

# Sustainable Business Bootcamp

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# Starter: The Cat and Mona Lisa





# Top ESG and Sustainability Trends for 2025

- 1. <u>Enhanced Regulatory Frameworks</u>
- 2. Focus on **Climate Adaptation & Resilience**
- 3. Growth of **Voluntary Carbon Market**
- 4. Integration of AI & Technology in ESG Reporting
- 5. Increased <u>Litigation</u> Around ESG Claims
- 6. ESG in **Supply Chain Management**
- 7. Corporate Accountability for <u>Climate Action</u>
- 8. Sustainable Finance & Investment
- 9. Health & Climate Nexus
- 10. Biodiversity & Natural Capital



#### **Sustainability Updates from Singapore for Businesses**

## What Are the Future Impact for You?

**EDB**Round-Up from
April to June

2024

- Singapore accesses <u>cleaner energy sources</u>
  - Build 2 more hydrogen-ready natural gas power plants by 2030
- ERM expands Singapore hub to accelerate growth in the region
  - ERM, world's largest sustainability consultancy, expanding hub across Asia
- Indo-Pacific partners ink <u>clean economy deal</u> on nuclear energy
  - Includes one on small modular reactors (SMRs)
- Singapore, Ghana sign <u>carbon credit agreement</u>
  - Companies can purchase carbon credits from projects in Ghana to offset carbon tax
- 'Attractive place' to develop <u>new climate tech</u>
  - Bill Gates spoke to Channel NewsAsia about how Singapore can incubate climate tech
- New registry for Singapore businesses to <u>track and report carbon emissions</u>
  - Monitor emissions easily and accurately
- Singapore expands <u>data centre capacity</u> by more than one-third,
  - Pushes for green energy use

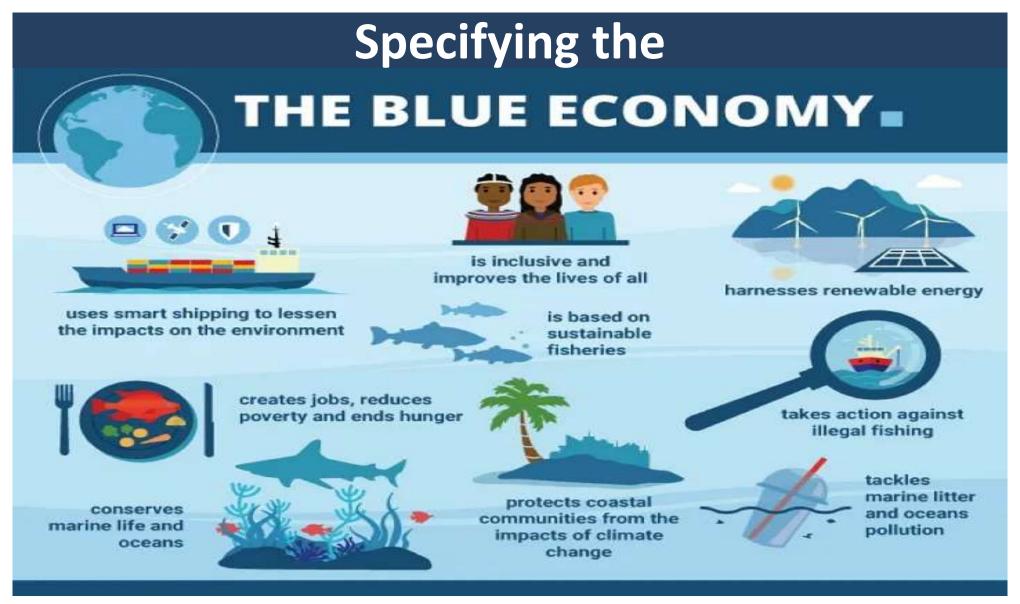


# Are We Are Missing the Blue?

# 71% of Earth's surface is covered by oceans

#### Ocean contains:

- 16 times as much carbon as terrestrial biosphere i.e. all plant and underlying soils on our planet
- 60 times as much carbon as pre-industrial atmosphere



The Blue Economy Overview (The World BanK)

What is The Blue Economy and Why it is important? | by Shahram Seificar PhD | Medium

# **Specifying the**

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

# BLUE ECONOMY: THE NEW FACE OF ASEAN ECONOMY



The blue economy is sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, and ocean ecosystem health. The transition to a blue economy offers vast opportunities for investments, job creation, and sustainable growth.



ASEAN AND MARINE RESOURCES ASEAN oceans account for 2.5% of the global ocean surface

within the ASEAN region alone, oceans make up 66% of the total area.



of protein intake income from ASEAN seas is capable of meeting the protein needs of **3.3 billion** people

30% of their GDP from maritime economies.

#### ASEAN'S MARINE ECONOMIC INCOME PERCENTAGE







Cambodia 16%



#### **BLUE ECONOMY CAN SUPPORT**

Conservation and ecotourism

Power generation Economy growth

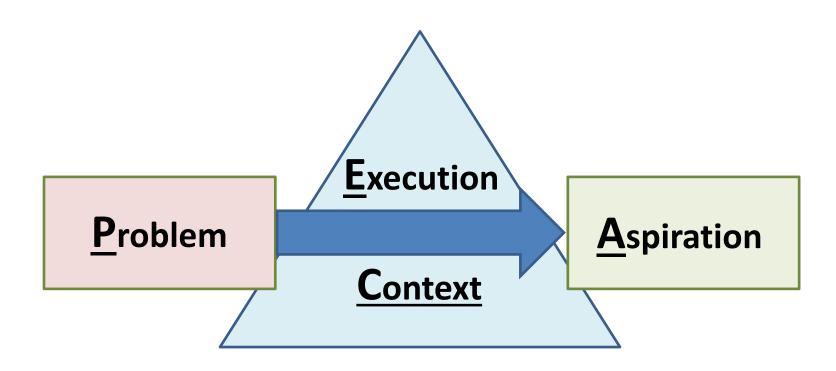
Animal protein supply Emission sinks

References : Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 2019, www.rsis.edu.sg

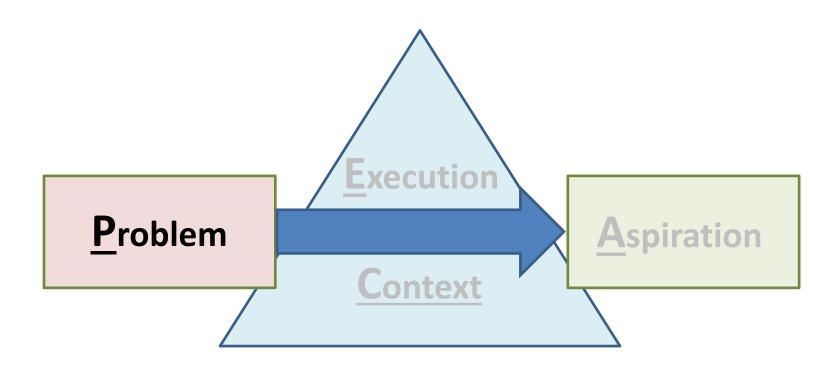
#### WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP FOR ASEAN?

