



Ecological Footprint Policy Application and Case Studies

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Global Footprint Network

Global Footprint Network is an international NGO measuring how the world manages its natural resources and responds to climate change.

OUR MISSION: Help end ecological overshoot by making ecological limits central to decision making by promoting data, tools, and analysis.

The heart of our work is the **ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT**. It measures human demand on nature, expressed as a single, easy-to-understand number that's scalable from a global to individual level. We pioneered this methodology more than 20 years ago and continue to build on the science and design new tools for applying it.

Since 2003 we've engaged with more than **50 nations**, **30 cities**, and **70 global partners** to deliver scientific insights in support of policy and investment decisions.





Our Approach - Global scope with regional programs

Core Work

Research &
Communications

NFA (+MRIO)

Communications

EOD

Footprint Calculator

Open Data Platform

Applications

Operations

Government Engagement

HDI-Footprint Applications

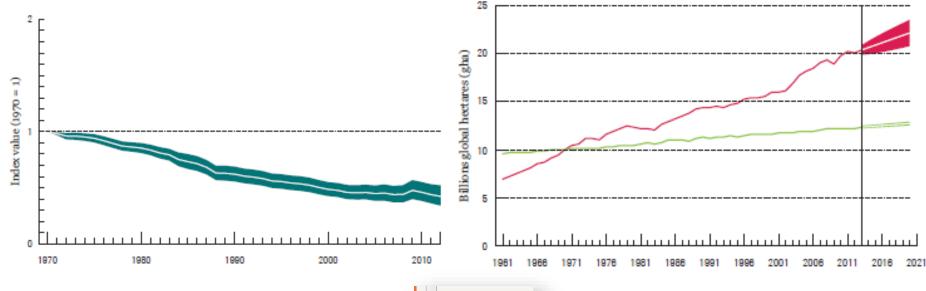
Finance for Change

Fundraising, HR, Finances, Board

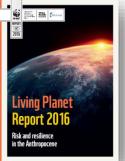




GLOBAL POLICY USE: FOOTPRINT AND BIODIVERSITY



Living Planet Index



Ecological Footprint





































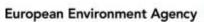
























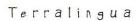




















































The 2010 Biodiversity Target

"to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth"





Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP)

Browse global indicators under the BIP

Aichi Targets

SDGs

MEAs

Themes

National Indicators











Goal B













Goal C















Goal E









See https://www.bipindicators.net/indicators/ecological-footprint





Aichi Target 4: Sustainable production and consumption

By 2020, at the latest, Governments, business and stakeholders at all levels have taken steps to achieve or have implemented plans for sustainable production and consumption and have kept the impacts of use of natural resources well within safe ecological limits.

Primary indicators

- > Ecological Footprint
- > Red List Index (impacts of utilisation)
- > Percentage of Parties with legislation in Category 1 under CITES National Legilsation Project (NLP)
- > MSC Certified Catch
- Ocean Health Index
- > Cumulative Human Impacts on Marine **Ecosystems**
- > Human Appropriation of Net Primary Production (HANPP)











Communicating global progress

3rd edition - Global Biodiversity Outlook

- Flagship IYB product of CBD, 10 May 2010
- Butchart et al. (2010) Science 328: 1164-8, 28 May 2010
- Tittensor et al. (2014) Science 346: 241-4, October 2014

Global Biodiversity: Indicators of Recent Declines

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In 2002, world leaders committed, through the Convention on Biological Diversity, to achieve a significant reduction in the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010. We compiled 31 indicators to report



A mid-term analysis of progress toward international biodiversity targets

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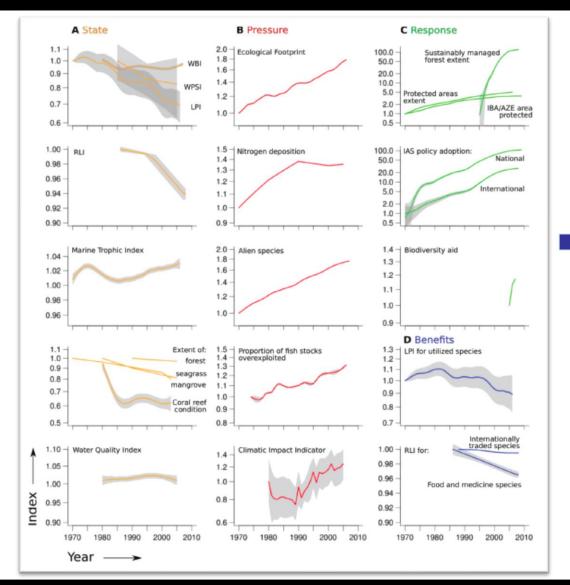


