



Zero Waste and Resource Productivity

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Resource Use and Resource Efficiency in the Asia Region

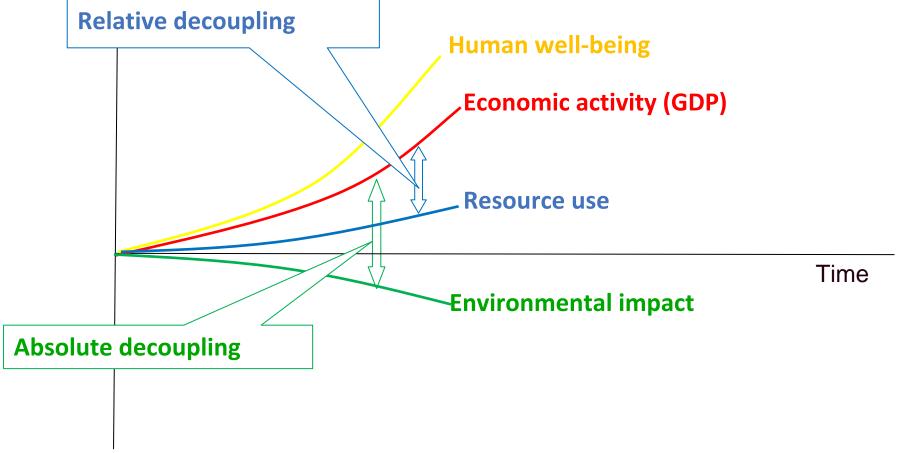


Context: Decoupling

- At the heart of 3Rs: a belief that sustainable development is only possible through decoupling energy and materials use from economic growth and preservation of natural capital.
- Decoupling is urgent. Achieving US or European standards of living globally without changing existing production and consumption patterns would require 3-5 additional planets to provide the necessary resources and ecosystems services.
- We must distinguish <u>relative</u> decoupling (where resource or environmental impacts grow slower than the relevant economic indicator) from the more difficult to achieve <u>absolute</u> decoupling (where resource use declines, irrespective of the growth rate of the economic driver).



Two aspects of "decoupling"



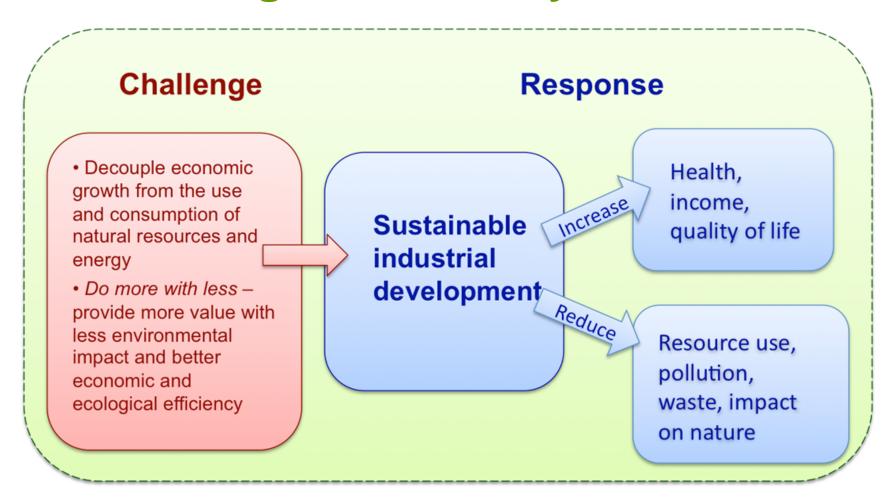
Source: International Resource Panel-

Decoupling natural resources use and environmental impacts from economic growth ,2011



