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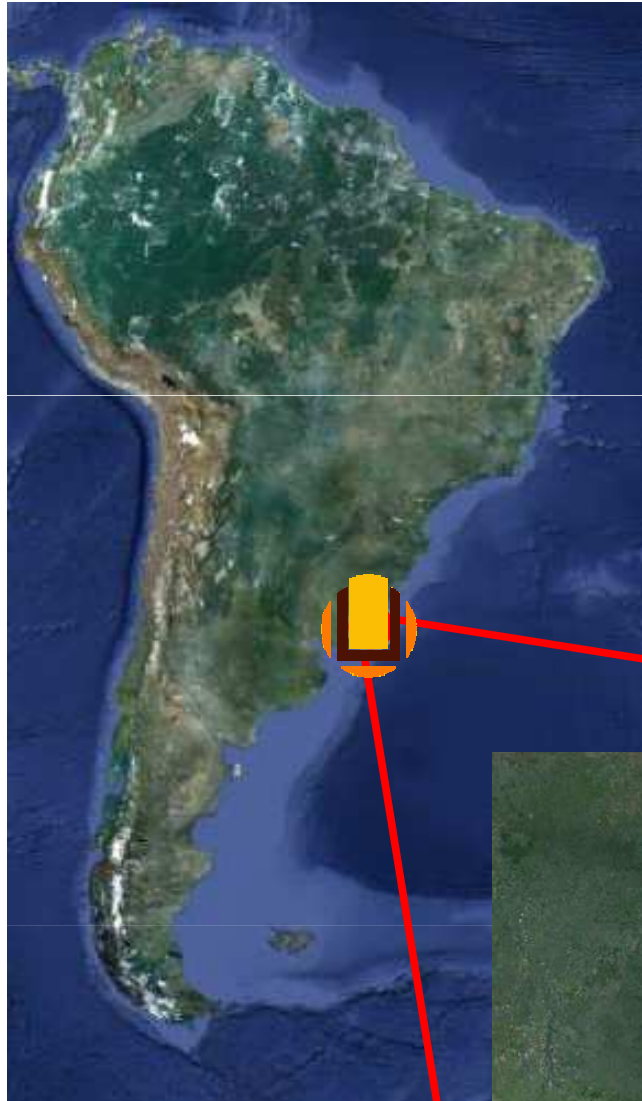
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## ***Applying Ocean Sciences and Knowledge for Societal Benefit: Demands after Rio+20***

### ***Societal Benefit Demands Sustained Integrated Ocean Observations***

***We cannot manage what we do not measure***

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## ***Coastal Ecosystem University***

- *Faced with challenges and needs for Ocean Sciences*



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# Relevance of Ocean Sciences

## ● Demographics

- ~ 40% of global population
- 11 of the world's 15 largest cities
- Population density predicted to > double by 2050

## ● Ecosystem Goods & Services

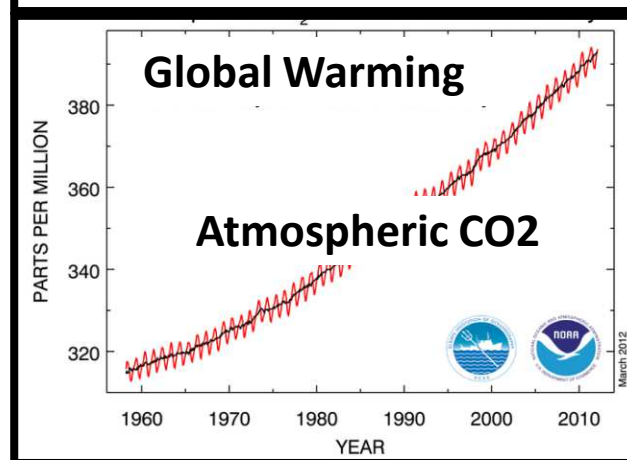
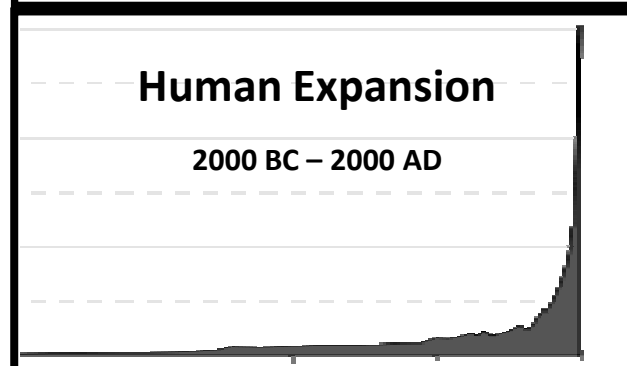
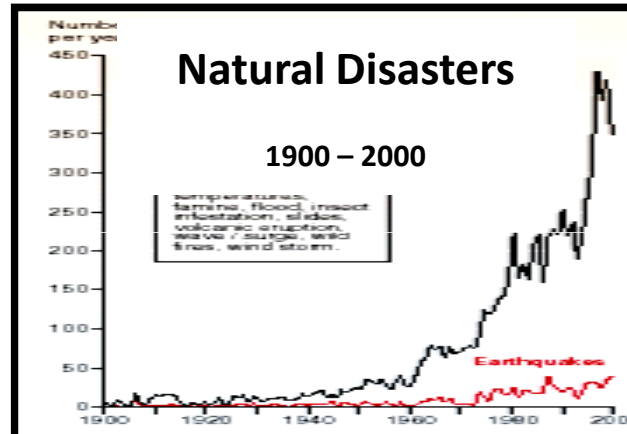
- Valued at > \$30 trillion (U.S. dollars) globally
- Territorial waters & EEZs
  - Account for ~ 10% of the Earth's surface area, but
  - 30 – 40 % of goods & services