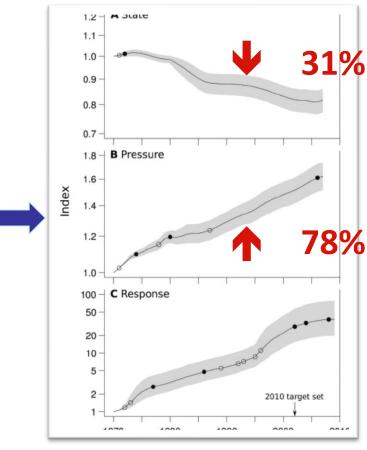












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Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

- EF included in the list of IPBES
 Core Indicators: direct
 (anthropogenic) drivers of
 change in the state of
 biodiversity and ecosystems
 functioning (and their derived
 services) that affect the supply
 of nature's benefit to people.
- EF used in the recent IPBES global assessment report (& regional reports)





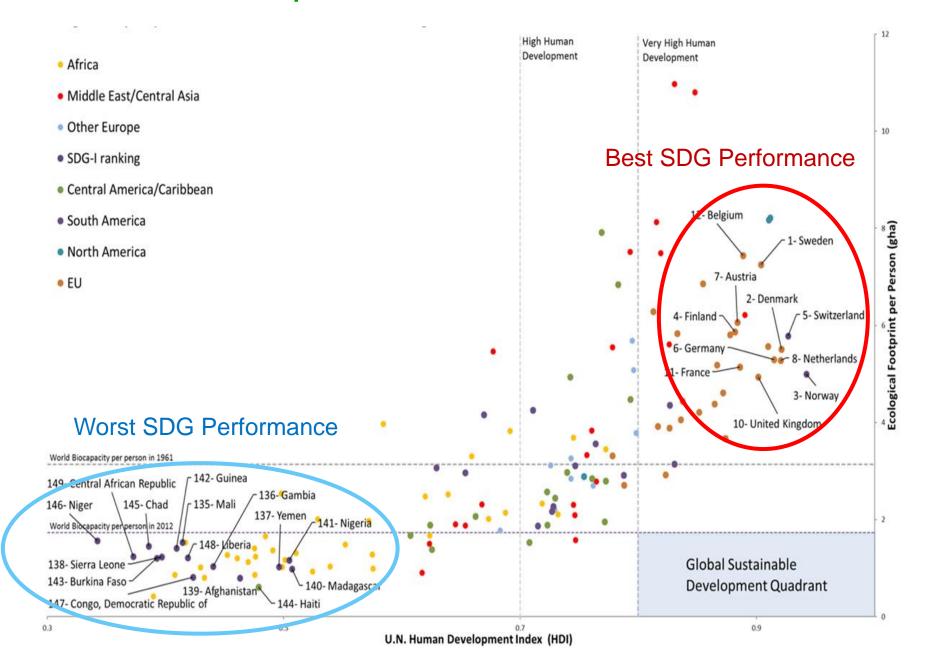


Sustainable Development Goals Ultimate Goal Safe Operating Space PRODUCTION AND CONS **Ultimate**

Ultimate Means



SDG Performance compared to EF-HDI





NATIONAL FOOTPRINT INITIATIVE STEPS



Interpretation

- Capacity building
- Footprint Hotspots
- Identification of areas of intervention
- Dissemination



- Scenario analysis
- SDROI, etc
- Economic implications
- Policy Advice
- Dissemination

Verification

- Data
- Methodology
- Review
- Capacity building
- Media







TECHNICAL CAPACITY (R&D AND POLICY)

- Review NFA results and Footprint methodology (LPR)
- Contribute to advancing the Ecological Footprint methodology
- Suggest improvements for validation from National Accounts Review Committee





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A research agenda for improving national Ecological Footprint accounts

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ABSTRACT

Nation-level Ecological Footprint accounts are currently produced for more than 150 nations, with multiple calculations available for some nations. The data sets that result from these national assessments typically serve as the basis for Footprint calculations at smaller scales, including those for regions, cities, businesses, and individuals. Global Footprint Accounts's National Footprint Accounts, supported and used by more than 70 major organizations worldwide, contain the most widely used national accounting methodology today. The National Footprint Accounts calculations are undergoing

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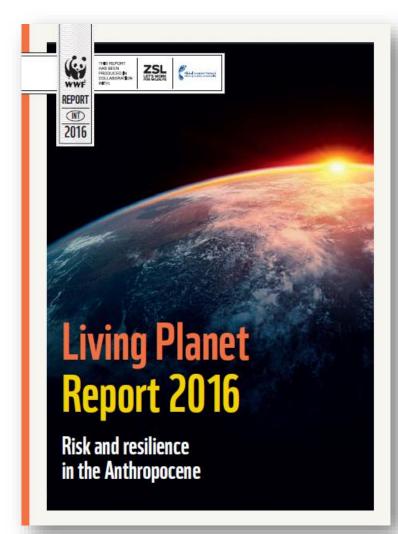




COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- Managing the vast media opportunities that come with taking on an Initiative at a national scale (e.g., Living Planet Report).
- Assist tech team in building capacity on local media
- Online national Footprint calculator
- Use outcomes/messages for awareness campaigns
- Brief selected key stakeholders on Footprint results and message









THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING UNIVERSITIES FROM START

- Inclusion of highest technical University / College will ensure:
 - Long term life of the Initiative
 - Sustained knowledge transfer
 - Build future capacity
 - Institutionalization
 - Contribute to global dialogue
 - Source for pupils and researchers
 - Create generation of active participants
 - Adding value via local knowledge



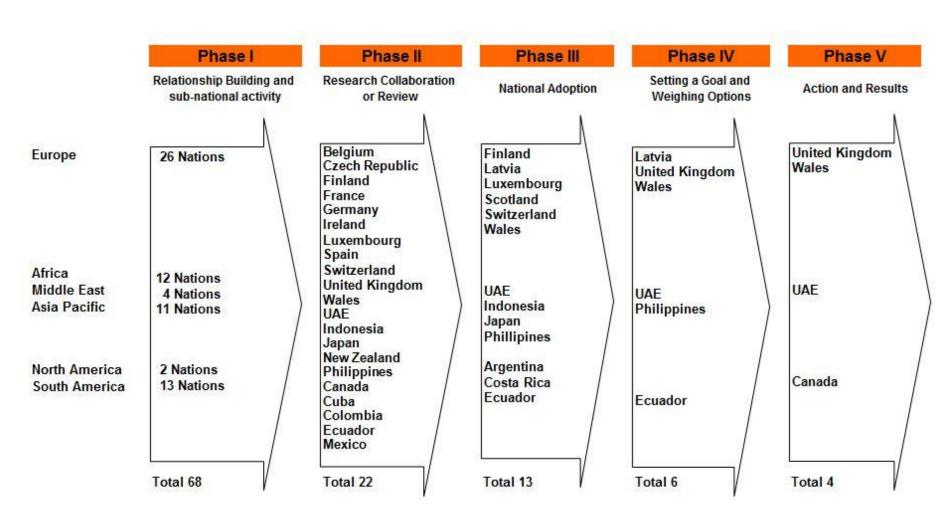
Same is true for the Civil Society



Our work with nations









UAE ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT INITIATIVE











Partners of the Ecological Footprint Initiative

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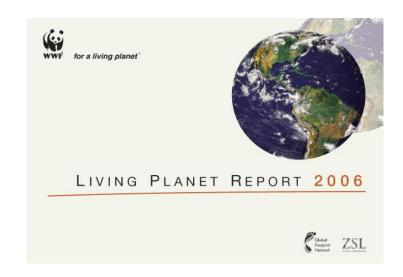


Global Footprint Network



Why the UAE started the Al Basama Al Beeiya (Ecological Footprint) Initiative?

- UAE interest in understanding and measuring sustainability began at the World Economic Forum in Davos (Switzerland) in 2006, where the Environmental Performance Index was presented (UAE ranked as 47th out of 133 countries).
- This interest was reinforced with the launch of the Living Planet Report 2006 which ranked UAE as the country with the highest per capita Ecological
 Footprint amongst over 150 countries.













The publishing of the LPR 2006 lead to several questions:

- What is the Ecological Footprint?
- Why is the UAE placed highest in the chart?
- What kind of data goes into the Footprint calculation?
- Can we compare UAE, a desert country, with other temperate and tropical countries with abundant natural resources?
- We must be up there because we are an oil producing country...















But it also lead to the acknowledgement that:

- Robust environmental and other data for the UAE were needed.
- Regardless of the ranking, the UAE needs to look seriously at understanding its consumption patterns and devising strategic policies towards that end.

















Al Basama Al Beeiya (Ecological Footprint) Initiative was launched in October 2007 as the UAE's national effort to ensure a sustainable future by measuring and understanding the impact of its way of living on planet earth

Partners of the Initiative:

- Ministry of Environment & Water
- Abu-Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative
- Emirates Wildlife Society (EWS-WWF)
- Global Footprint Network

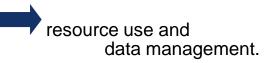
Success of the project is the ability to work with organizations / institutions across the country







- Aims of the initiative:
 - Data review Building of a strong and reliable database
 - Methodology Contribute to international research
 - in the verification of national data (UAE)
 - strengthening the global calculation methods
 - Incorporate bio-geographical / local context
 - Building own expertise/ capacity in the process (key to the long term goal of institutionalizing the Ecological Footprint)
 - Recommend and assist in policy development



Relationship building







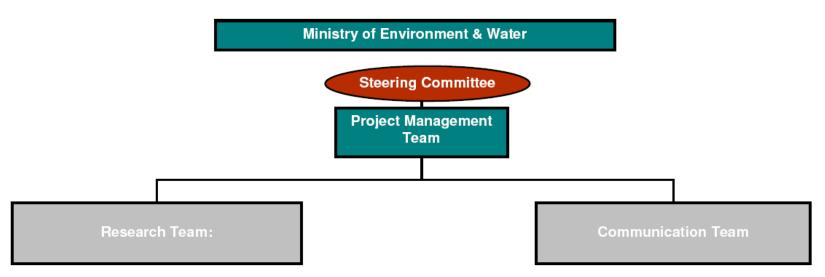








Governance Structure



- This Working Group will review the national data accounts
- This Working Group will work on methodological improvement and nationspecific research.