Sustainable governance of blue economy development requires close cooperation between ASEAN countries, especially regarding cross-border and maintenance protocols that can ensure the implementation of sustainable economic activities in water areas that benefit people and the planet.

# Challenge of "PACE" for Business Sustainability With Blue Focus



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# **P**roblem of Sustainability (**P**ACE)

#### Typical questions organization leaders ask:

- How can we be sustainable along the ESG dimensions?
- How can we have an organization with zero work accidents?
- How can we reduce carbon emissions in our production process?
- How can we require our suppliers to be sustainable?
- How can we report sustainability to our stakeholders?
- How do we create buy-in on sustainability across the entire organization?
- How can we govern sustainability more effectively?

# Where is the blue?

# Recall: The Immortally Infamous View



In the East, it could be the COLDEST New Year's Eve on record. Perhaps we could use a little bit of that good old Global Warming that our Country, but not other countries, was going to pay TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS to protect against. Bundle up!

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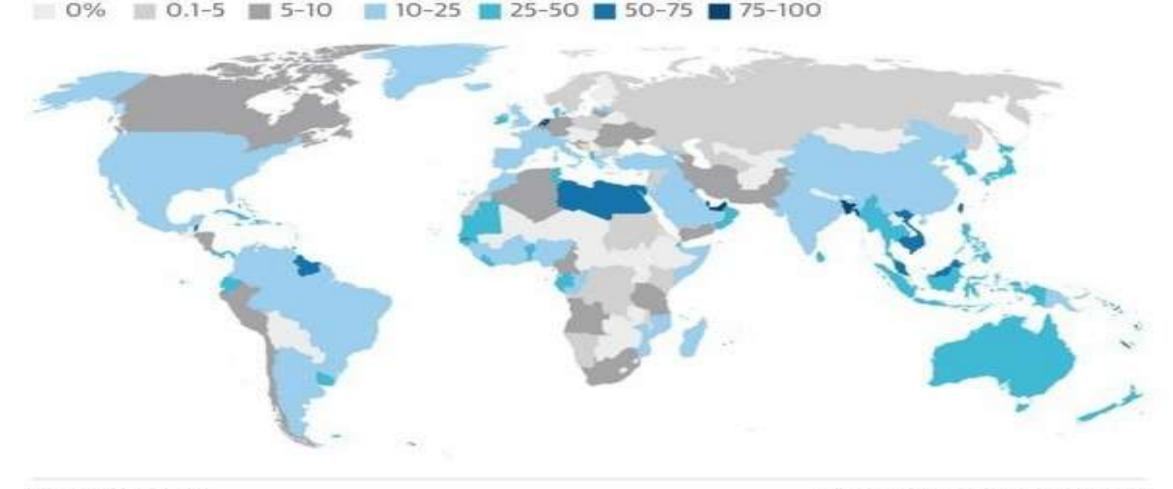


November 6, 2012: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

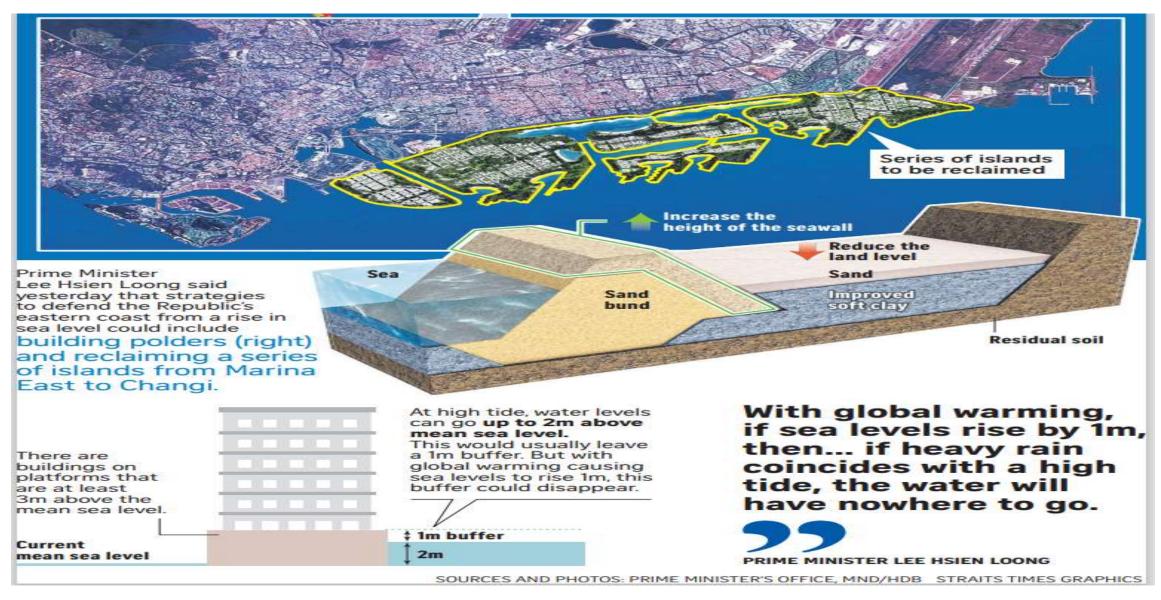
October 19, 2015: "It's really cold outside, they are calling it a major freeze, weeks ahead of normal. Man, we could use a big fat dose of global warming!"

