generation to support charging and other associated infrastructure, creating wider opportunities for the Company and its partners.



*Traditional passenger ferry, Samal, Philippines*



*Traditional whale watching boat, Donsol, Philippines*





# I-PURE: Integration of Productive Uses of Renewable Energy Mindanao, Philippines

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The inextricable linkage between water, energy, and food



### I-PURE MINDANAO

Integration of Productive Uses of Renewable Energy for Inclusive and Sustainable Energization in Mindanao



**PURE TAWI-TAWI**  
Sitangkai and Sibutu, Tawi-Tawi  
Solar Powered Seaweeds Dryer



**TAWELCO Barangay Line Extension Project**  
2184 Households  
Sibutu and Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi

**PURE PICONG**  
Picong, Landao Del Sur  
Solar Powered Water Pump



**PURE KALAMANSIG**  
Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat  
Solar Powered Coffee Dryer and Miller



**PURE LEBAK**  
Lebak, Sultan Kudarat  
Solar Powered Water



**PURE BAGUMBAYAN**  
Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat  
Solar-powered Corn Sheller and Miller



**PURE TULUNAN**  
Tulunan, North Cotabato  
Solar Powered Corn Sheller and Miller



**PURE ARAKAN**  
Arakan, North Cotabato  
Solar Powered Corn Sheller and Miller



**PURE KIDAPAWAN**  
Solar-powered rice miller



**PURE GLAN**  
Glan, Sarangani Province  
Solar-Powered Ice Maker



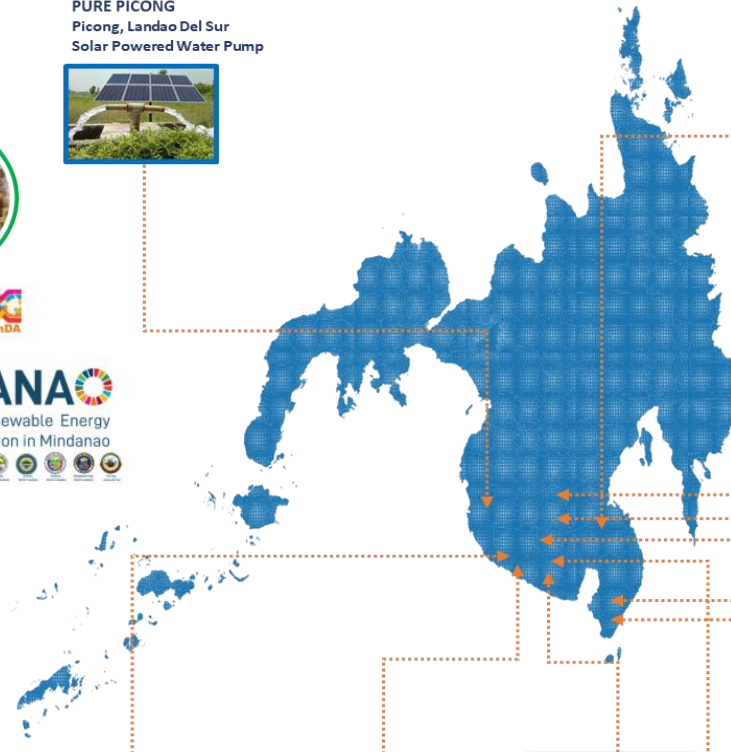
**COTELCO PVM**  
1500 Households  
Locations TBD



**PURE NINYO AQUINO**  
Ninoy Aquino, Sultan Kudarat  
Solar-Powered Water Pump



**SOCOTECO II PVM**  
1577 Households  
Glan, Sarangani Province





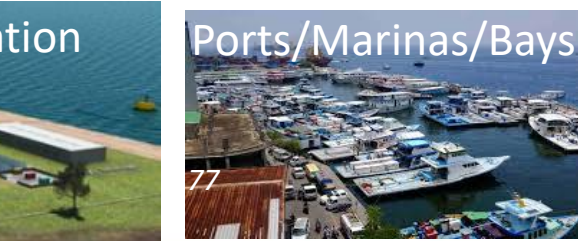
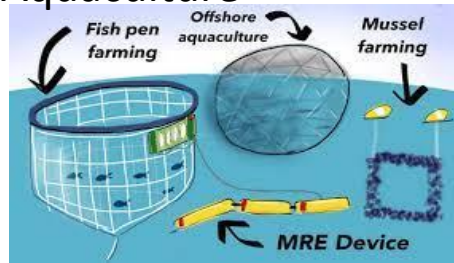
# Scoping Demo and Pilot Project Options