This Working Group coordinates and assists in the implementation of the communications strategy





















SUMMARY REPORT 2007-2010



YEAR ONE

In year one, the EFI's focus was on conducting in-depth data sourcing and analysis in order to evaluate the scope and representativeness of the EF value calculated in the *Living Planet Report*, along with determining the applicability of the EF as an evaluative tool.

The land categories that made up the Ecological Footprint for 2005 are outlined in Figure 4, which is a snapshot of the pressure placed by UAE residents on the Earth's various ecosystems and natural resources. The UAE's carbon Footprint component was a key driver in the high UAE results, comprising 83% of the overall Footprint (WWF, 2008).

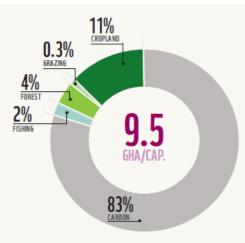


Figure 4: UAE Ecological Footprint by land type, 2005 Source: Al Basma Al Beeiya Brochure, EWS-WWF, 2010





Phase I – Research:

Activities:

- Review of population and energy data used in the calculation
- Understanding of the methodology behind the carbon Footprint component
- Contribution to Living Planet Report 2008

Outcomes:

- UAE has high per capita GDP and high standard of living
- It is an arid country and relies on natural resources from outside its borders to sustain its population (global responsibility)
- Maintaining a high standard of living despite the harsh arid climate is particularly energy demanding
- Options for a resource conscious lifestyle did not exist







Phase I – Research:

POPULATION:

- Review work revealed the use of incorrect population value to calculate per capita Footprint in LPR 2006.
- Better population data were provided for the re-issue of the LPR 2006 and for the LPR 2008
- The partnership recommended using FAOSTAT population data (4,496,000) for the LPR 2008 (local data was estimated at about 4.4 millions).

CARBON FOOTPRINT:

- There was no nationallygenerated GHGs Inventory for the UAE for the year 2005.
- An official, nationally-generated 1994 GHGs Inventory for the UAE is available (about 60 Mt CO2 yr⁻¹) UNFCCC
- An updated GHGs Inventory (with 2000 data) for the UAE will be released by early 2009 (in 2nd report to UNFCCC).
- Inclusion of gas embodied energy coefficients
- Recommendation to use SITC trade data





Phase I – Research:









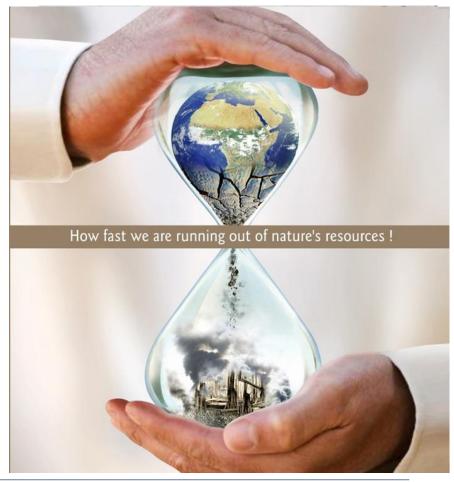
Phase I – Communication:

Activities:

- Streamlining definitions & understanding Capacity building
- Stakeholders engagement
- Media engagement
- Web-site

Global Footprint Network

- Ministerial council in Nairobi
- Environmental awareness Energy Campaign



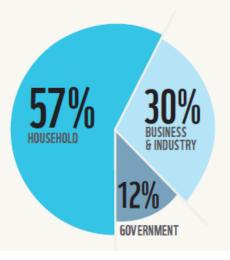




PHASE II – RESEARCH & COMMUNICATION

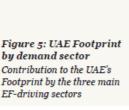
YEAR TWO

Once the UAE's EF value was established as a representative and useful indicator, the next step was to develop greater knowledge of key Footprint-driving sectors. This was accomplished by applying the Environmentally Extended Input-Output Analysis method, where researchers were able to break down the UAE's 2005 EF and identify Footprint 'hotspots'.