# Corporate Application: Mitigation Risks

Percentage of national populations who live in places that will be drowned by a rise in long-term sea levels – even if global warming is held at 2C



### Corporate Application: Adaptation Opportunities



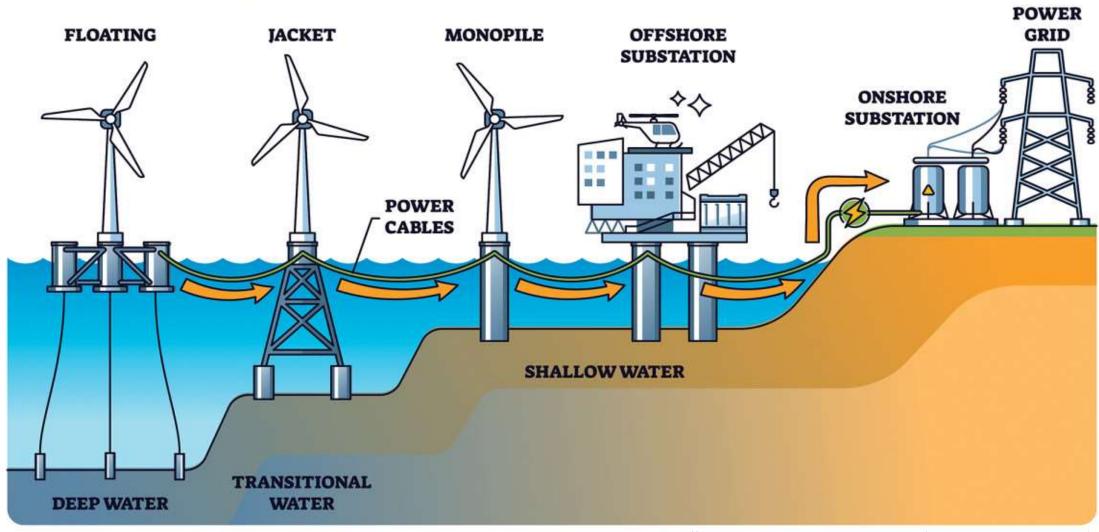
# What Do You See as Problem?





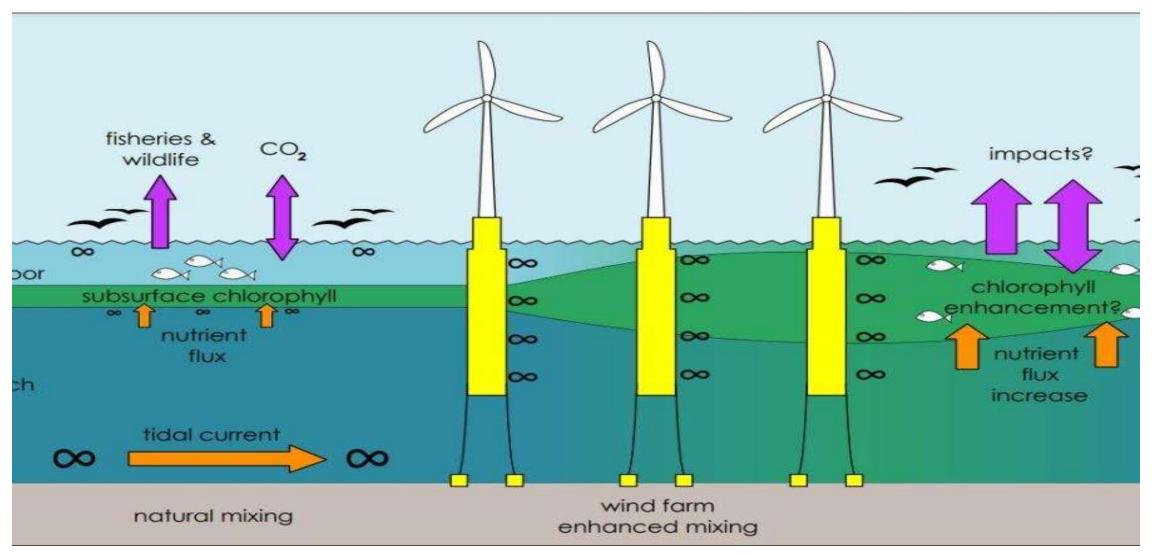
#### **OFFSHORE WIND FARM**





Special Report: Wind Farms and Their Effect on Boating - Power & Motoryacht (powerandmotoryacht.com)

# Impact of Offshore Wind Farm

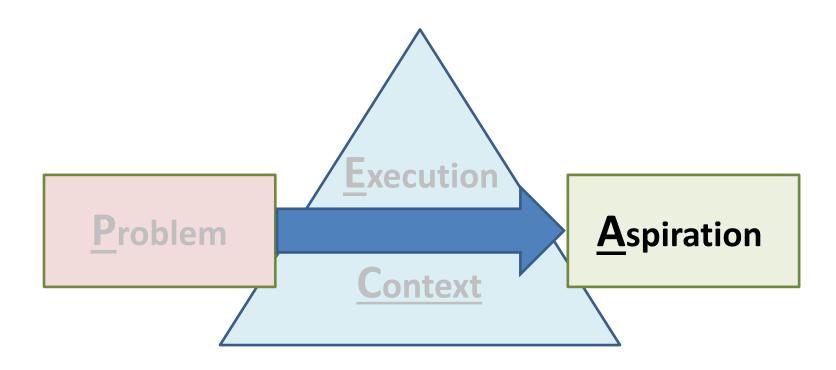


New research needed on environmental impact of turbulence from deep-water wind farms (phys.org)

# Bootcamp Challenge (I)

- What is the problem in sustainability and climate change for conservation in nature and biodiversity of oceans?
- How did the problem come about?

# Challenge of "PACE" for Business Sustainability With Blue Focus



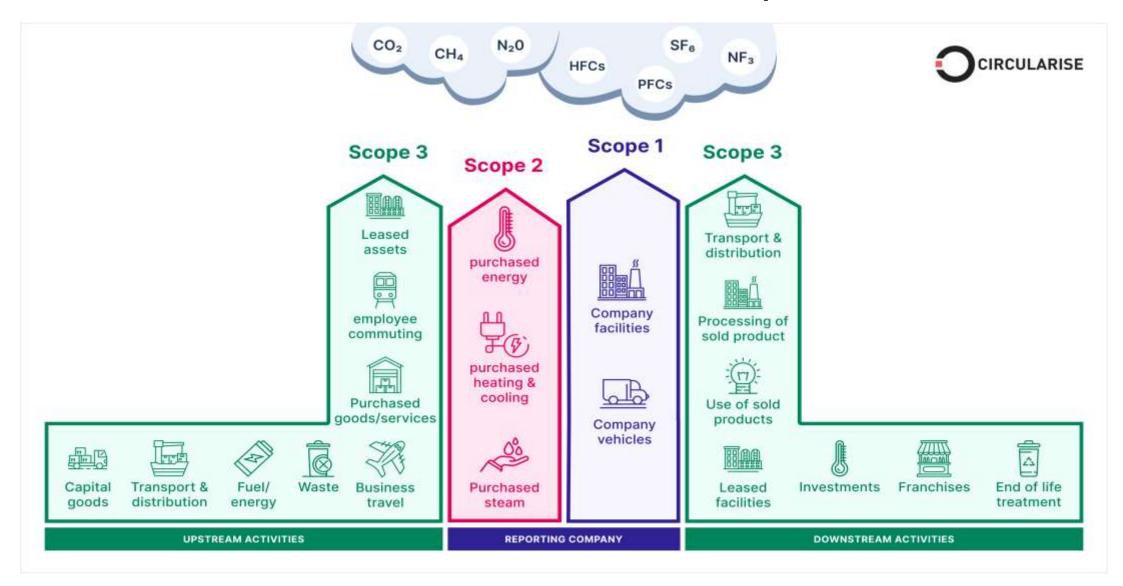
# **A**spiration of Sustainability (PACE)