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## Transportation

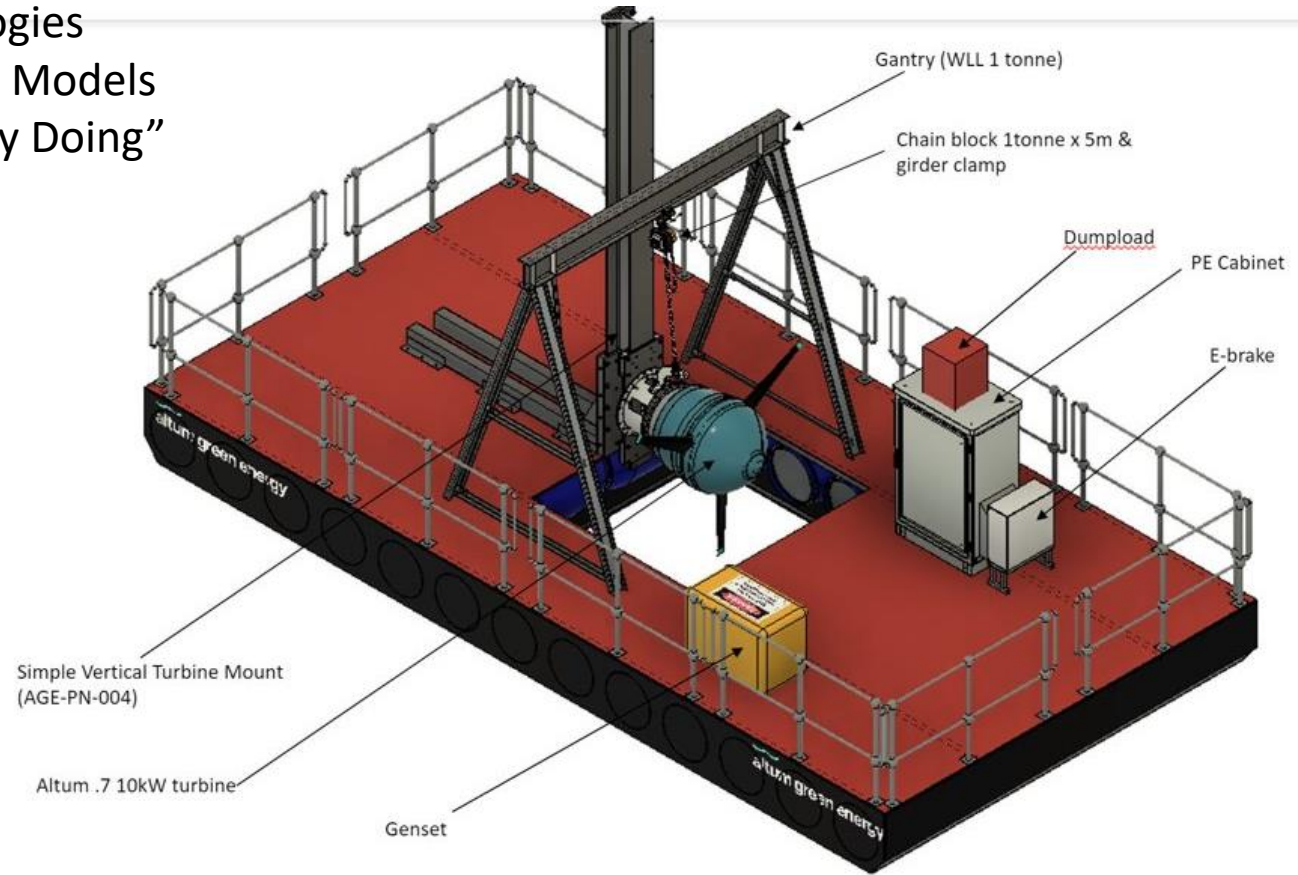


## Aquaculture



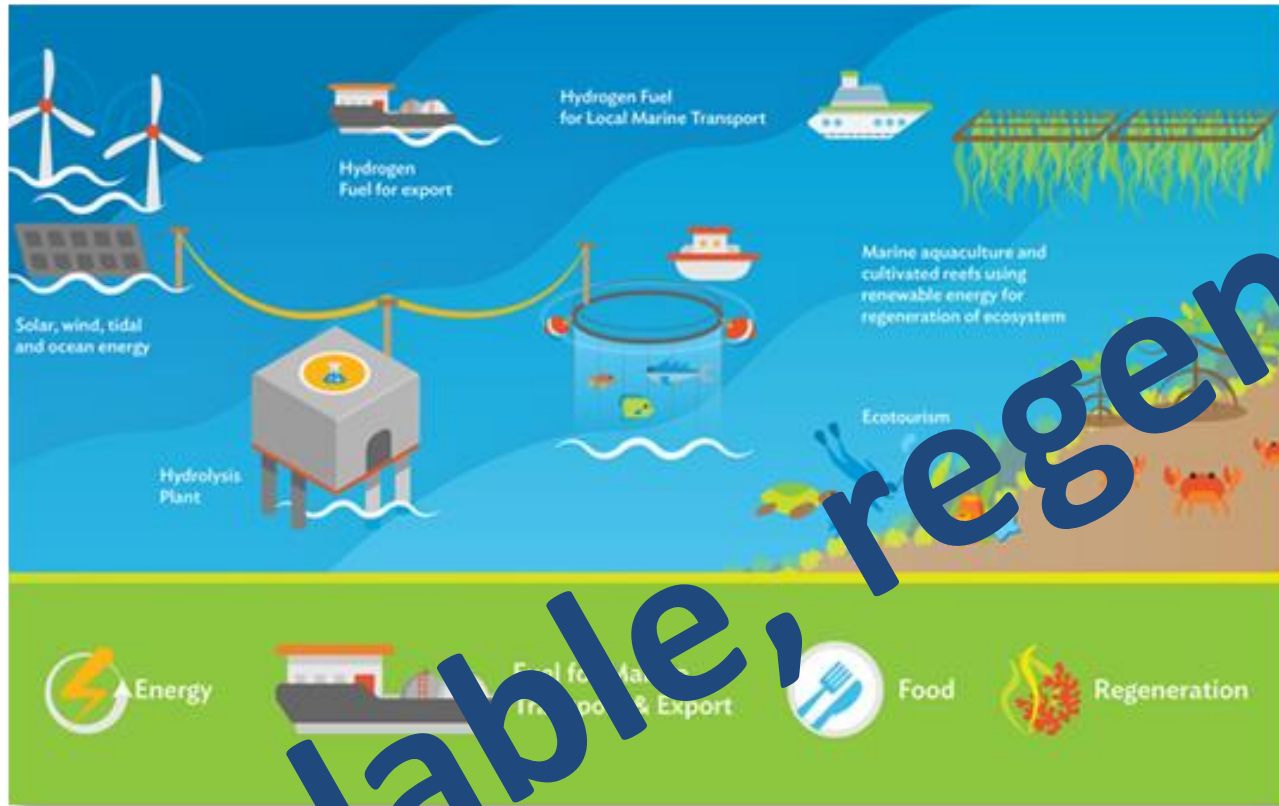
Testbedding  
Other Innovations  
Technologies  
Business Models  
“Learn by Doing”

Marine Renewable Energy: Tidal In-Stream  
(and/or others: Marine Solar, Offshore Wind, Wave)





# MARES – principles in action



- Harnessing marine renewable energy
  - Ocean thermal energy conversion
  - Floating solar renewable energy
- Using MRE to regenerate coral reefs
- Next generation marine aquaculture
- Green marine hydrogen
- Rigs to reefs for ocean regeneration

[ADB Data Room - MARES](#)

MARES starts with marine renewable energy...

