

Leveraging ocean resources for sustainable development of small island developing States

Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report



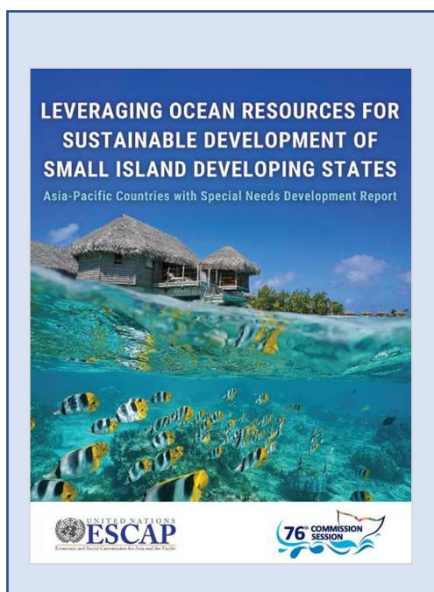
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Countries with Special Needs Section and its previous reports

- Least developed countries (LDCs)
- Landlocked developing countries (LLDCs)
- Small island developing States (SIDS)



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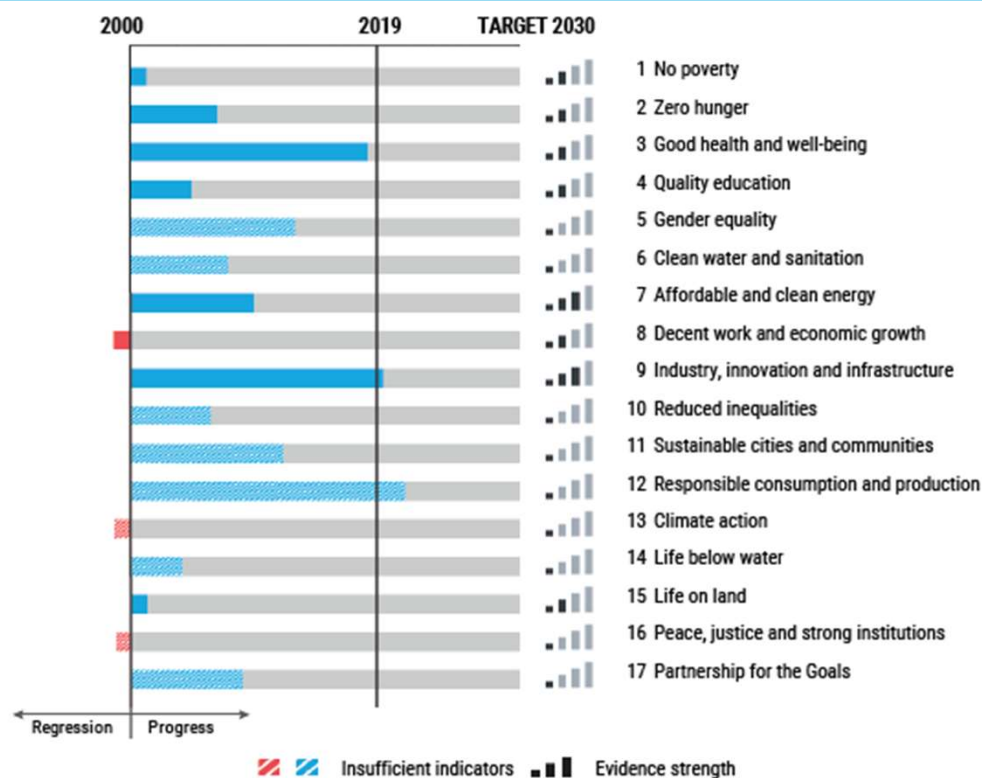
Key messages

- Asia-Pacific SIDS need to accelerate action to implement the 2030 Agenda
- To accelerate progress towards achieving these Goals, SIDS must take full advantage of their Blue Economy in a sustainable manner
- Fisheries and tourism are among the most promising sectors. However, challenges must be addressed
- While, in the short term, addressing the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic must take priority, it could provide a historic opportunity to advocate for change



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Progress made by SIDS towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



Source: Based on ESCAP data.