#### Typical aims of organization leaders:

- We want to reduce carbon emissions by half within 5 years
- We want to foster a workplace with the zero work accident
- We want to achieve net zero by 2030
- We want to provide the best sustainability disclosures that adopt global standards
- We want to be the industry leader in sustainability, recognized by customers and investors as well as respected by peer organizations

## Where is the blue?

# **Carbon Emissions Scopes**



# In Focus: Zero and Net Zero

- Industry uses terms "Net Zero" and "Zero" but they are <u>not</u>
   <u>interchangeable</u> as there is difference between two approaches
- Zero energy is having to produce as much renewable energy on site as it consumes in source energy
- Net zero is less complex and easier to achieve than zero energy, since it does not account for differences in fossil fuels, or energy expended in sourcing and delivery it is just about a <u>balance of</u> zero in actual emissions with ways of compensation

What does zero energy mean for blue economy? Who are the stakeholders?

## In Focus: Net Zero

- Net Zero goes beyond carbon and is typically on larger scale
- It refers to situation when all greenhouse gases being emitted into atmosphere are equivalent to greenhouse gases being removed from atmosphere on **global scale**
- Net zero emissions will be achieved when <u>human activity no</u> <u>longer causes global warming</u>
- But net zero <u>allows for some emissions to be above zero</u> so long as they are <u>balanced out elsewhere</u> to achieve net zero carbon global emissions
- Reduction plans usually follow <u>scientific pathways</u>
- In essence: Reduce appropriately and balance with offset

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# In Focus: Carbon Neutrality

- Being carbon neutral means amount of carbon (usually CO<sub>2</sub>) being <u>emitted</u> is <u>equal</u> to amount of carbon being <u>absorbed</u> from atmosphere
- For companies to be carbon neutral, typically they first  $\underline{\text{reduces}}$  their carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions
- Then they invest in carbon sinks (<u>offsets</u>) to balance out remaining amount of carbon emitted by their operations
- The concept is simpler and narrower compared to net zero
- In essence: Reduce and offset

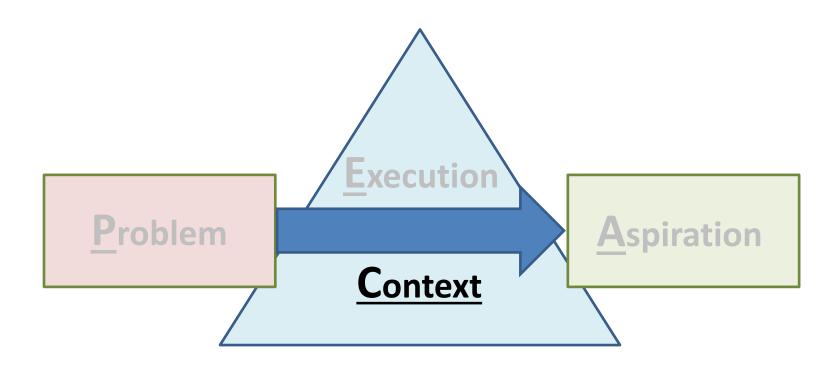
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# Bootcamp Challenge (II)

•	For the blue sustainability problem that was identified, what is the broader aspiration for organizations, particularly for conservation in nature and biodiversity of oceans?

# Challenge of "PACE" for Business Sustainability with Conservation Focus



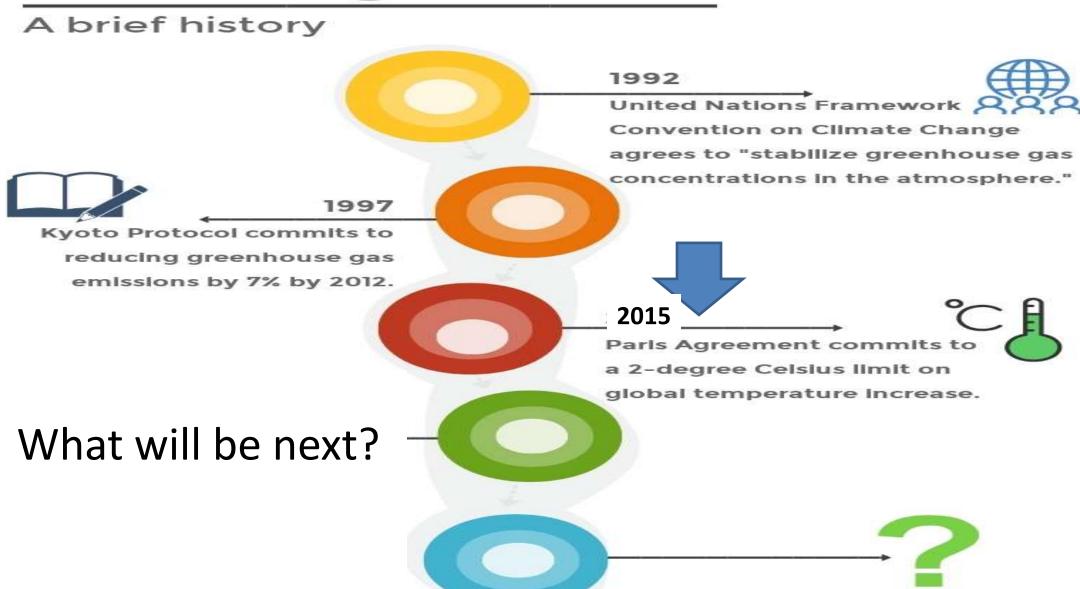
# **C**ontext of Sustainability (PA**C**E)