# MARES – integrated planning is key



Platform for marine spatial planning  
Supported by the European Union  
WESTMED blue economy initiative

### MSP as a booster for Blue Economy

Ensuring a coherent planning across the Western Mediterranean region

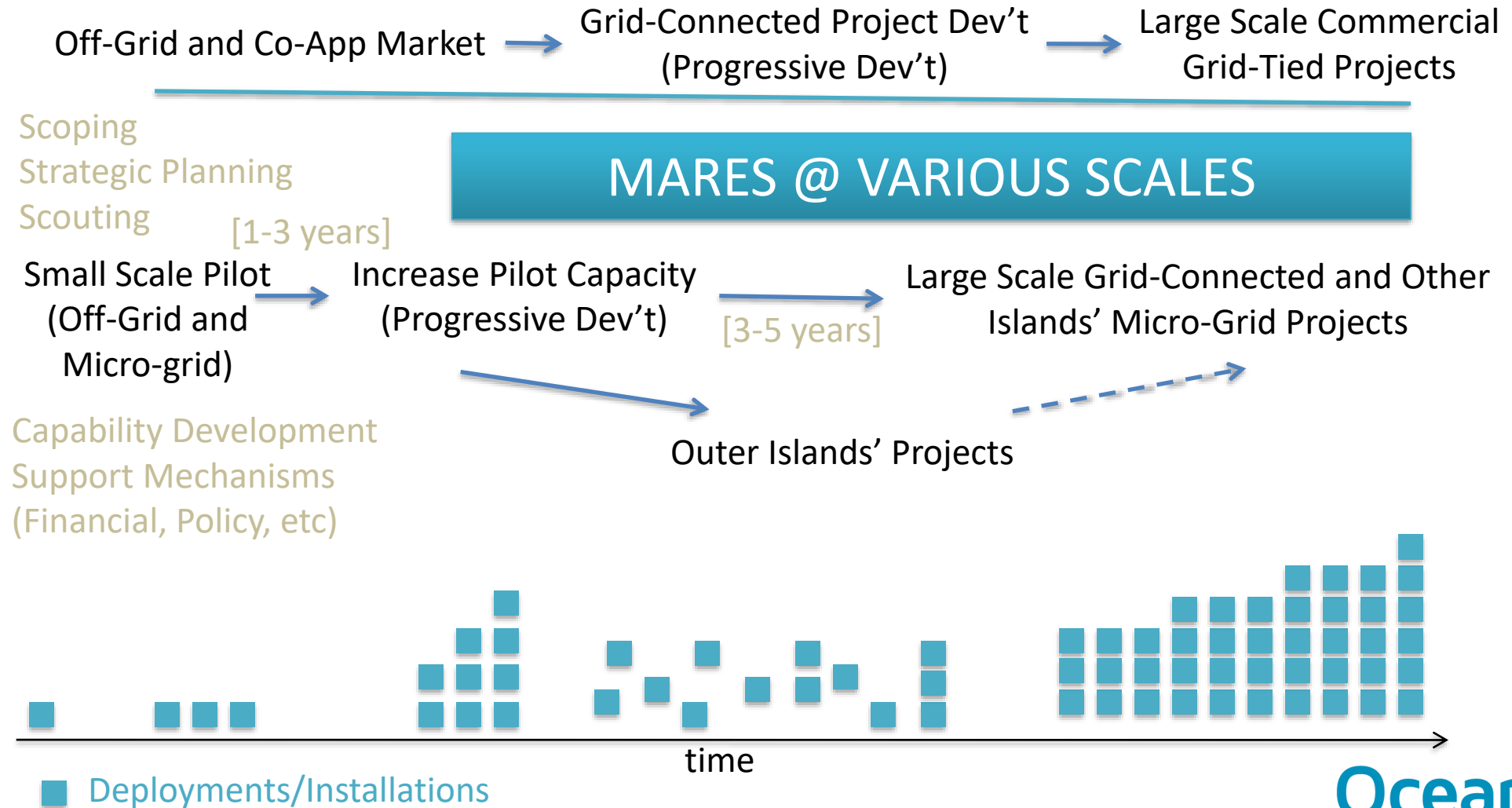
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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S  
**MARINE SPATIAL PLAN FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY**  
THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE AFFAIRS