HEROES OF THE UAE

CAMPAIGN AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS ON ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION

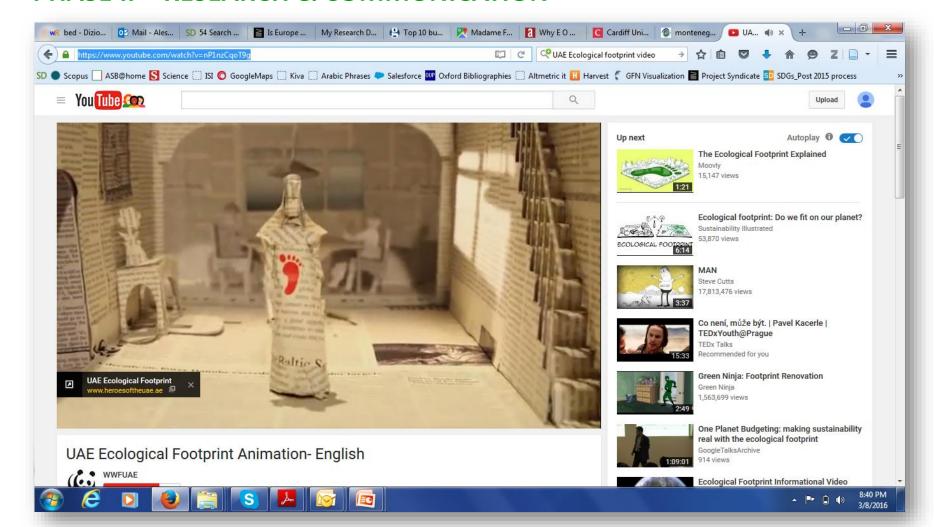


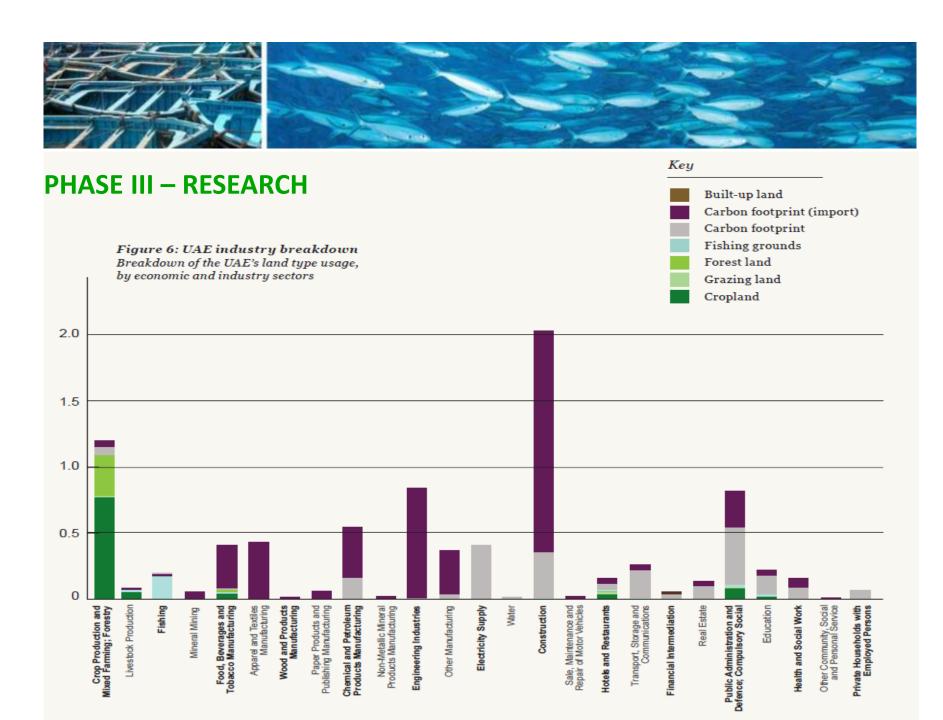






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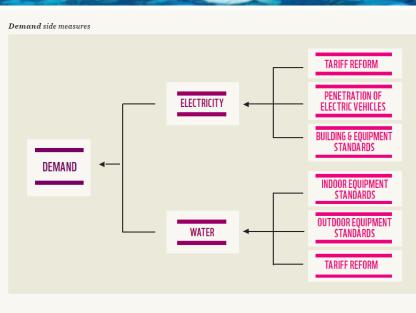
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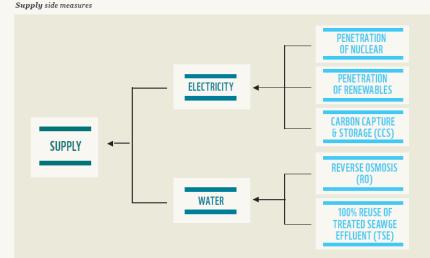
SCENARIO MODELLING

TOOL DEVELOPED
TO ASSESS THE
IMPACT OF POLICIES
ON ABU DHABI'S
CO2 EMISSIONS
AND ECOLOGICAL
FOOTPRINT UP
TO 2030

First of a kind scenario modelling tool developed to help assist policy-making process











Scenario definitions for Figures 8 and 9

SCENARIO A

- Four nuclear power plants by 2021
- 15% renewable energy by 2020
- 10% carbon capture and sequestration by 2030

SCENARIO B

- 200% increase in electricity tariff
- Four nuclear power plants by 2021
- 15% renewable energy by 2020
- 10% carbon capture and sequestration by 2030