#### Typical concerns for organizations:

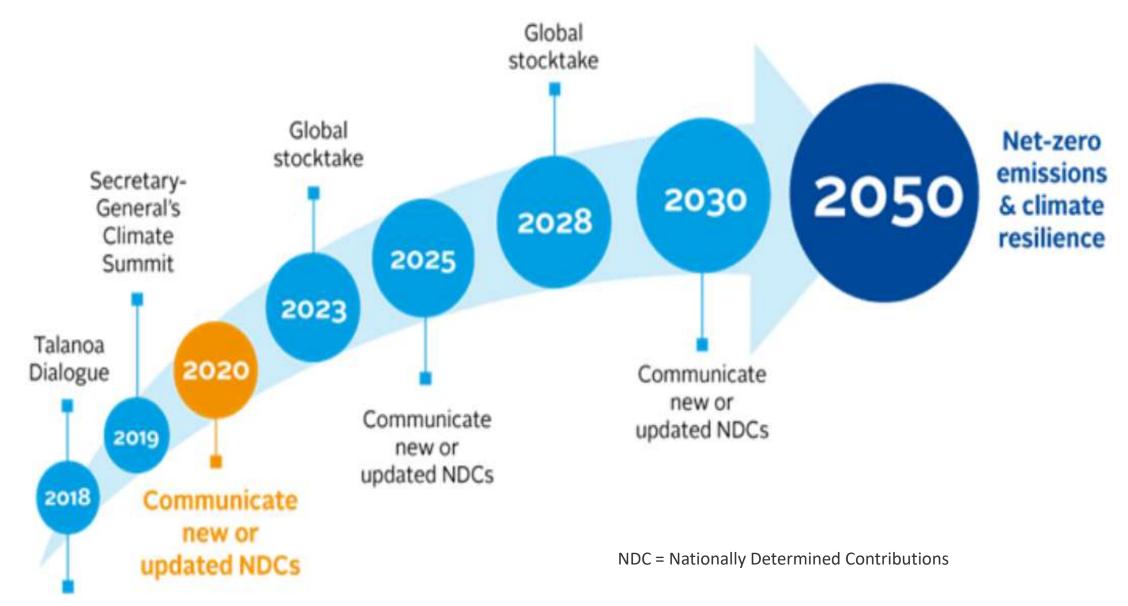
- What is the global and local setting for the current attention on sustainability and climate change?
- What are some key initiatives and movements that enable and energize governmental and business policies and programs?
- What are some major regulations, global and local as well as present and emerging, that may affect businesses?
- What are the key stakeholder mandates for corporate actions?

# Where is the blue?

# Climate Agreements - View from Blue Conservation



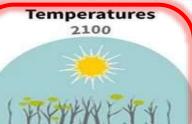
## **AMBITION MECHANISM IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT - Impact for Conservation**



#### What Are Implications for Blue Sustainability?

#### The Paris climate agreement: key points

The historic pact, approved by 195 countries, will take effect from 2020



 Keep warming "well below 2 degrees Celsius".
 Continue all efforts to limit the rise in temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius"

#### Finance 2020-2025



- Rich countries must provide 100 billion dollars from 2020, as a "floor"
- Amount to be updated by 2025

#### **Differentiation**



- Developed countries must continue to "take the lead" in the reduction of greenhouse gases
- Developing nations are encouraged to "enhance their efforts" and move over time to cuts

#### Emissions objectives 2050



- Aim for greenhouse gases emissions to peak "as soon as possible"
- •From 2050: rapid reductions to achieve a balance between emissions from human activity and the amount that can be captured by "sinks"

#### **Burden-sharing**



- Developed countries must provide financial resources to help developing countries
- Other countries are invited to provide support on a voluntary basis

#### **Review mechanism**

2023

- A review every five years First world review: 2023
- Each review will inform countries in "updating and enhancing" their pledges

#### Climate damage



Vulnerable countries have won recognition of the need for "averting, minimising and addressing" losses suffered due to climate change

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**Example: Blue Impact** 

# **ECONOMY**

Production

FISH RIGHT resonance Igniting Opportunity, Advancing Global Good,

#### OUR IMPACT

Resonance has a strong track record in implementing partnership initiatives, many supported by USAID, that focus on promoting sustainable fisheries. This includes an array of activities in countries like the Philippines and Indonesia, with broad aims that are crucial to sustainability of resources in both coastal fishing areas and high seas:

- capacity building
- data collection
- · facilitating approaches to regulating and monitoring responsible fishing practices and management
- developing programs
- · facilitating market entry and expansion
- improving fish stocks
- · training programs
- designed innovation and adoption
- · access to technical/financial resources
- empowering participation, including women



Renewable Energy

Total world

Engaged FT, PT, occasional or unspecified workers in fisheries and

aquaculture

Supports 3 billion people

\$1.5 trillion USD annually

Much of our work in sustainable fisheries focuses also on coastal communities. This includes facilitation of greater capacity for growth and opportunity, integration of innovation for more sustainable development and decision-making ecosystems, and onthe-ground lasting partnerships for future activity and endeavors. Our work in the Philippines also included activities that focused on resiliency, such as the support of mangrove planting and design of protective

measures through partnerships.

**OUR IMPACT** «

Tourism Circular Economy Growth & Development Coastal Protection

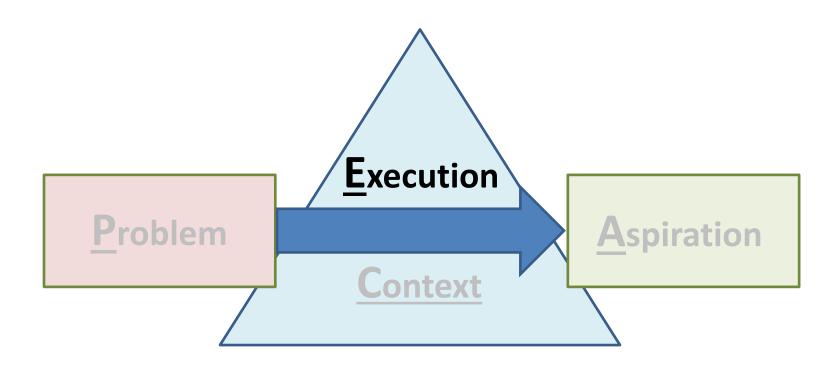
Coastal



# Bootcamp Challenge (III)

- Continuing from the problem and aspiration, look at the strategic context – what are the key and relevant initiatives and movements?
- Amongst these, which will have value implications for conservation in nature and biodiversity of oceans?

# Challenge of "PACE" for Business Sustainability With Blue Focus



# **Execution** of Sustainability (PAC**E**)

#### Typical concerns for organizations:

- What is the core substance of sustainability strategy?
- Evaluate content of strategy through the pillars of sustainability in environmental and social aspects
- Identify material components in each pillar
- Relate to both organizations and value chains i.e. customers and suppliers
- What's the main sustainability strategy narrative?
- Going forward, how can carbon emissions be managed?