# Hybridized Progressive Blue Economy Dev't Pathways

MARES: Marine Aquaculture, Reefs, Renewable Energy, and Ecotourism for Ecosystem Services



# Treasures and Troubles

## Navigating the High Blue Seas

### Too few fish, too many mouths to feed

Filipinos Seafood Consumption falling from **36 kg per capita annually (1993)** to **14.32 kg per capita (2018-2019)**

### Philippines' Untapped Marine Riches

Despite exceptional biological wealth, there are many undiscovered species and untapped potential for biotechnological applications. Based on primary and available secondary data, the marine ecosystems (excluding the continental shelf) can contribute a conservative monetary value of **US\$ 966.6 billion** to the economy (Azanza et.al., 2017)

- Blue Carbon
- Marine Pharmaceuticals e.g. .for cancer management
- Marine Cosmetics and Personal Care
- Marine Biotechnology
- Marine Minerals

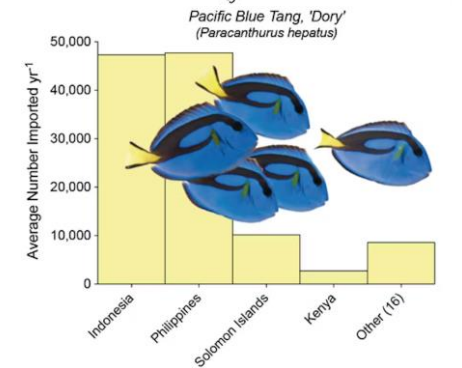
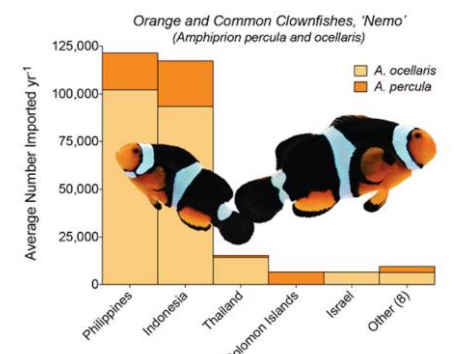
### Rich Seas, Poor Fishers

**Php 9,804**  
Ave. skilled fishery workers earning per month, the lowest wage rate across occupations in the country (PSA, 2022)

**1.6 million**  
people contributing PhP 196 billion country's GDP for fisheries (SEAFDEC, 2018)

### FINDING NEMO AND DORY

Cyanide fishing involves the addition of poison into the water in order to stun the fish. Once they have been collected, they can later be sold as live fish. © H. Hall/SeaTops.com



**1,200 marine species** marine ornamental species traded in the Philippines

**8.9 million, 3,957 MT** individuals and volume of marine ornamental animals exchanged per year, contributing **PHP 208,165,576 (FOB)** in the country's annual trade

**98-100%** Percentage of wild-caught native/endemic marine ornamental species traded/exported (Muyot et.al, 2019)

### CORE PROBLEMS

- Overfishing
- Marine Pollution
- Unsustainable Coastal Development
- Access to Finance and Technology
- Competing Interests and Stakeholder Conflicts
- Poverty
- Climate Change
- Food, Energy, and Water Security
- Loss of marine biodiversity
- Exacerbation of destructive practices for fishing
- Alteration of biota in ecosystems
- Population growth
- Lack of regulation and Enforcement
- Limited Awareness and Education
- Ocean Governance and International Cooperation



# Seizing the tide of possibilities

## BLUE ECONOMY: oceans as the next great economic frontier

The UN specifies Blue Economy as a range of economic activities related to oceans, seas and coastal areas, and whether these activities are sustainable and socially equitable.

### A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY:

Restores, protects and maintains the diversity, productivity, resilience, core functions, and intrinsic value of marine ecosystems — the natural capital upon which its prosperity depends.

Is based on clean technologies, renewable energy, and circular material flows to secure economic and social stability over time, while keeping within the limits of one planet.