## ● Regulates Climate

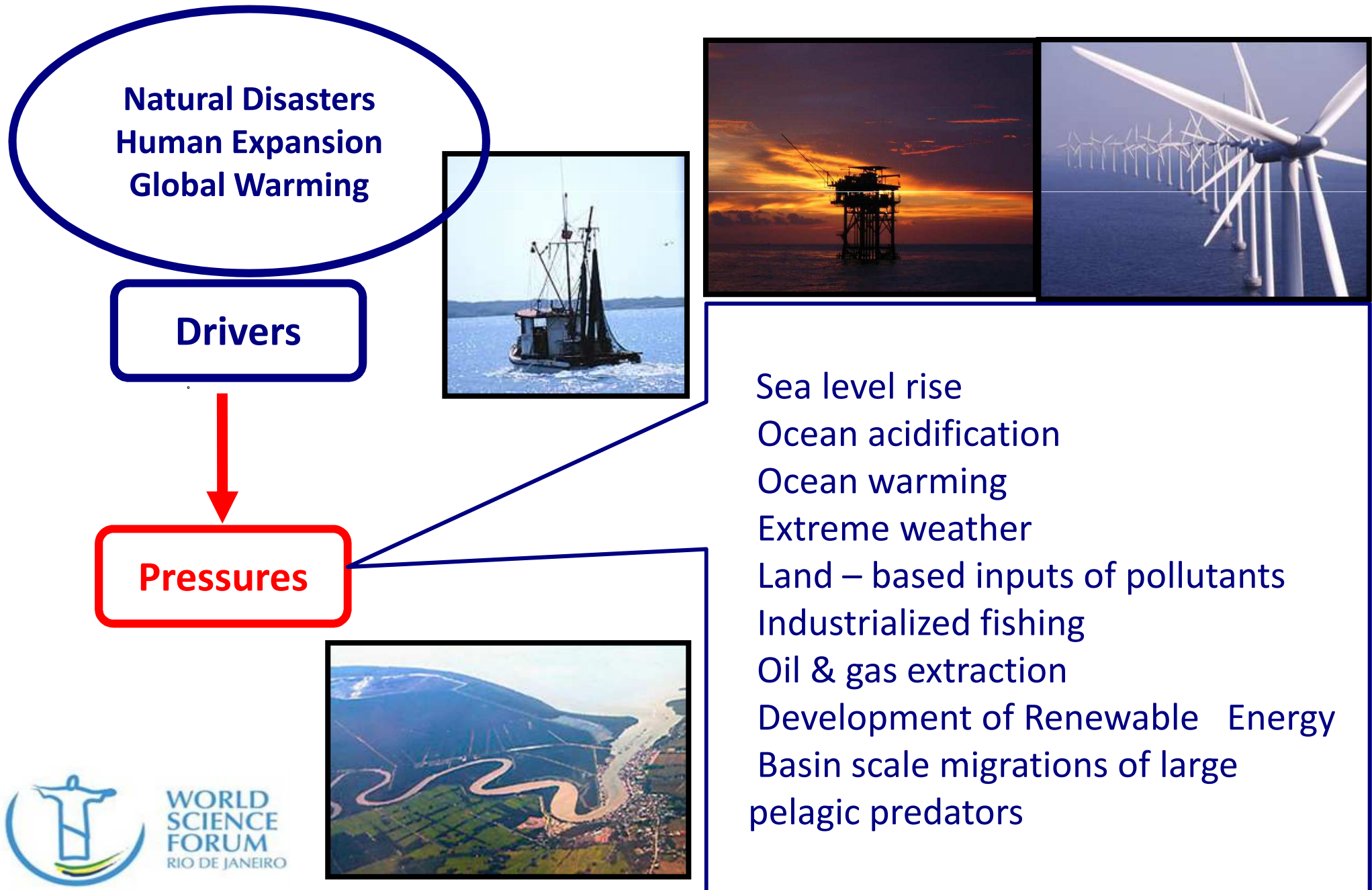


# Coastal & Marine Ecosystems are CHANGING

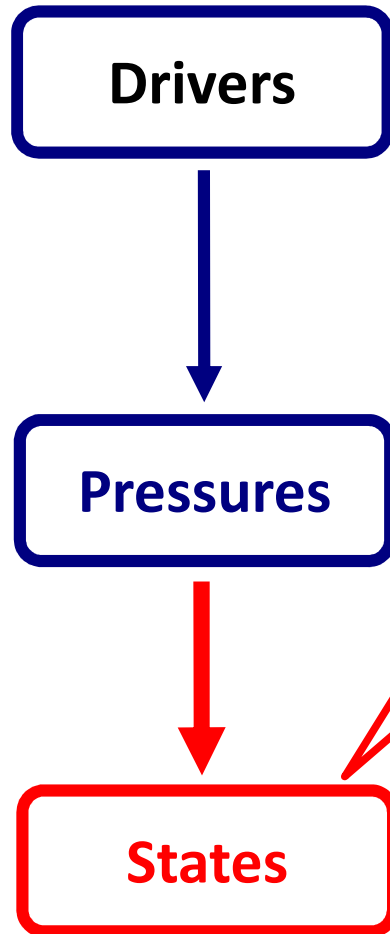
## Primary Drivers of Change



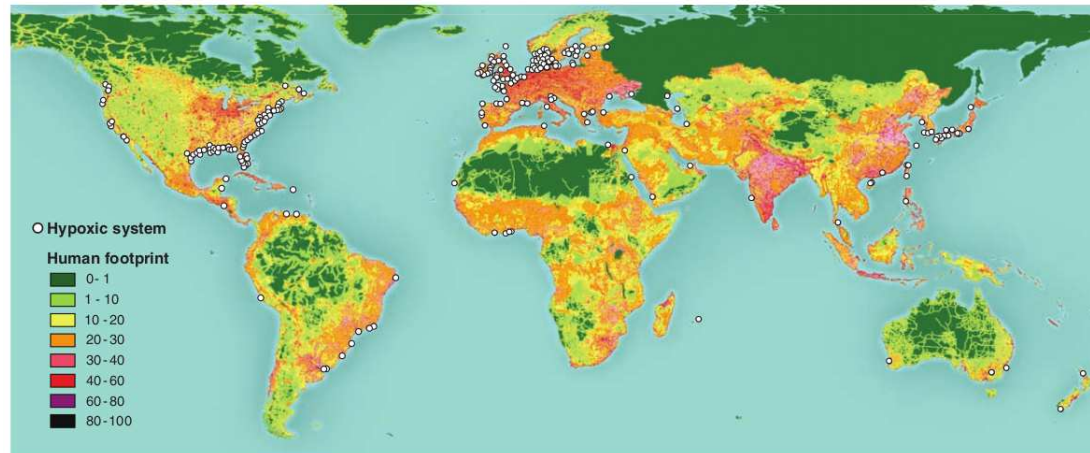
# Key Indicators of Pressures



# Key Indicators of States



- Species diversity
- Extent & conditions of essential habitats
- Phytoplankton productivity
- Number & size of “dead zones”
- Distribution & abundance of toxic algal species
- Distribution & abundance of enteric bacteria
- Abundance & distribution of plankton indicators of ocean warming & acidification
- Distribution, abundance & biomass of exploitable fish stocks
- Abundance & migratory patterns of large pelagic predators