## Where is the blue?

## The ESG Concept of Sustainability



#### **Environmental**

Renewable fuels

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

Energy efficiency

Climate risk

Water management

Recycling processes

Emergency preparedness



#### Social

Health and safety

Working conditions

Employee benefits

Diversity and inclusion

Human rights

Impact on local communities



#### Governance

Ethical standards

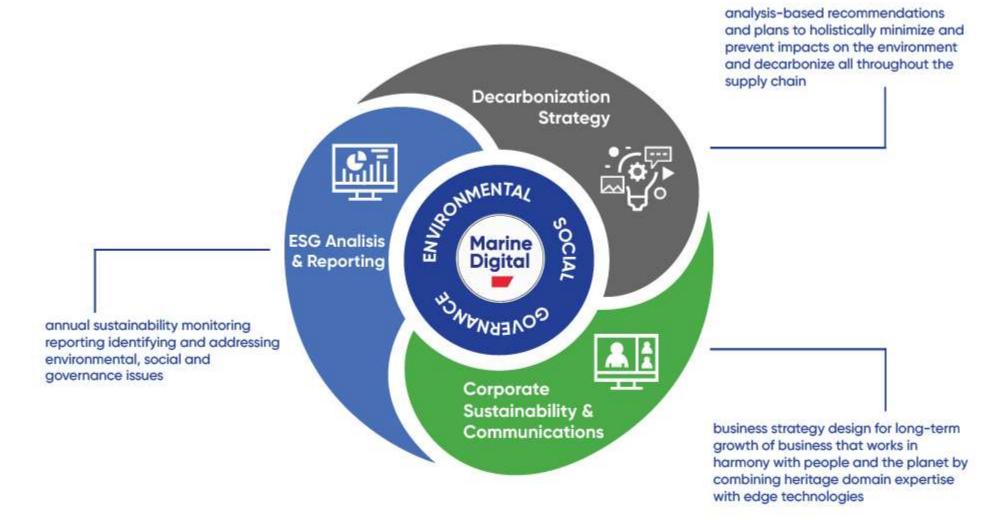
Board diversity and governance

Stakeholder engagement

Shareholder rights

Pay for performance

## **Example: ESG the Blue Way**



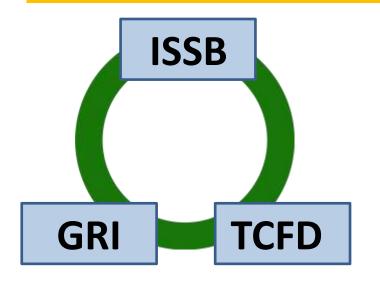
Maritime ESG Consulting for shipping companies by Marine Digital (marine-digital.com)

# Facing the Challenge of Evolving and Emerging Standards

Announcement of ISSB by IFRS at COP 26 (November 2021) [International Sustainability Standards Board]

Released in Jun 2023: 2 sets of standards – IFRS S1 & IFRS S2 

Effective Jan 2024



## **Key Issues**

Adoption – How to choose?

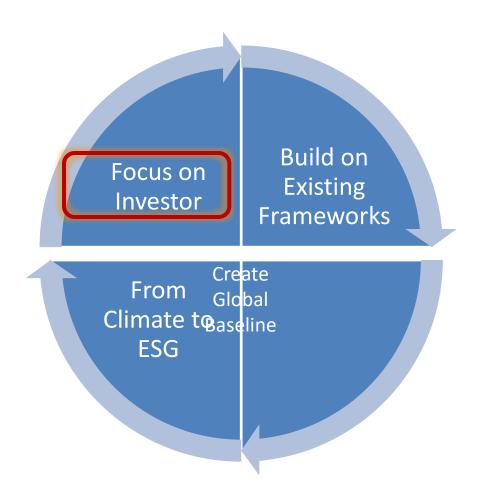
**B**enchmarking – How to compare?

**C**ontext - How to consider user uniqueness e.g. industry, size?

How should organizations prepare for the next big one?

# **ISSB Key Considerations**





## **ISSB** Key Coverage

#### Comparison of IFRS S1 and S2

Both standards require an entity to disclose all sustainability-related risks and opportunities that could reasonably be expected to affect the entity's cash flows, its access to finance or cost of capital over the short, medium or long term.

### IFRS S1

This standard sets out how an entity reports its sustainabilityrelated financial disclosures, by introducing requirements on:

- Governance the processes and procedures the entity uses to monitor and manage sustainability-related risks and opportunities;
- Strategy the approach the entity uses to manage sustainability-related risks and opportunities;
- Risk management the processes the entity uses to assess, prioritize and monitor sustainability-related risks and opportunities; and
- Metrics and targets the entity's performance in relation to sustainability-related risks and opportunities, including progress towards any targets the entity has set

### IFRS S2

This standard sets out how an entity reports:

- Climate-related risks to which the entity is exposed, which are climate-related physical risks and climate-related transition risks; and
- Climate-related opportunities.
- Specific requirements for climate-related disclosure also link to governance process, entity's strategy, processes used to identify, assess, prioritize and monitor climate-related risks and opportunities, and the entity's performance in relation to its climate-related risks and opportunities.

Source: BloombergNEF

#### THE STRAITS TIMES

## S'pore firms show how they – and the planet – have a future as sustainability reporting takes root



Many corporate investors are taking environmental, social and governance considerations more seriously, adding pressure on firms to disclose such measures. PHOTO: ST FILE

Sue-Ann Tan

**Business Correspondent** 

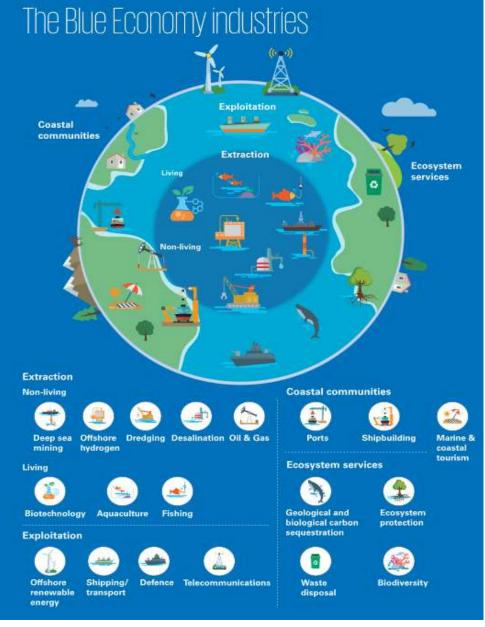
APR 12, 2024

Professor Loh, who is director of the Centre for Governance and Sustainability at NUS Business School, said: "The sustainability report goes hand in hand with the annual report that tells about the business activities. They're two sides of the coin, and sustainability completes the story of the company, so they can't be read separately."

"Each sustainability report is a storybook," he said. "It's not just about checking boxes against standards, but about building a compelling story."

Prof Loh said readers of a sustainability report should first look at the material ESG factors that are core to the business, and gauge if they are reasonable and sensible, and benchmarked to industry peers.