Provides social and economic benefits for current and future generations by contributing to food security, poverty eradication, livelihoods, income, employment, health, safety, equity, and political stability.



ocean.panda.org



Collaborative, Research, Education, and Stewardship for Transformative Ocean Initiative

is a **Blue Ecosystem Cluster Builder** that focused on fostering sustainable development and conservation of marine ecosystems within the framework of the blue economy. It aims to promote a harmonious balance between economic growth, improved livelihoods, and environmental health.

### VISION AND OBJECTIVES

To create a future where our oceans thrive and flourish in harmony with sustainable economic activities. It envisions a world where collaborative efforts, cutting-edge research, and responsible stewardship of marine resources lead to thriving marine ecosystems, vibrant coastal communities, and a prosperous blue economy. Ocean CREST strives for a future where the benefits of the ocean are harnessed responsibly, ensuring the well-being of both present and future generations.

#### Key Objectives:

- Sustainable Development
- Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Policy Advocacy
- Capacity building and knowledge sharing



# Blue Projects and Technologies

PRODUCTION FISHERIES & MARICULTURE



Location: USC Marine Station, Maribago, Lapu-lapu City

The **OCEAN CREST LAB**, is a groundbreaking initiative in transformative regenerative mariculture practices. This state-of-the-art facility pioneers sustainable methods that drive innovation across multiple sectors in **seafood, marine ornamental, pharmaceuticals, food additives, nutraceuticals, and cosmetics.**

PORTERAGE MARITIME TRANSPORT

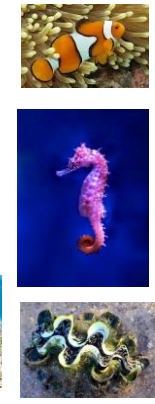


Location: Metro Cebu

POWER FOR PRODUCTIVE USE  
OCEAN / MARINE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY  
FOR FOOD, TRANSPORT,  
WATER (Desalination)



PROTECTION & CONSERVATION & RESTORATION



MARINE ANIMAL RESCUE



POLICY OCEAN GOVERNANCE & S



CARBON ASSET INVENTORY MONITORING PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

PHARMACEUTICALS  
MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY

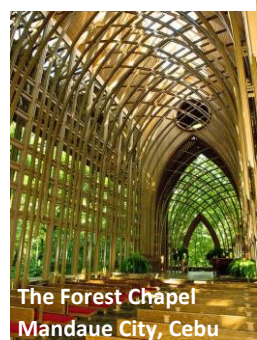
Marine Medicine: Uncovering the Cancer Pharmacy beneath the waves



*In vitro* investigating of anticancer activity of **focuxanthin** from marine brown seaweed species



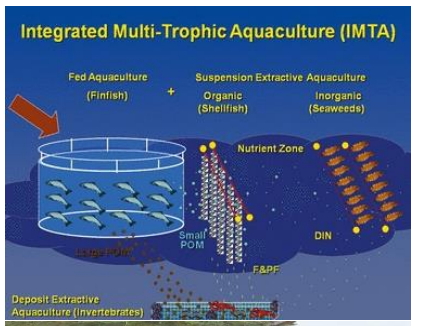
PLEASURE REGENERATIVE TOURISM



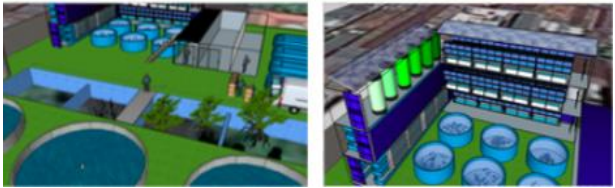
The Forest Chapel Mandaue City, Cebu



Mandaue's 73-hectare mangrove forest as aregenerative mangrove tourism area



IMTA Grow-out facility





# Riding the sustainable tide: Anticipated Impacts from Ocean 'CREST' Commitments

Climate Change Mitigation | Biodiversity Conservation | Pioneering Research & Dev't  
Enhancing Food + Energy + Water Security & Supply of Sustainable Raw Materials  
Advancing Sustainability Promoting Economic Growth | Public Awareness and Education  
Ocean Literacy | Conservation of Marine Biodiversity | Community Empowerment | Policy Influence

**Sustainability + Impact Investment**  
**USD ~5M (PhP ~285M)**  
**5-year program ( >10 projects)**

**C- Conscientious.** We commit to promoting and supporting sustainable economic activities that utilize ocean resources responsibly. This involves identifying and promoting industries such as sustainable fisheries, marine tourism, renewable energy, and aquaculture that contribute to the blue economy while minimizing negative impacts on marine ecosystems.