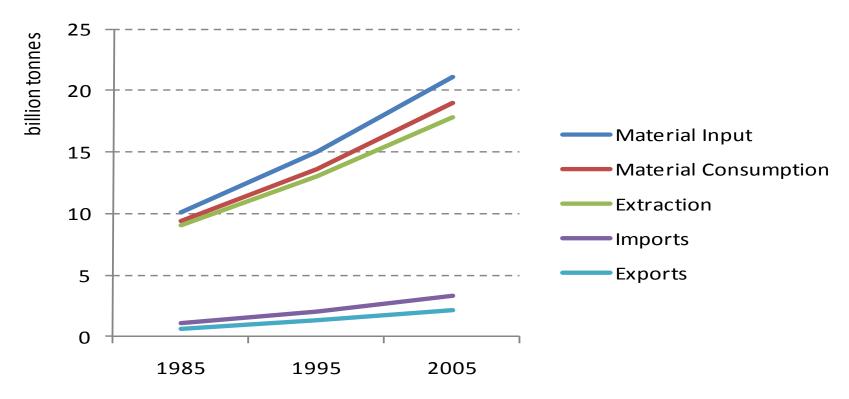


The Challenge for Industry





Trends in Asia

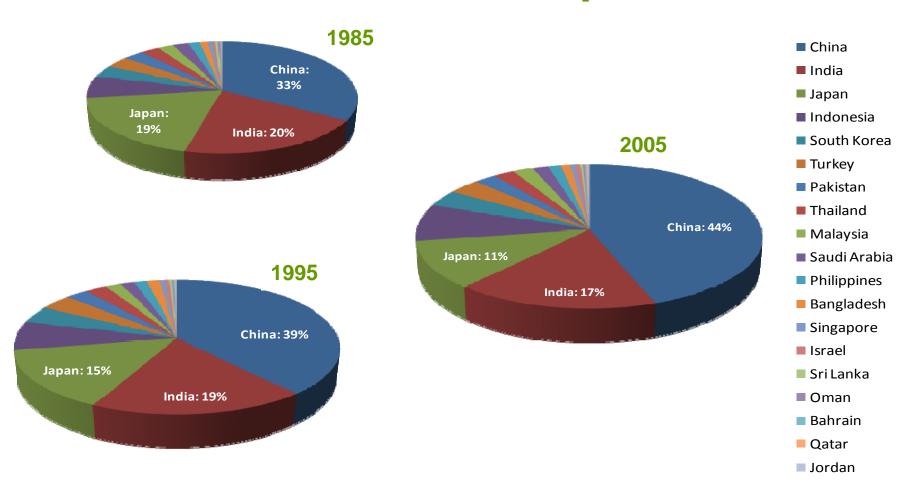


- At regional level, imports and exports present <15% of material consumption.
- Large variations between resource-endowed, exporting countries and resource-constrained, importing countries.





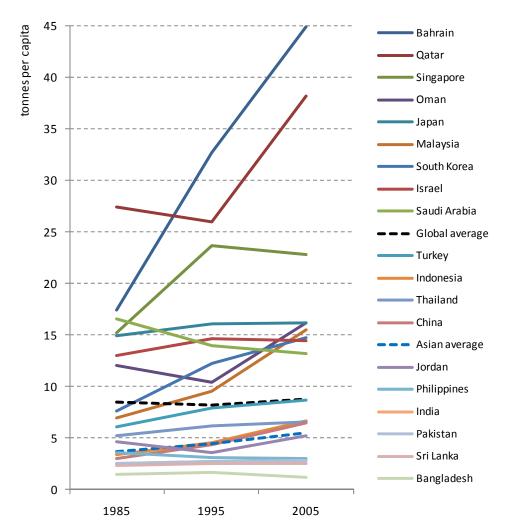
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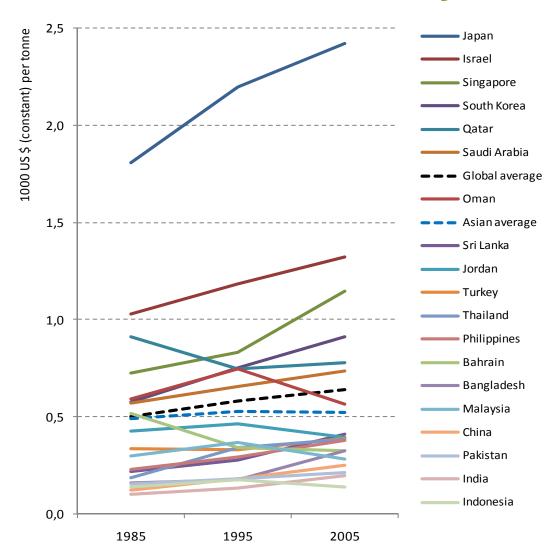
Material Consumption Per Capita



- Average increased from 3.7 to 5.5 tonnes/capita, compared to global average of 8.5 tonnes/capita.
- Low and near constant or even declining in lowest income countries (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines).
- China and Indonesia more than doubled, from 3 to 6.5 tonnnes/ capita.
- Small, rich countries had high consumption and grew fast (Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and Singapore).