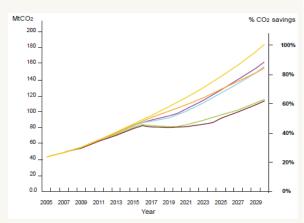
SCENARIO C

- Indoor and outdoor water equipment standard
- 100% TSE reuse by 2030
- Installation of 13 reverse osmosis (RO) plants by 2018-2030

Figure 8: Hypothetical scenarios for Abu Dhabi's CO2 emissions

Percentage reduction of Abu Dhabi's CO₂ emissions for five hypothetical scenarios compared to the baseline (2005-2030)





SCENARIO D

- 200% increase in electricity and water tariff by 2030
- 50% electric vehicle penetration by 2030
- Four nuclear power plants by 2021
- 15% renewable energy by 2020
- 10% carbon capture and sequestration by 2030
- 100% TSE reuse by 2030

SCENARIO E

- Strong building envelope standard with 60% reduction in cooling demand
- High-end electrical equipment standard
- Indoor and outdoor water equipment standard
- Four nuclear power plants by 2021
- 15% renewable energy by 2020
- 10% carbon capture and sequestration by 2030
- 100% TSE reuse by 2030
- Installation of 13 RO plants by 2018-2030

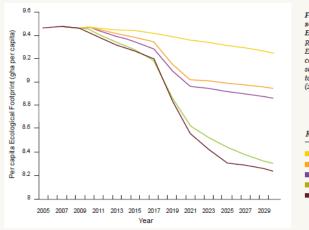


Figure 9: Hypothetical scenarios for the UAE's Ecological Footprint Reduction in the UAE's Ecological Footprint per capita for hypothetical scenarios compared to the BAU baseline (2005-2030)













UAE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LIGHTING STANDARD

WHAT DOES IT

MEAN FOR YOU?

WHY A LIGHTING STANDARD?



OF THE UAE'S ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT
IS FROM CARBON, SO REDUCING
ENERGY USE WILL MEAN LESS CO2
BEING EMITTED TO THE ATMOSPHERE



The UAE has one of the highest Ecological Footprints per capita. This means we waste a lot of resources such as energy, water, and goods. If everyone lived the same way, we would need 4.5 planets to sustain us. 57%

OF THE UAE'S ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT COMES FROM HOUSEHOLDS

20%

OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMED BY HOUSEHOLDS GLOBALLY IS USED FOR LIGHTING



ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTS PROVIDE

EXCELLENT

ENERGY SAVING POTENTIAL

HOW DOES THE STANDARD WORK?

EFFECTIVE FROM MID 2014

The standard prevents low quality indoor bulbs from entering the UAE market. It considers energy efficiency, electrical safety, hazardous chemical limits, functionality and safe disposal. (Exceptions are made for specialised lighting such as those in hospitals and laboratories.)

The country will be supplied with the following high efficiency bulbs:



COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS (CFLs

Much more efficient than incandescents



LIGHT EMITTING DIODES (LEDs)

Offer high efficiency and much longer lifetimes than most lamps



HALOGENS

More efficient than traditional incandescents



High quality and energy efficient bulbs offer a wide range of mood lighting

HOW DO WE BENEFIT?

Cuts UAE energy consumption annually by up to

500 MW

EQUAL

Not needing to use an average gas power station for

6 months

Significant CO₂ emission reductions of approx

940,000 tonnes/year

EQUAL to

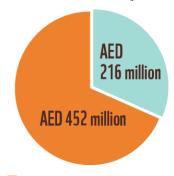
Removing

165,000 cars off the road annually



UAE can save

AED 668 million/year



- net savings from households' reduced electricity bills
- savings from the government in terms of reduced subsidies

A medium size villa in Dubai can save up to

2,315/year



SOURCES

Emirates Authority for Standardisation and Metrology. Emirates Wildlife Society in association with WWF. Excecutive Affairs Authority. International Energy Agency. WWF.





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The UAE Energy Efficiency Lighting Standard is a step taken by the UAE Ecological Footprint Initiative, which is a public-private partnership between the Ministry of Environment and Water, the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, EWS-WWF, the Global Footprint Network and Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology, working to develop science-based policy recommendations to help reduce the UAE's carbon emissions and per capita Ecological Footprint.

Find out more at www.ewswwf.ae and www.esma.gov.ae



Policy usefulness of Ecological Footprint Accounting









FIVE-STEP POLICY CYCLE

Source: adapted from Knill and Tosun, 2008

Early Warning / Agenda Setting

- The big picture is initially given to decision makers. This can help generate political will (selfinterest) and provides a high-level framework to help guide policy action.
- At this stage, new issues could be identified and new "ways of thinking" emerge

Monitoring

- Metrics and tools are used to quantitatively monitor the effectiveness of policies over time.
- Based on the monitoring findings, the policy is maintained, adjusted or, if no longer needed, ended, and the implementation changed accordingly

Headline and Issue framing

 Causes of the problems and potential solutions are identified using data, indicators, accounting tools, models, ex-ante assessments, scenarios, etc

Implementation

 Regulations and laws are used to ensure formulated policies are adopted and implemented