“dead zones”

# Impacts of Changes Goods & Services



**Drivers**



**Pressures**



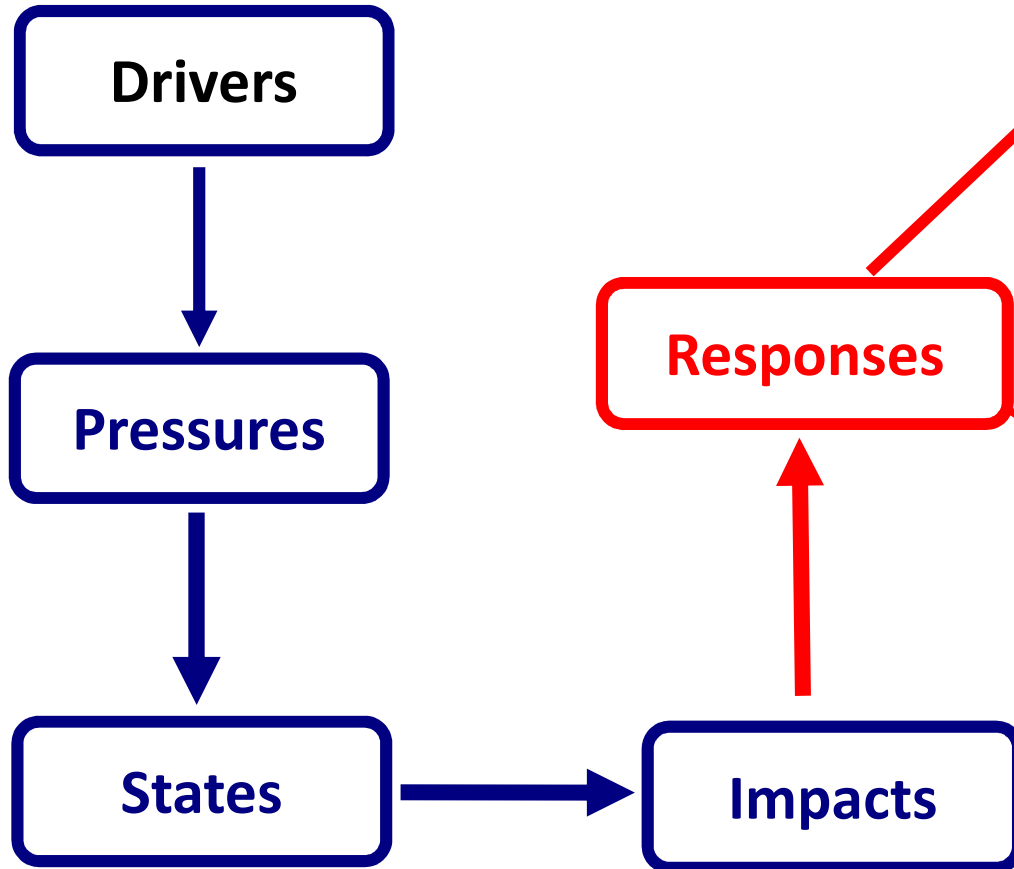
**States**



**Impacts**



Resilience to Coastal Flooding & Erosion  
Food Security  
Uptake & Storage of Greenhouse Gases  
Water Quality  
Storage of Raw Materials  
Pharmaceuticals  
Tourism & Recreation  
Coastal infrastructure  
Aesthetic Value



**Traditional Response**

Single Sector Planning & Management with Insufficient regard for Interactions Among Sectors