**R - Regeneration.** We will actively engage with various stakeholders, including local communities, vulnerable groups, businesses, and government agencies. By involving these stakeholders, our project aims to foster collaboration, ensure inclusivity, and leverage diverse perspectives to create effective strategies for sustainable blue ecosystem management.

**E – Enabling.** We actively contribute to policy discussions and advocacy efforts related to the blue economy and marine conservation. Ocean CREST provides scientific expertise, research findings, and recommendations to policymakers, aiming to influence the development and implementation of regulations and policies that support sustainable ocean management.

**S- Safeguarding.** We emphasize the conservation and restoration of marine ecosystems. This includes implementing measures to protect vulnerable habitats, restoring degraded areas, and promoting sustainable fishing practices to ensure the long-term health and resilience of the ocean.

**T – Transformative.** Ocean CREST focuses on enhancing the understanding and capacity of stakeholders in sustainable ocean management. This involves organizing training programs, workshops, and knowledge-sharing initiatives to disseminate best practices, promote awareness of marine conservation issues, and facilitate the adoption of sustainable approaches.

### IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

**>0.300M people** of which majority are local, women and youth, will have livelihood in various sectors, including mariculture operations, processing and packaging, research and development, and tourism-related services. This job creation (direct and indirect) helps stimulate local economies, reduce unemployment rates, and contribute to overall economic well-being.

a significant portion, from **10% up to 100%**, of the stock produced is for the sole purpose of stock enhancement (rewilding).

**10 parks in 10 years** Through careful planning, implementation, and monitoring, the mariculture parks can realize its potential as a model of sustainable aquaculture, benefiting both present and future generations.

**>10M** (USD) annual revenue generation potential that can positively impacts society through job creation, economic growth, social investments, and sustainable practices.





# Building the Sustainable Future Blue Economy

## Enabling MARES

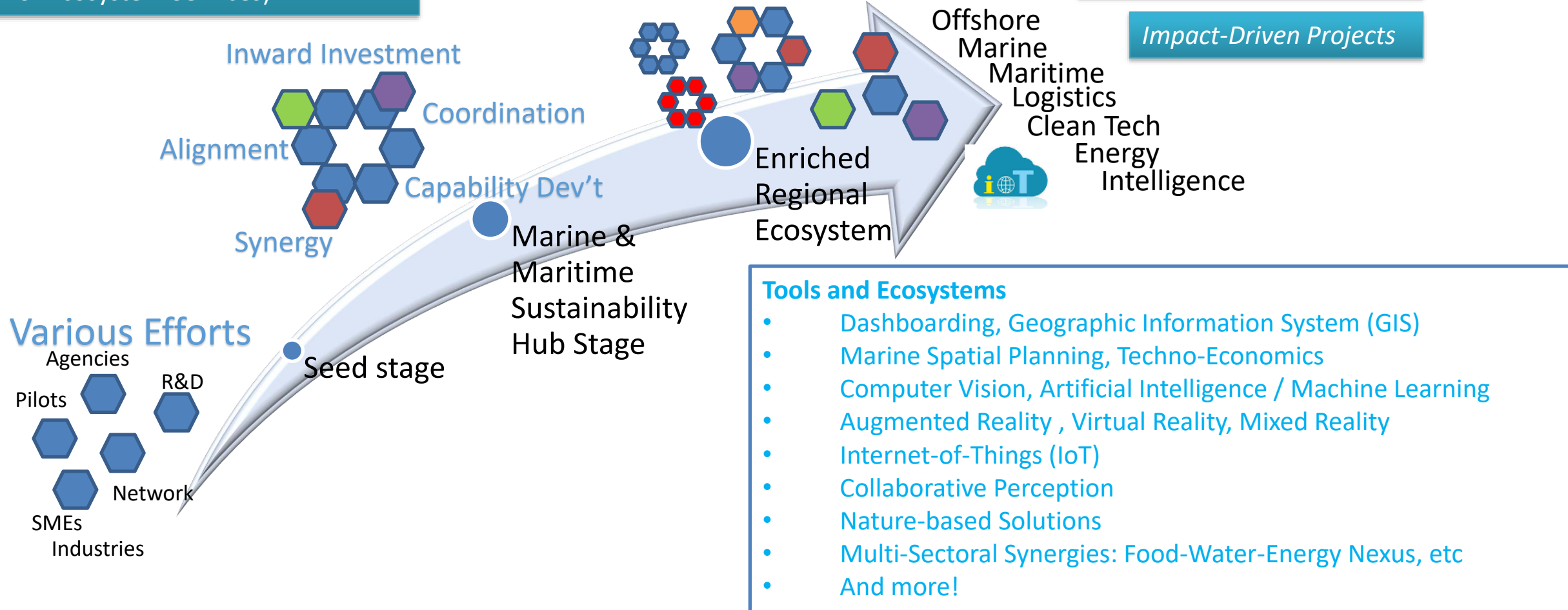
(Marine Aquaculture, Reefs, Renewable Energy, & Ecotourism for Ecosystem Services)