Policy Development

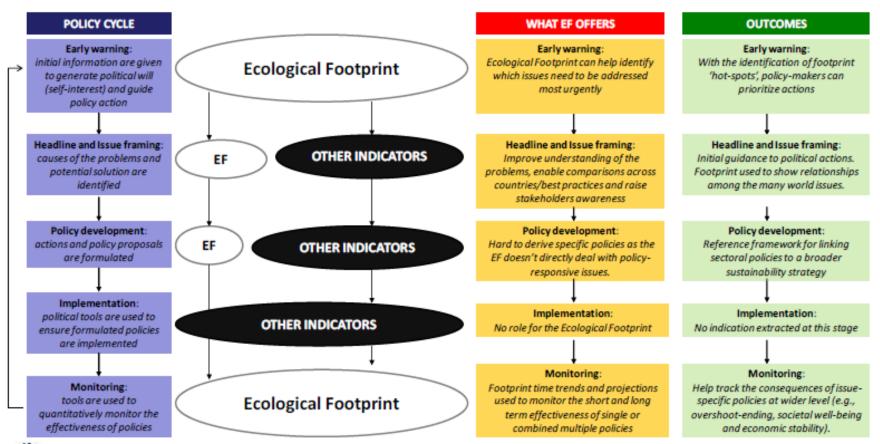
 Building on the information drawn from previous stages, policy proposals are formulated







ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT AND FIVE-STEP POLICY CYCLE







EARLY WARNING

FIGURE 3: Morocco's Ecological Footprint of production (EF_P) and consumption (EF_C) activities compared to available biocapacity (BC), 1961–2009 (left graph) and their detailed disaggregation (right graph) for the year 2009.

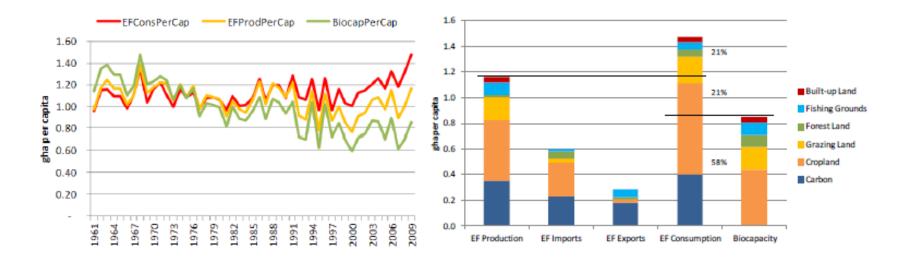
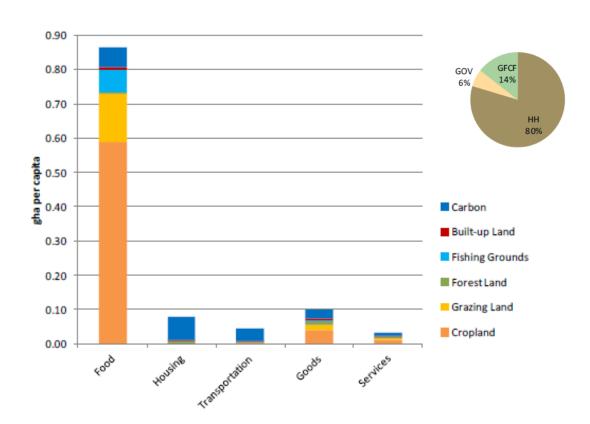






FIGURE 4: Breakdown of the per capita Ecological Footprint of an average Moroccan resident, by land type and main consumption category, in 2009.





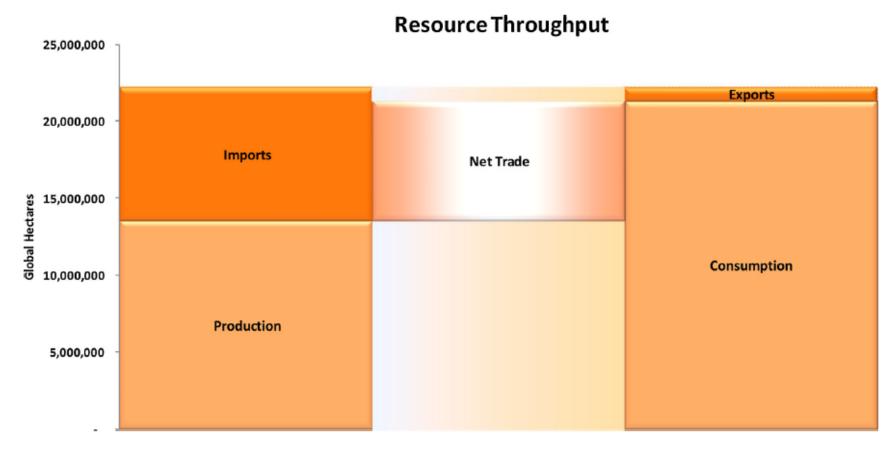
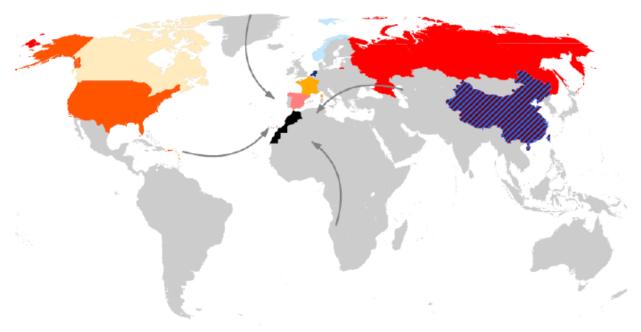