**Innovative Response**

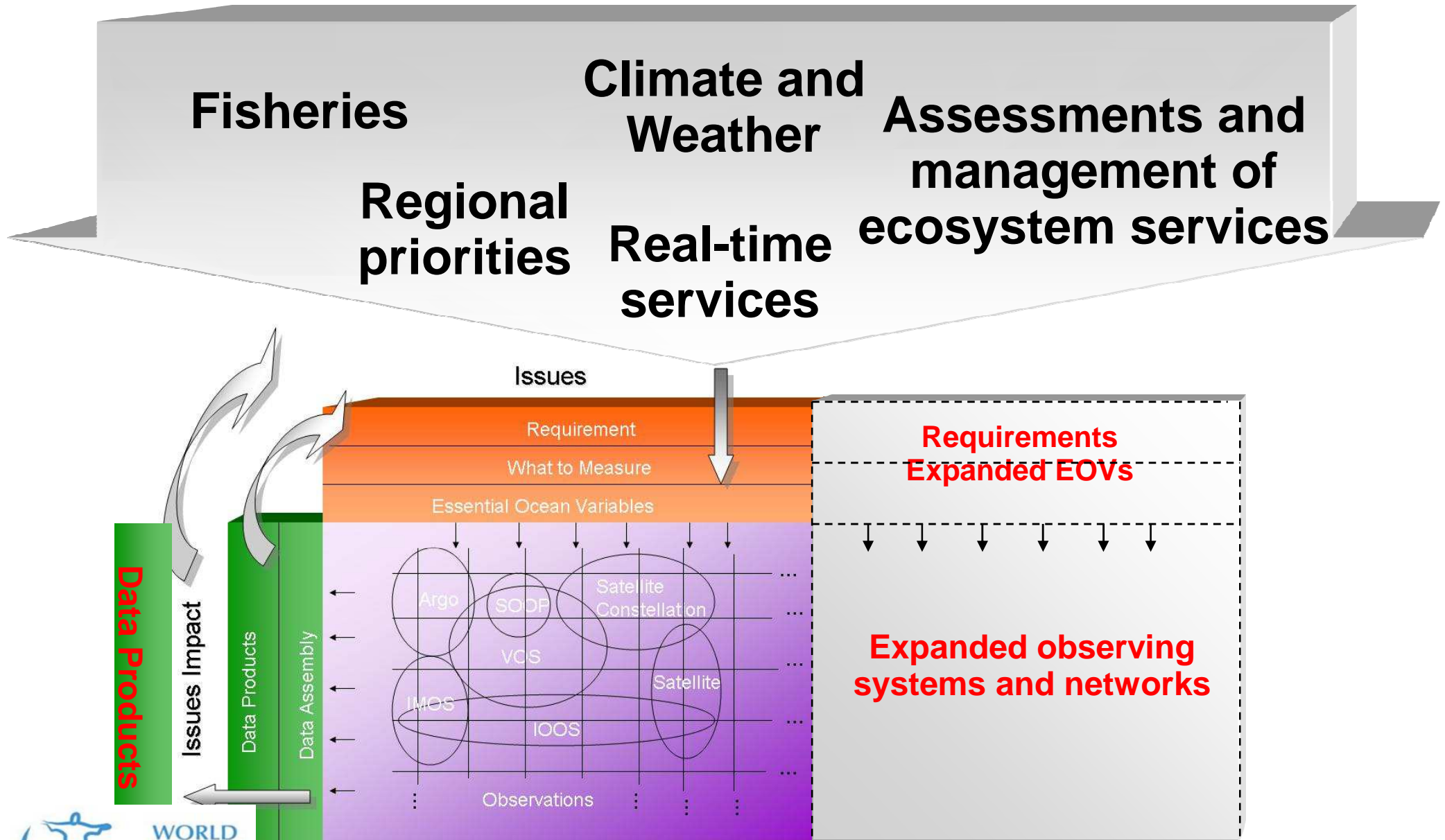
Call for Ecosystem – Based Approaches to Implementing Ocean Policies for Sustainable Development



