

Capacity Building for Biotrade **CBTF**



**A joint project of
UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF
and GTZ**



Windhoek, Namibia

- **Launched in 2000**
- **Inter agency collaboration**
- **Provides support to countries on issues at the interface of Trade, Env & Development**
- **EGS, MEA-WTO interface and Organic Ag**
- **Over 1200 direct beneficiaries (policymakers and negotiators)**



The Context

The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity

A major international initiative led by UNEP to draw attention to the global economic benefits of biodiversity, to highlight the growing costs of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation-
Linking science, economics and policy

The Green Economy Initiative

Investing in greening the economy provides competitive economic returns and additional development benefits (employment and poverty reduction)



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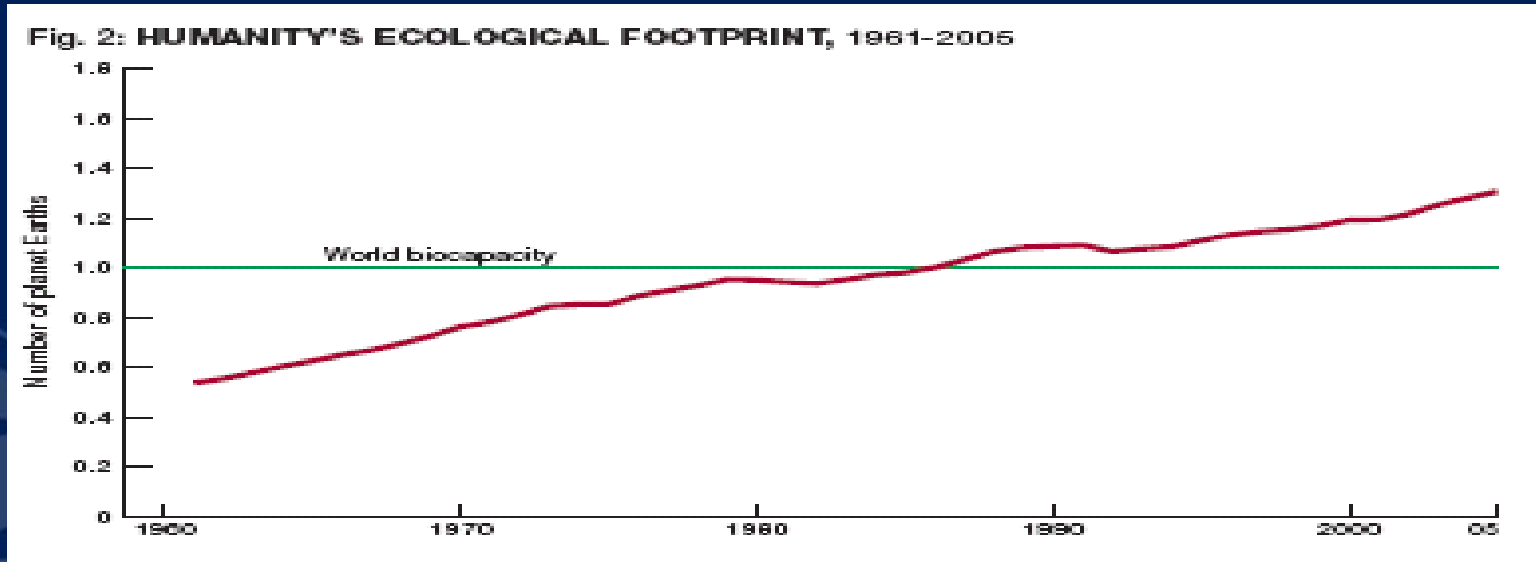
The Future Financial Crisis

In terms of land-use change, it's estimated that the annual financial loss of services that eco-systems provide -- water, storing carbon and soil stabilization -- is about €50 billion (\$64 billion) a year

With the current level of degradation, by 2050 a cumulative loss of ONLY land-based natural capital could be around €95 trillion (\$121 trillion)



Economic activity currently consumes more biomass than the Earth produces on a sustainable basis (i.e. the ecological footprint exceeds our planet's capacity to regenerate)



Economic and social

- **Income, employment, Livelihoods**
- **Poverty reduction (GDP of the Poor)**
- **Processing, production and value addition**
- **Business development and exports**

Environmental

- **Biodiversity conservation**
- **Ecosystems**
- **Ecosystem Services**

Sustainable development and poverty reduction



International Challenges

- Limited participation of developing countries negotiations where biotrade related issues are discussed (SPS, TBT, IPR, GIs, ABS issues)
- Increasing requirements of major markets
- Missing link between international negotiations and national level policymaking



National level Challenges

- Varying understanding of the potential of biotrade.
- Lack of clear policies, incentive measures and institutional framework to (avoid depletion and promoting biotrade).
- Sustainable management of resources
- Supply side capacity (quality, packaging, marketing, Etc.)



Objectives

- **Trade policies and strategies include biodiversity aspects**
- **Increased and effective participation of countries in international negotiations**
- **Improved capacity of businesses to benefit from opportunities offered by biotope.**



Activities

- 1. Multistakeholder Inter-regional Workshops.**
- 2. Public Forums on Biotrade and Exhibition.**
- 3. Advisory Missions to the Participating Countries.**
- 4. Briefings or Bilateral Meetings with Bilateral and Multilateral Development Partners.**



Activities

- 5. National Studies on Biotope and Green Economy**
 - 1. Multidisciplinary Research**
 - 2. Two national stakeholder workshops**

- 6. Organising and leading Session(s) at WTO Capacity-Building Regional Workshops on Trade and Environment and COPs of CBD and CITES**

- 7. An International Workshop and Participation of Capital Based Policymakers in Negotiations.**



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