In assessing sustainability reports, Prof Loh said readers should also look at the role of the board and management in driving initiatives, and how sustainability gels with the company's strategy.



# The Role of the Blue Economy in Singapore's Sustainable Energy Transition

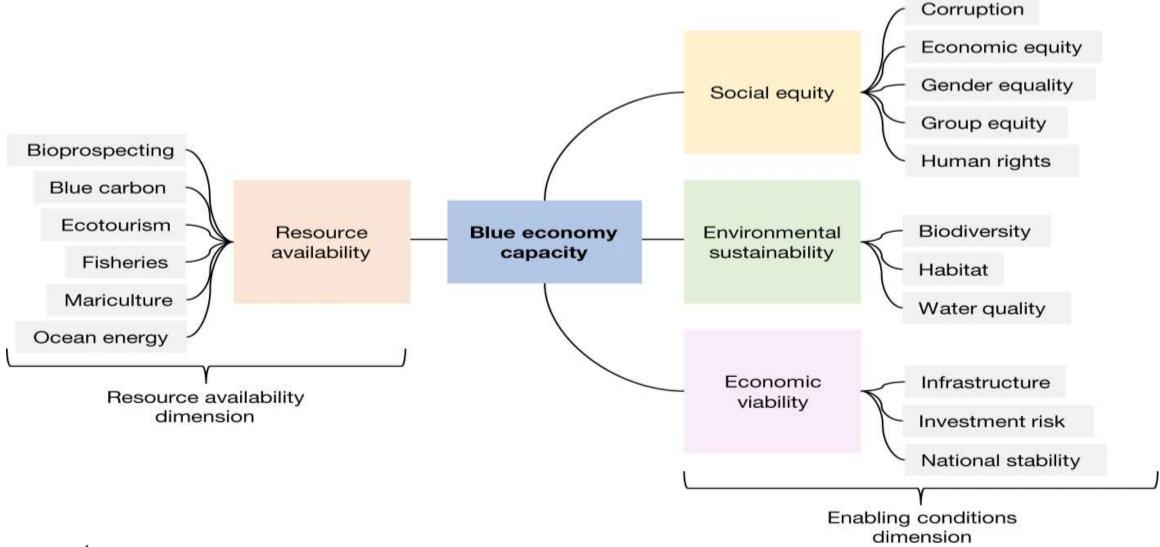
The industries identified as critical to Singapore's blue economy are:

- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Ports, Shipping and Marine Transport
- Tourism
- Resorts and Coastal Development
- Marine Technology and Environmental Services
- Oil and Gas
- Ocean-related Manufacturing
- Seabed Mining
- Renewable Energy
- Marine Biotechnology



The Role of the Blue Economy in Singapore's Sustainable Energy Transition (nus.edu.sg)

## **Enabling Conditions for an Equitable and Sustainable Blue Economy**





# Bootcamp Challenge (IV)

- Identify the critical aspects for sustainability strategy.
- What are broad strategies to execute each of the aspects for conservation in nature and biodiversity of oceans?

## **Focus on Impact**

# **City Developments Limited**



## LONGSTANDING AND UNWAVERING LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT



## From Impact to Nature

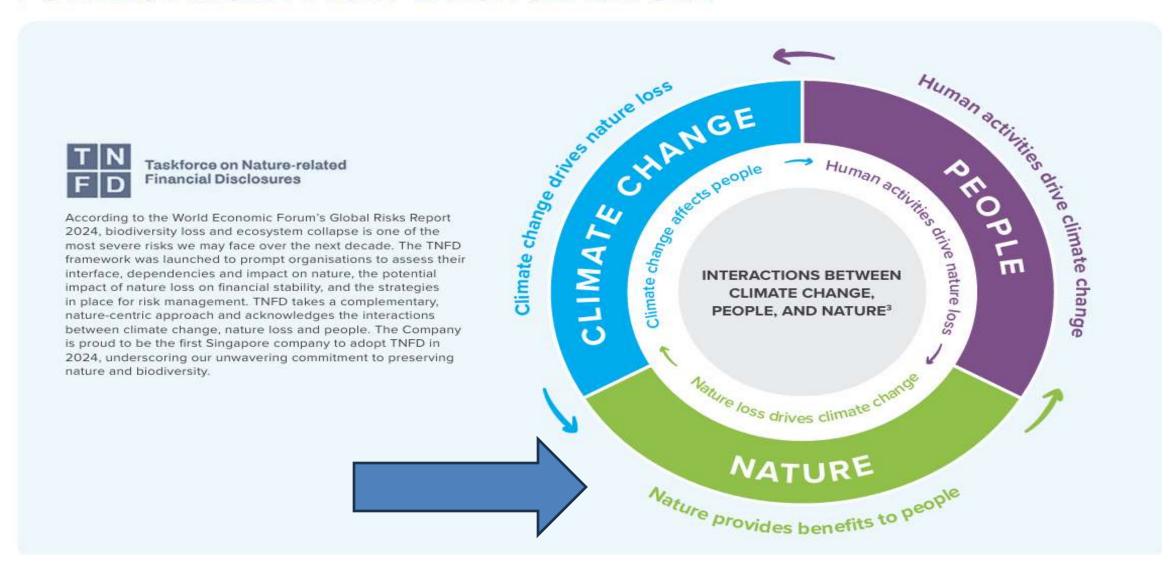
### **INTEGRATIVE SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE**

## **City Developments Limited**

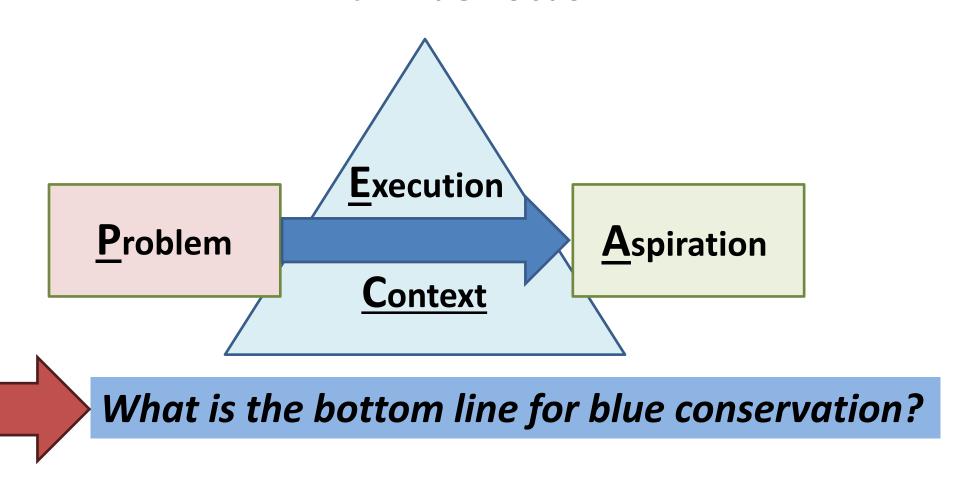
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# TASKFORCE ON NATURE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TNFD) - PUTTING PRIORITY AND VALUE ON NATURE



# Challenge of "PACE" for Business Sustainability With Blue Focus



# What is Missing in ESG?



What is the fundamental initiator of sustainability?