Fig. 6 – Cropland Footprint flows through the Morocco's economy, in global hectares, 2010. Inputs to the economy are local production and imports. Outputs from the economy are exports and internal consumption. The sum of the inputs is equal to the sum of outputs; from the Ecological Footprint point of view this relationship can be expressed as $EF_P + EF_I = EF_C + EF_E$.



FIGURE 5: Top three exporters to (top graph) and importers from (bottom graph) Morocco of cropland (shade of orange), fish (shade of blue) and carbon (shade of red) Footprint, 2009. Multiple colors are used for countries with which Morocco is trading more than one type of embedded biocapacity.





Three Highest Importers to Morocco of Fish, Cropland and Carbon

5 % Morocco Fish Imports	12 % Morocco Cropland Imports	8 % Morocco Carbon Imports
19 % Morocco Fish Imports	15 % Morocco Cropland Imports	11 % Morocco Carbon Imports
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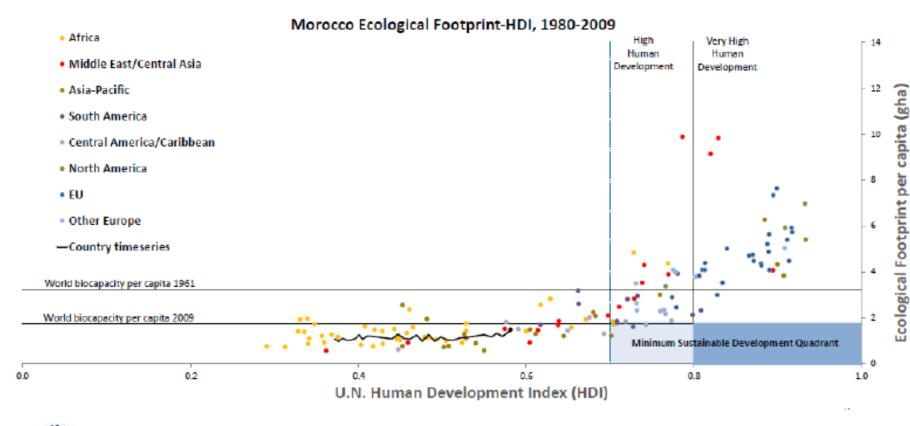
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- While a systemic view is essential in dealing with sustainability, decisions and policies are implemented at national and local level.
- Multiple and diverse indicators are needed to fully track sustainability and bridge the science-policy gap.
 - Punctual issue-specific indicators needed to identify, draft and implement specific policies
 - Systemic indicators needed to verify the cumulative effects of the various target-specific policies and monitor sustainability's trajectories







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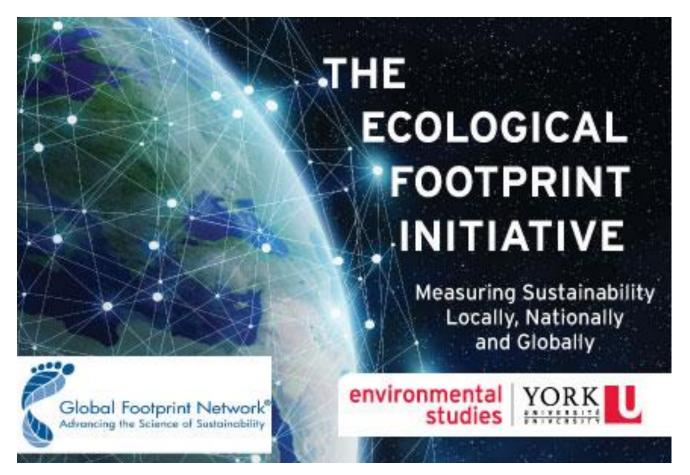
- EF can provide macro-level guidance to the government, helping ensure that different sectoral strategies are coherent in their goals and quantitative targets, and monitor the combined effect of such policies.
- The main value-added of EF is highlighting trade-offs between human activities via both a final aggregate indicator and an accounting framework that shed light on the relationships between many of the anthropogenic drivers that contribute to ecological overshoot.
- The transition from several specific environmental issues to the global interconnected dimension of sustainability is crucial, and EF could offer a reference framework for this. From "silo thinking" to "systemic thinking".
- EF served as a tool to bring together different stakeholders.



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