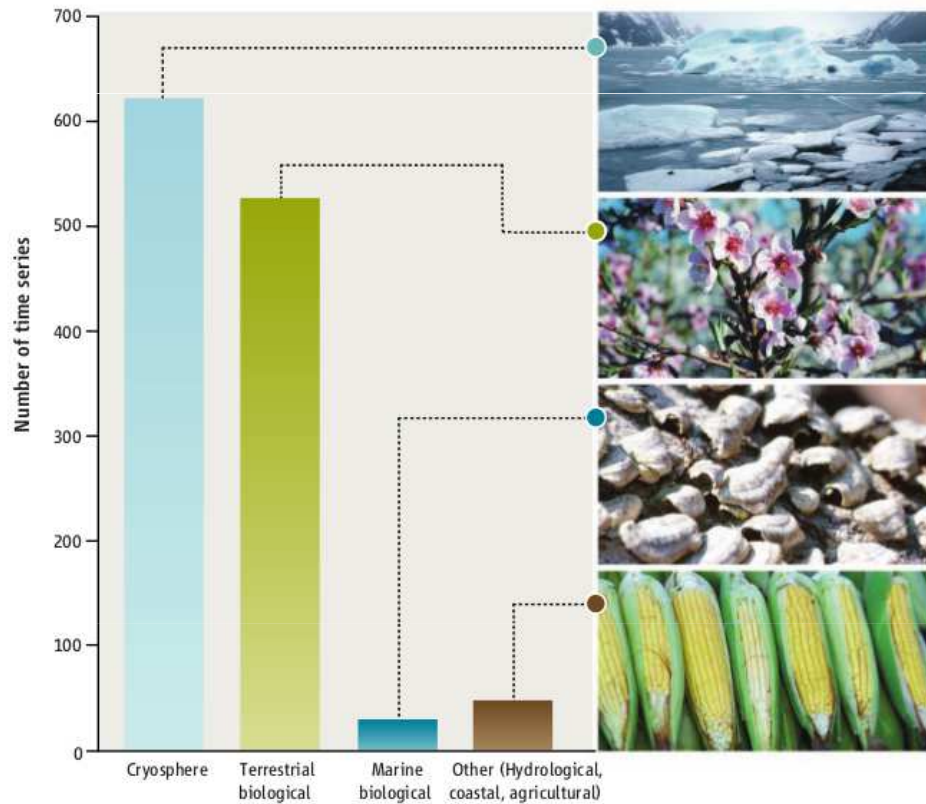


# Societal drivers next decade

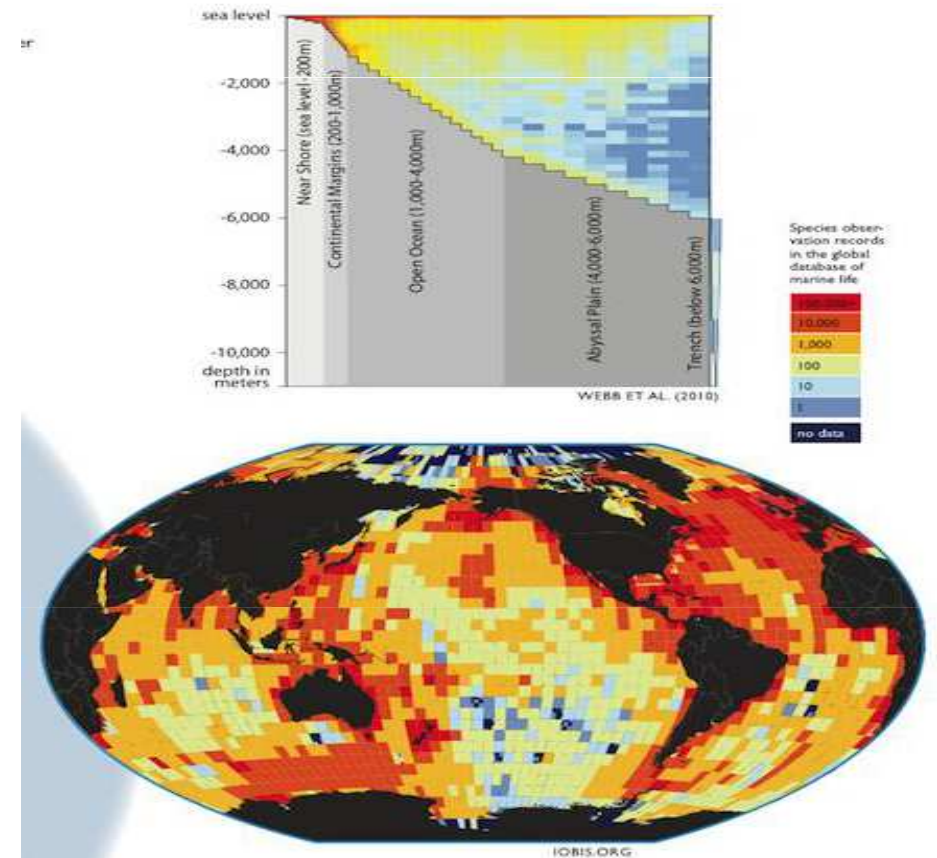
Framework for Ocean Observing (<http://www.oceanobs09.net/fool/>)