SIDS face specific development challenges...



Small land mass



Limited resources



High vulnerability to external shocks

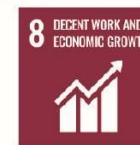


Remoteness

SIDS are progressing well

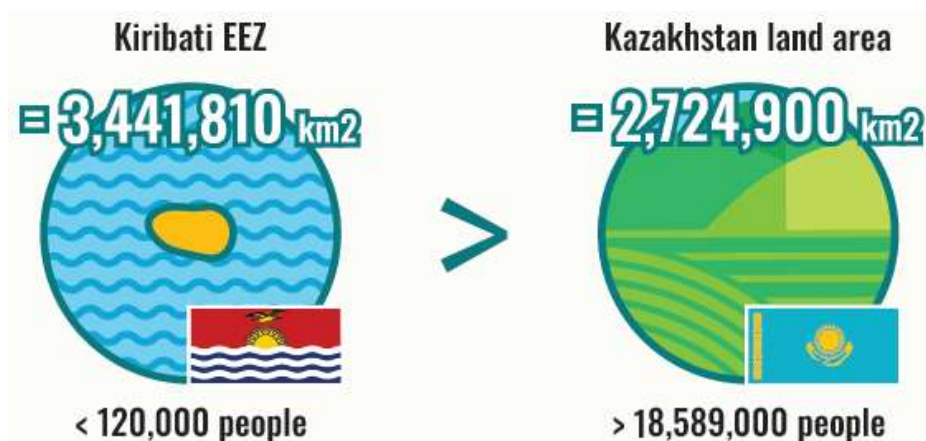


SIDS are regressing



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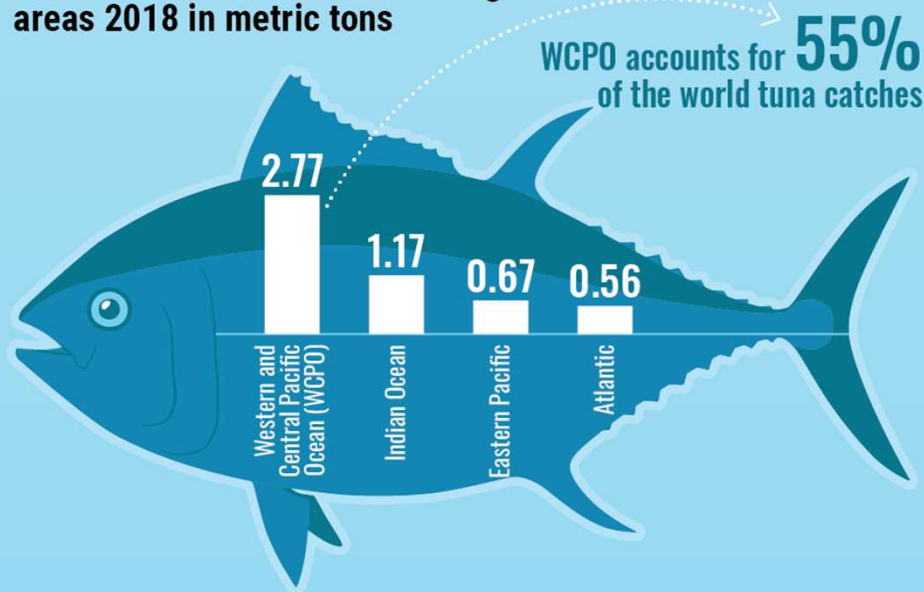
- Asia-Pacific SIDS have great potential to grow. The size of their Exclusive Economic Zones is significantly larger than their land area.
- The abundance of ocean resources of SIDS should be leveraged more effectively to support their sustainable development.
- This report identifies **fisheries** and **tourism** as key drivers of sustainable development in Asia-Pacific SIDS.