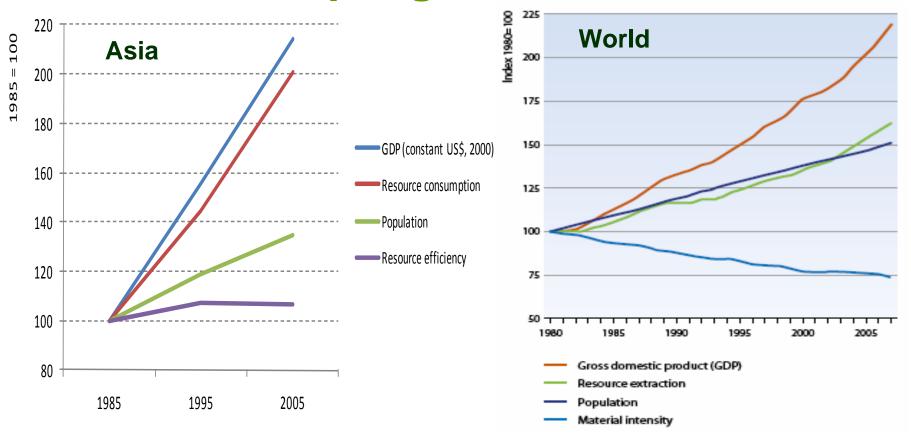
Material Productivity



- Average improved slightly, from \$490 to \$520/tonne, compared to global average of \$640/tonne
- Biggest emerging economies are among the least resource efficient (China, India)
- Growth in extractive sectors decreased materials productivity (Malaysia, Indonesia)
- Lowest income countries have higher materials efficiency than some emerging economies (e.g. Bangladesh, compared to China, India and Indonesia)



Relative Decoupling Trends



- In Asia, GDP grew by 144%, materials consumption by 101%, population by 35%
- Early signs of decoupling have not been sustained since 2005
- Global trend of ~25% relative decoupling since 1990 is not replicated in Asia



Industry and Cities



Eco-Cities

- In most economies, the construction/housing, food, and transport sectors account for nearly 70% of material, energy, and land use. Much of these sectors' activities is in cities.
- Eco-cities: areas where urban planning and environmental management tools are applied to pursue synergies in resource utilization and productivity, waste management, environmental preservation, industrial and economic development and a healthy living environment.

UNIDO, in cooperation with the government of Jordan, established the Eco-Cities of the Mediterranean Forum which had its second main conference on 11-12 October 2011 in Marseille, France





Industries in Eco-Cities

- Industries are mostly located in urban (municipal) settings
- Industries being more resource efficient, less polluting will be an important part of eco-cities
- Industries can also provide the environmental services needed by eco-cities