# Sustained Observations & Modeling

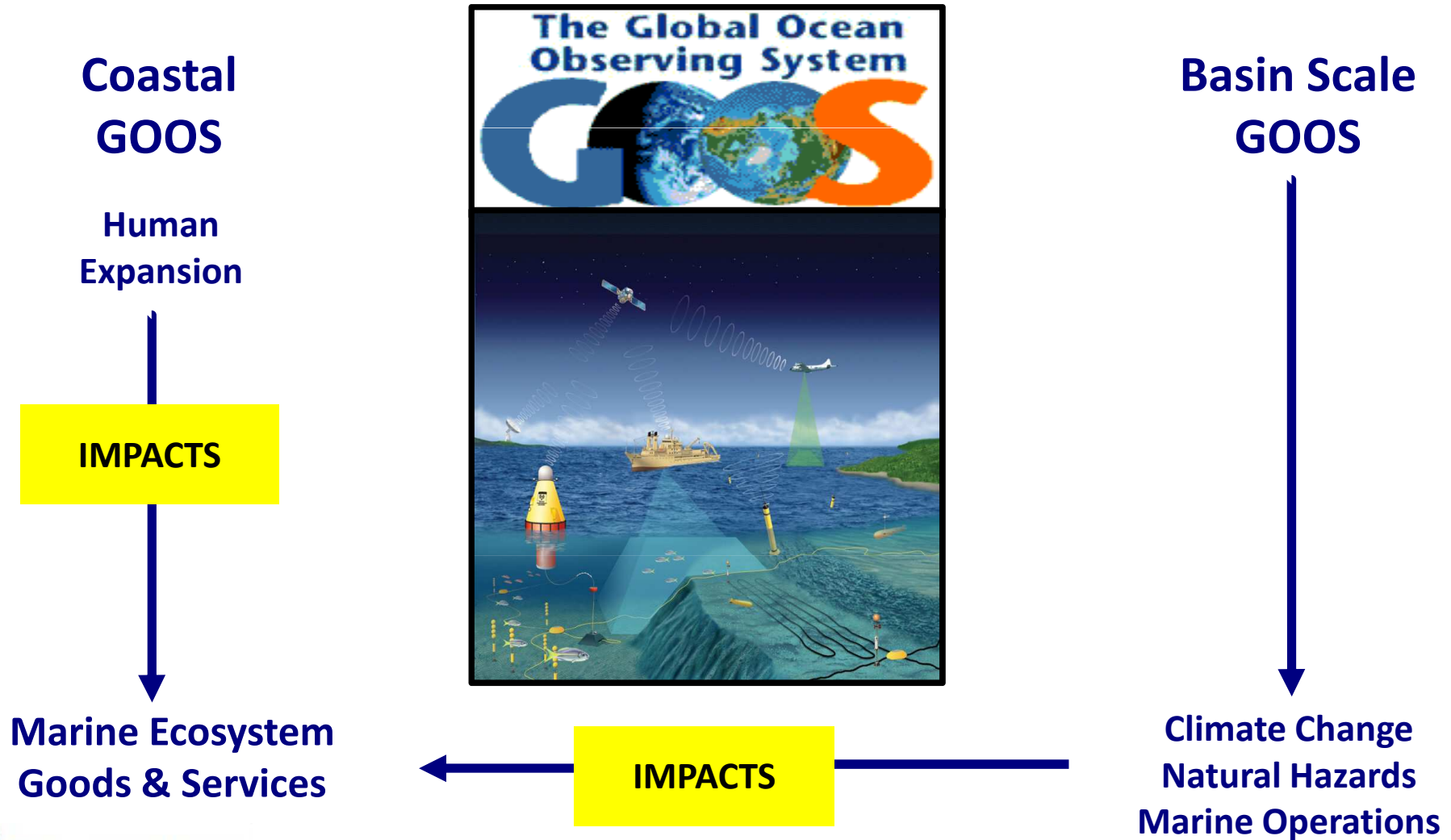


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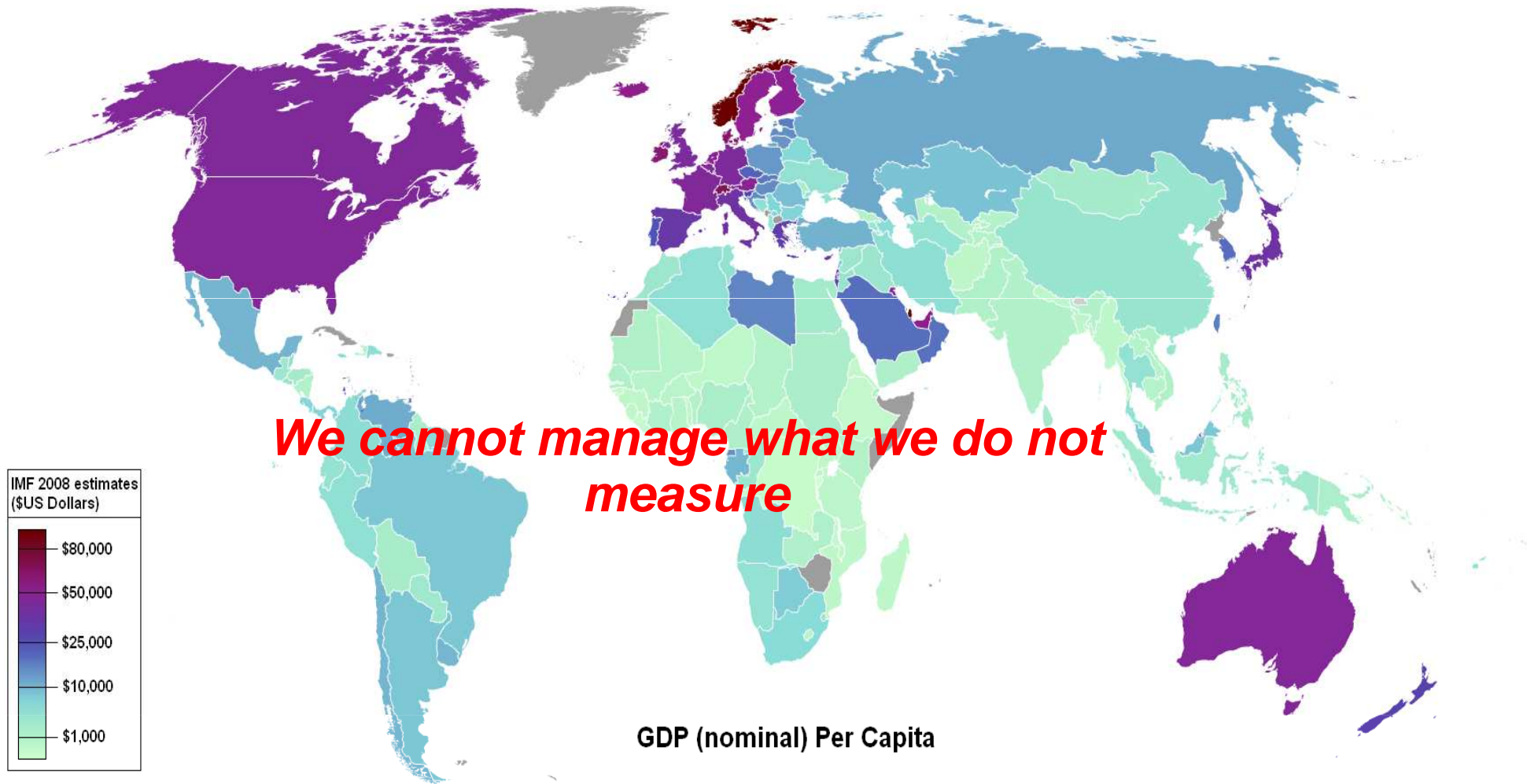
# Sustained Integrated Observations & Modeling

GOOS is primarily concerned with detecting and predicting the effects of climate change, natural hazards, & human expansion on the capacity of marine & estuarine ecosystems to provide goods & services.



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- The well-being of humankind is dependent on the health and function of the world ocean.
- Human expansion, global warming, and natural hazards are driving changes that jeopardize oceans.
- A sustainable “Blue-Green” economy and the ocean issues identified in the Rio+20 require the control and reversal of this degradation.
- To achieve this, a sustained global integrated ocean observation system is needed.
- Implementation of sustained integrated global ocean observations are a timely demand to support and maintain society benefits in our changing world.



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***Thank You!!***

***Muito Obrigado!!***



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# GLOBAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM

The oceans are the basis of the life support system. GOOS measures ocean warming and provides an opportunity for the human system to respond.

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