Chapter II Fisheries as a driver for sustainable development

ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Offshore tuna catches of the world's main offshore fishing areas 2018 in metric tons



Per capita consumption is **2-3** times higher than the global average

FOOD



INCOME

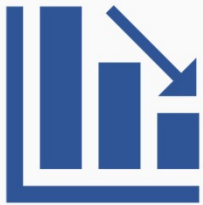
0.2-16%
contribution to GDP



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COVID-19 and demand disruption in SIDS



60-80% international tourist arrivals decline globally in 2020

\$910 billion to \$1.2 trillion in tourism receipts loss globally

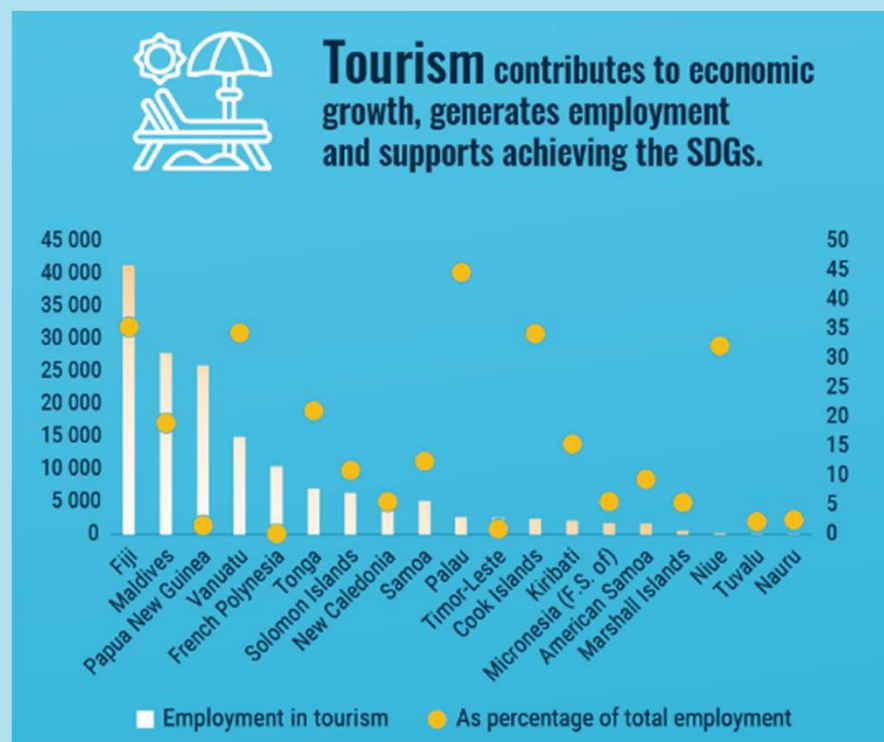


**COVID-19
RESPONSE**

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Chapter III

Tourism as a driver for sustainable development

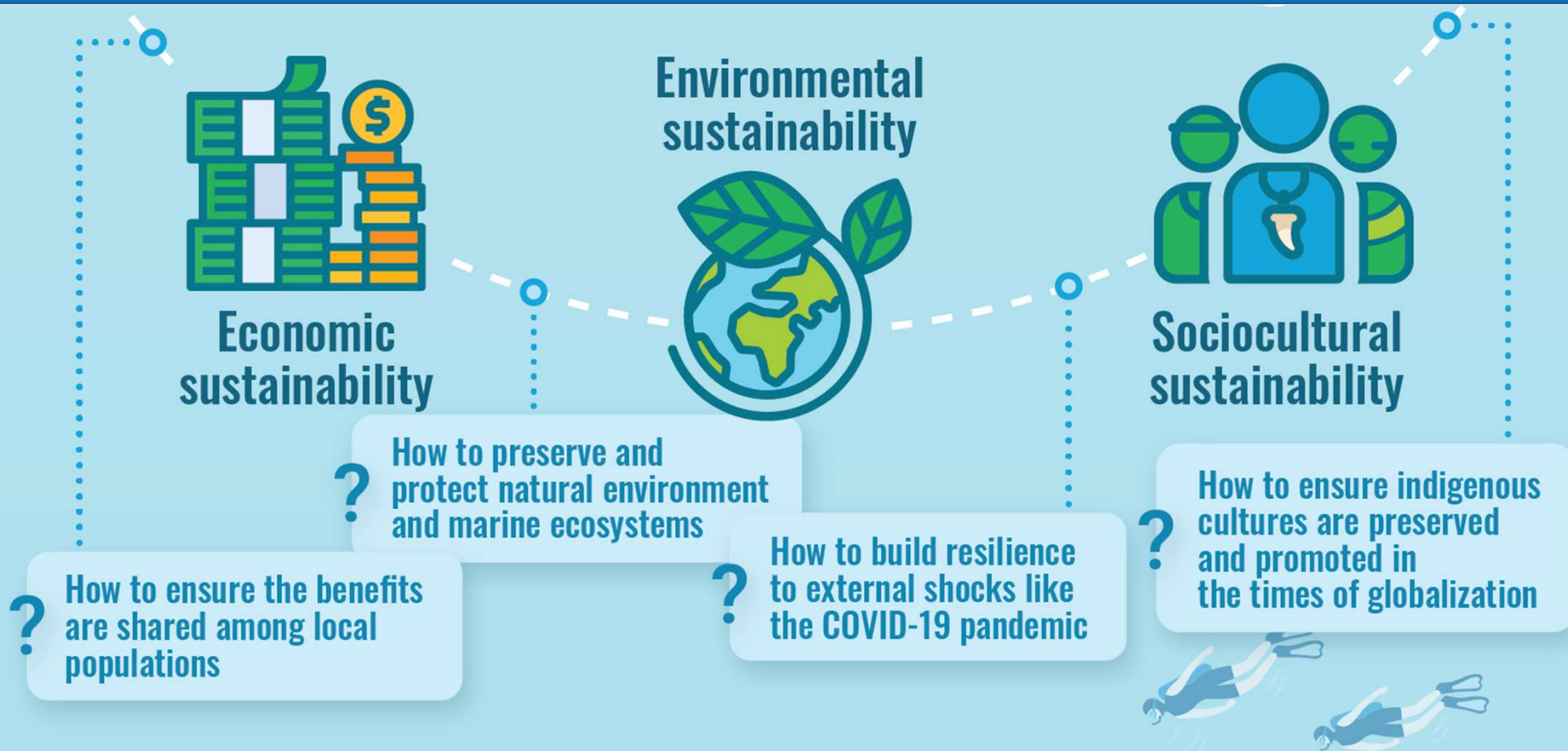


- Tourism contributes to economic growth and the achieving of SDGs
- Tourism is a promising sector due to growing demand and unique character/variety of attractions offered by Asia-Pacific SIDS
- Tourism generates employment



Chapter III

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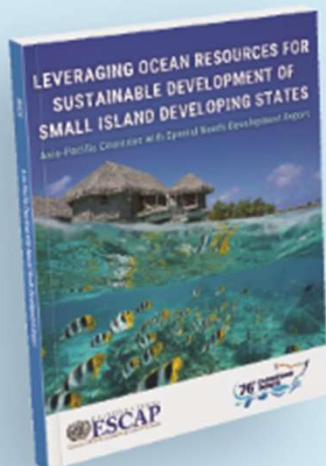
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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Strengthen links between local economies, local populations and the tourism sector
2. Develop local content-intensive marine-based and culture-based tourism
3. Implement green fee/tax mechanisms
4. Enhance regional cooperation to improve connectivity and strength the branding

Chapter IV Conclusion



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Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report: Leveraging Ocean Resources for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States calls for scaled-up actions to:

- 🐚 better integrate fisheries and tourism into their local economies
- 🐚 ensure their sustainability
- 🐚 enhance international and regional cooperation
- 🐚 improve access to factual, transparent and harmonized data
- 🐚 better enforce international frameworks, norms and standards

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