## Sunday May 05, 2024

### THE STRAITS TIMES

## What's missing in ESG? Economics, of course

Some businesses and their shareholders feel ESG has been weaponised, It's time to take a more balanced approach.

#### Lawrence Loh

ESG is pushing 20. The widely used acronym for "environmental social and governance", ESG was introduced in the report Who Cares Wins, which was published by the Global Compact of the United Nations in 2004.

Since then, ESG has influenced practices in companies and countries, it is an easy-to-use more abstract notion of estainability. Yes, 1985 has almost taken on a

lafe of its own and is often pursued as an end in itself. But that can backfire because ESG misses a vital part of the puzzle economics. To keep that key in mind, we should recast ESG as "EESG", with economics firmly in the frame.

#### **BUSINESS IMPERATIVE**

As a starting point, there can be no sustainability if there is no business to begin with (business here is used in the broad sense to cover for-profit and non-profit entities, including public secur-agencies and non-governmental organisations).

Dustiness woods financy as its lifetdood, and this is where adding economics is critical to balance the ESG aspects of

Consider recent husiness episodes that cast economics squarely into the sustainability

in January 2024, the Texas oil grant ExsonMobil, which is well known by its trading name of Esso, filed Incours against

elimane accircinis in an efficer to remove what the company described as an "extreme agenda" for its annual general meeting (AGM). The activists had pushed for an accelerated greenly. emissions cut, which the company felt would not serve

investor Interests.

In its most recent AGM in 2023.
ExxonMobil shareholders rejected. all 12 climate-related resolutions which included calls for the company to align with the Paris Agreement goals - the critical contrepiece of the international accord for countries to commit to reduced emissions to fight climate change.

Interestingly, also at their latest AGMs, other hig oil companies like California-based Chevron – known for its petrol brand of Caltex – and Shell have seen shareholders voting against elimate action proposals.
It is not just the hig oil firms

Concast, the multinational telecommunications and media monotists – which owns and operates famed brand nances like CNBC, Universal Pictures and DreamWorks Assimation within its gigantic business portfolio -bus absesses its shareholders reject climate related initiatives.

#### ECONOMIC BATTLE

It is apparent that in the contest between economics and ESG, the former has won. Shareholders. obesher rightly or not, prefer financial renorms as an overemphasis on sestainability may decrease business ocritormamore.

The tension is even more pronounced when we see that the oorld's largest asset management company – BlackBuck – has ompany - BlackBack - has inerally blacklisted the word "ESG". It is not that it does not believe in ESG any more, it is just that the term has become a consensions battleground. As BlackBock chief enecutive Larry



Fink markly puts it: "I don't use the word ESG any nore, because it has been entirely weaponised.

The war about ESG is fought over comomics, and I say: Why don't we just use "IESG" so that all can consider the entirety of the equation and resolve the sension? What if we can even demonstrate that sustainability and profitability are not manual enclusive but can perfectly

#### PERFORMANCE SEFECT

Most academic business research sectts to reveal positive relationships between nustainability and business

erformances. A Harvard Business School snally analysing 200 companie over 10 years discovered that firms which prioritise firms which prioritise soutainability outperformed their peers in the long run – they had better financial performance through return on assets and return on equity.



Climate activists protesting in September 2023 outside the headquarters of the world's largest asset dust use the word ESS any more because it has been entirely weaponized." PACTE MUTER

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the present, which conneres that the performance impact takes

The two studies form an interesting compensium that covers both investor and consumer angles in the economic conundrum of ESG. Indeed, economics and ESG can owin in the same take and are not necessarily at odds with each

But again, the relationahip is not straightforward if we nail it down to a very specific domain that is key to the fight against climate

change - the palm oil sector. In the most recent published study, my co-author Tricia Chong. and I found a valuation discount for global palm oil companies that disclore more ESG. We used an established ESG framowork known as Sustainability Policy Transparency Toollit, or Sport, developed by the Zoological Society of London, ingether with valuation data from Thomson

Strikingly, we found a ignificant negative relationship setween ESG transparency and firm valuation. Its other words, the store transparent a firm is on ESG, the poorer its valuation. This relationship is even stronge among the larger pains oil

Companies.

The study results comote a stack reality of 1950 – economics can overwhelm ESG in certain circumstances which validate shareholder tensions in the big nil, telecoms and media

That is because sustamphilies is not just about environmental mutainability, but is more about the business which needs the lifeblood of finance.

That is why ESG most interesal economics into its fold. EESG is the way to go, but the colour of noney has to be green too.

 Lawrence Lob is strector of Centre for Governorce and Sustainability at NUS Business School where he is:

Another study, by MSCI ESG

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published study to authored with researchers Thomas Thomas and Wang Yu. I found that there is a

market value among listed companies here. This same result was also obtained for the quality

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representation of a family business

Singapore-listed companies together with co-author Sharmine Tan, I have determined that

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# Closure: What if it's a Fish?





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**Board Advisor Embrace ESG, Singapore**  Prof Loh received a PhD in Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His thesis on technology governance was awarded global first prize in the worldwide doctoral competition in the field of management information systems. At MIT, he completed the doctoral qualifiers in finance and economics as well as the doctoral generals in strategy and policy.

At CGS, Prof Loh leads key governance initiatives for Asia-Pacific, ASEAN and Singapore. He steers the Singapore Governance and Transparency Index and ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard. Prof Loh also heads studies on business integrity and leadership diversity.

In the domain of sustainability, Prof Loh led the Knowledge Partner team and served as judge for the Business Times-UOB Sustainability Impact Awards in Singapore. He was a lead investigator on a study in sustainable banking for all listed banks in ASEAN in collaboration with WWF. Prof Loh directed the initiative that is commissioned by the Singapore Exchange to conduct sustainability assessments of all listed companies on the Exchange. He also headed the ASEAN sustainability reporting initiative covering 6 countries with ASEAN CSR Network and steered the Asia-Pacific sustainability reporting assessment covering 14 jurisdictions with PwC. Prof Loh spearheaded a study on climate reporting in ASEAN companies with GRI.

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