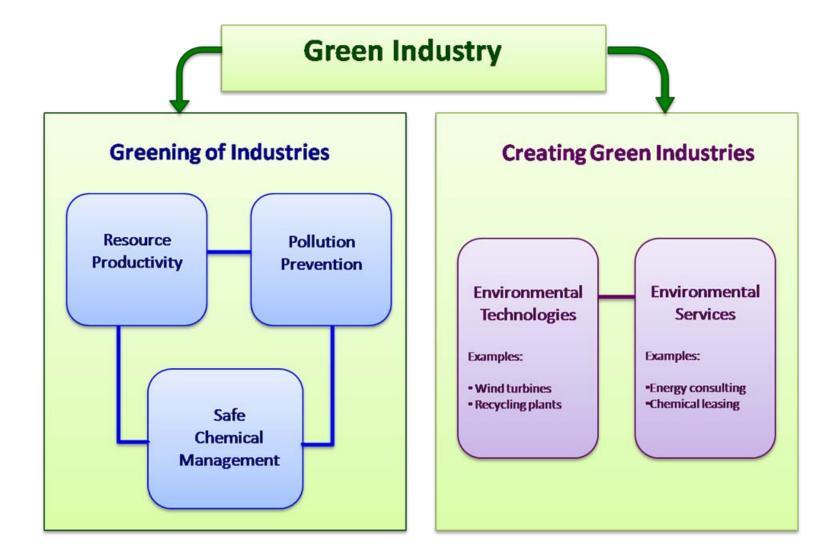
Municipalities' environmental needs

Private Intermediary
Sector Organizations
(Green UNIDO)
Industries





"Green Industry": A Definition





1st Strategy: Greening Industry

- Ensuring that all industries, regardless of sector, size or location, continuously improve their resource productivity and decrease environmental burdens
- Aim is to reduce the environmental impacts of processes and products by:
 - using resources more efficiently;
 - phasing out toxic substances;
 - substituting fossil fuels with renewable energy sources;
 - taking increased producer responsibility;
 - reducing the overall risks.



2nd Strategy: Creating Green Industries

- Stimulating the development and creation of industries that provide environmental goods and services
- Covers all types of services and technologies aimed at contributing to reducing negative environmental impacts. This includes:
 - materials recovery;
 - recycling companies;
 - waste management;
 - wastewater treatment;
 - air pollution control;
 - renewable energy equipment;
 - energy conservation ...



Greening Industries in Cities

Enterprise-level

 Improved resource productivity and reduced pollution intensity through intra-firm measures

Resource productivity

→ Efficiency

Industry-sector level

 Resource exchanges and collaboration of multiple firms to improve overall resource efficiency and environmental performance

Resource synergy

→ Symbiosis



Industrial Symbiosis

- Engages traditionally separate industries in a collective approach to competitive advantage involving physical exchange of materials, energy, water, and/or by-products
- The keys to industrial symbiosis are:
 - Collaboration; and
 - Synergistic possibilities offered by geographic proximity.



Creating Green Industries in Cities

- Solid and Hazardous Waste: Waste collection, recycling, treatment, disposal, (clean-up)
- Water: Water purification, wastewater treatment
- Air: Air pollutant treatment
- Renewable Energy: Decentralized RE technologies, smart grids
- Energy Efficiency: Building energy conservation, transportation optimization
- The 3Rs concept applies to all stages of the productionconsumption cycle: design, manufacture, by-products and waste minimization in manufacturing; purchasing, use, and disposal on the consumer side.





Examples of 3R Green Businesses

REDUCE	REUSE	RECYCLE
Biotechnology	Information technology –	Composting
Information technology	eBay, PayPal	Urban mining
for eco-labeling	Exchangeable/reusable	Recycled building
Eco-efficient	parts	materials
transport/electric cars	Multi-purpose design	Waste recycling systems
Car-share technologies	Antiques/Thrift Stores	Eco-design
Renewable energy	Containers (e.g. glass	E-waste recycling of rare
Household water saving	bottles)	minerals
devices	Used cars, cell phones etc.	Waste to energy
		Household appliances
		Paper and cardboard recycling





Integrating Industry and the City



Urban Symbiosis



Use of byproducts from cities in industrial operations

Exploitation of synergistic opportunities arising from the geographic proximity of urban waste sources and potential industrial users through the transfer of wastes for environmental and economic benefit.



The Way Forward - 1

National Governments

- Mainstream 3Rs into national development agenda, incl. environmental, social, and economic plans, policies, strategies and programmes;
- Through appropriate legislation, establish long-term recycling targets; these provide certainty of supply of recyclables and guarantee willingness to pay;
- Developing countries to mobilize additional financial resources with bilateral and multilateral donors for 3R implementation, incl. transfer of modern technologies and associated capacity strengthening.



The Way Forward - 2

National & Local Governments

- Build adequate technical and human resource capacity for collection and safe treatment of toxic and hazardous wastes, incl. house-hold waste, medical waste, and ewaste;
- Use 3R technologies/practices to create new, entrepreneurial businesses;
- Create waste exchanges/matchmaking services can be at national, regional, local scale;
- Use procurement power to influence demand ("green procurement")



The Way Forward - 3

Local Governments

- Use existing powers to drive/guide 3Rs and greenness:
 - ✓ Through land-use powers (e.g., siting of industries);
 - ✓ Through proper enforcement of discharge and emissions limits (and perhaps also setting of the limits);
 - ✓ Through how key services like water supply, WWT, waste disposal are supplied;
 - ✓ Through how they manage public buildings.
- Develop eco-industrial zones and clusters to strengthen industrial capacity for recycling and for industrial symbiosis.



THANK YOU!