Long-Term Sustainability  
Global Competitiveness  
New Products & Services

Regenerative Marine Industries

Hydrogen Economy, etc

Impact-Driven Projects



# Potential Cohesive, Synergistic, Multi-Function Pilot Projects towards Blue Economy Development



**REEF**  
 STOCK ENHANCEMENT  
 REGENERATION

Ocean/Marine Renewable Energy: Marine Solar, Offshore Wind, Tidal In-Stream, Wave

## Systems and Eco-Systems' Integration

## Transportation

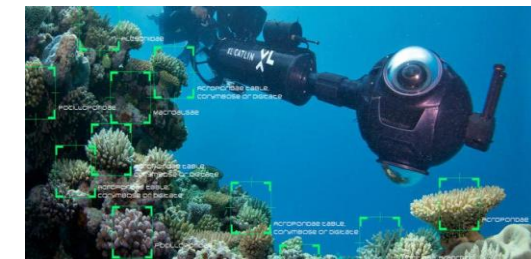
## Ice

## Aquaculture



## Energy Storage

Testbedding  
 Other Innovations  
 Technologies  
 Business Models  
 "Learn by Doing"



## Ports/Marinas/Bays

## Water Production

## Reef Restoration, Marine Area Monitoring

# Summary / Conclusions / Recommendations

## ▶ **Blue Assets Exist (Huge, yet to be tapped Potential)**

- ▶ Food, Energy, Water, Marine Space, and more!

- ▶ Mangroves, Seagrass, Coral, Seaweeds,...

- ▶ Marine Solar, Offshore Wind (both already commercially viable), Tidal Currents, and Waves, OTEC, & (maybe) Salinity Gradient

- ▶ Tourism, Transport, Shipping, Fishing, Aquaculture,

- ▶ Need for a **Resource & Expertise Inventory** + Review and Suitability Studies for Pilot Projects

## ▶ **Progressive Development Approach Towards a Blue Economy**

- ▶ Holistic Awareness and Establishment of a Local, Regional, and National **Knowledge Hubs**, Frameworks, & Strategies

- ▶ Leverage the Marine/Maritime Ecosystem of the Country/Region(s)

- ▶ Capability Development - Local Supply Chain (especially Services)

- ▶ Demonstration and Pilot Projects can accelerate the uptake

- ▶ Hybrid Systems and Co-Application will be key to success

## ▶ **“Blue-Greening” Marine and Maritime Ecosystems**

- ▶ Lower Hanging Fruits - Green Vessels, Green Ports, Blue Loops / Clusters, etc

- ▶ **‘Blue Mindset’** for Suite of Applications/Technologies/Solutions/ Sectors - Energy, Transport, Aquaculture, Water, Ice, Tourism, Hydrogen, Blue Carbon, Others?

- ▶ Detailed planning of a Sustainable Integrated Development for Islands and Coasts

Thank You! 😊

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