

A green economy in a blue world - an Australian perspective

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Outline

- Australia's progress towards a 'green economy'
 - Australia's 'Clean Energy Future' plan

- Towards a 'green economy in a blue world'
 - The 'blue economy' – marine conservation / management



Australia's preparations for Rio+20





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- Major event of 2012; most important since 2002
- Engaged in preparatory process
- *Practical* sustainable development agenda
- Support Rio+20 objectives: renewed political commitment to sustainable development
- Just one voice among many ...



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Australia's commitment to sustainability

- Minister for Sustainability
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
- Sustainable Population Strategy
- Clean Energy Plan



Progress towards 'a green economy'

- Vehicle for achieving sustainable development
- Flexible: different national circumstances and economic priorities
- Opportunity for growth through existing markets / creation of new markets
 - e.g. Australia's 'Clean Energy Future' plan

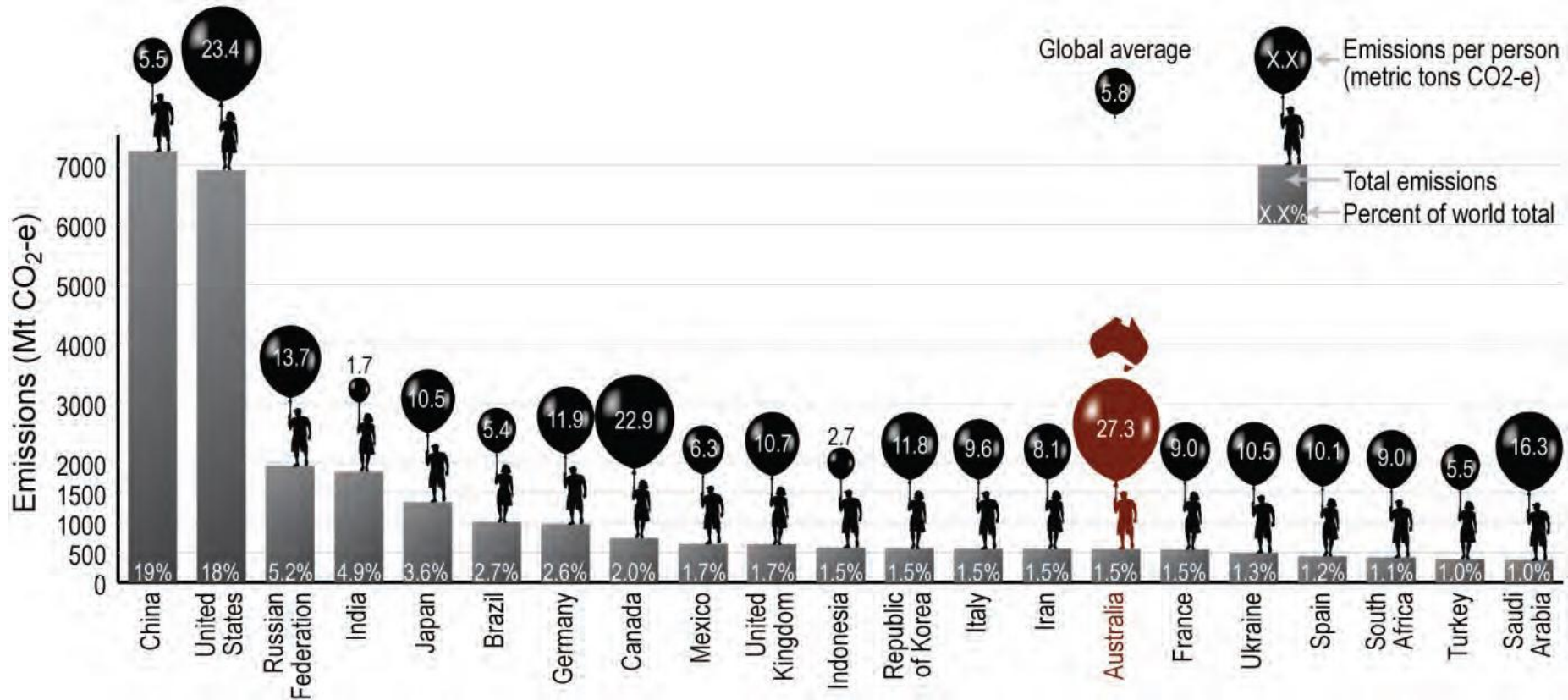


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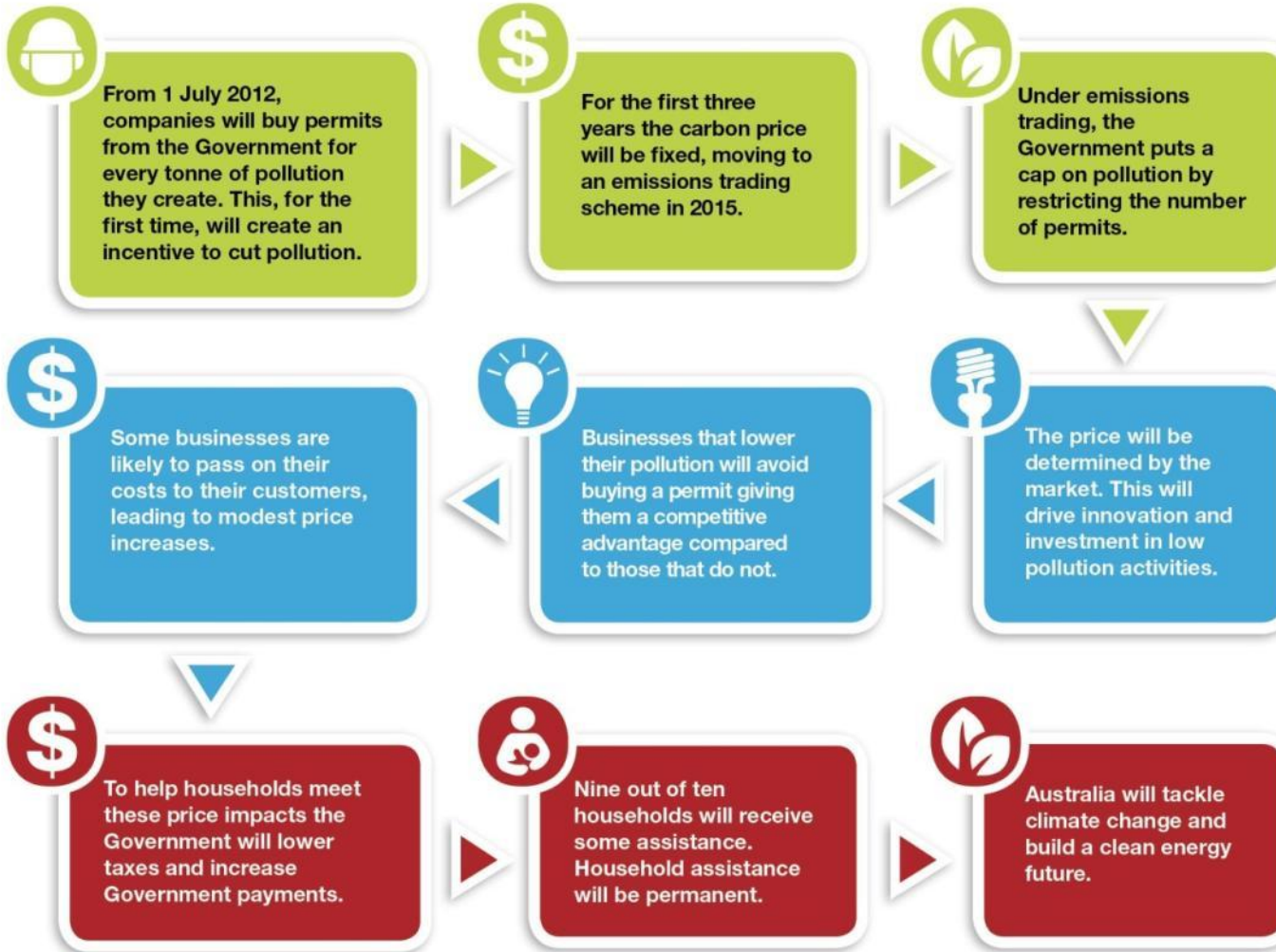
Australia's 'Clean Energy Future'

- A low carbon future
- 'Clean Energy Future' package: July 2011
 - Introducing a carbon price
 - Promoting innovation and investment in renewable energy
 - Encouraging energy efficiency
 - Creating opportunities in land-use to cut carbon pollution



Carbon Pricing

- Fixed price scheme from 1 July 2012
- Covers around 60% of Australia's emissions
- Revenue will support
 - households, businesses, industry
 - development of other climate friendly activities and technologies
- New Climate Change Authority
- To parliament in the second half of 2011





A blue economy – a Pacific concept

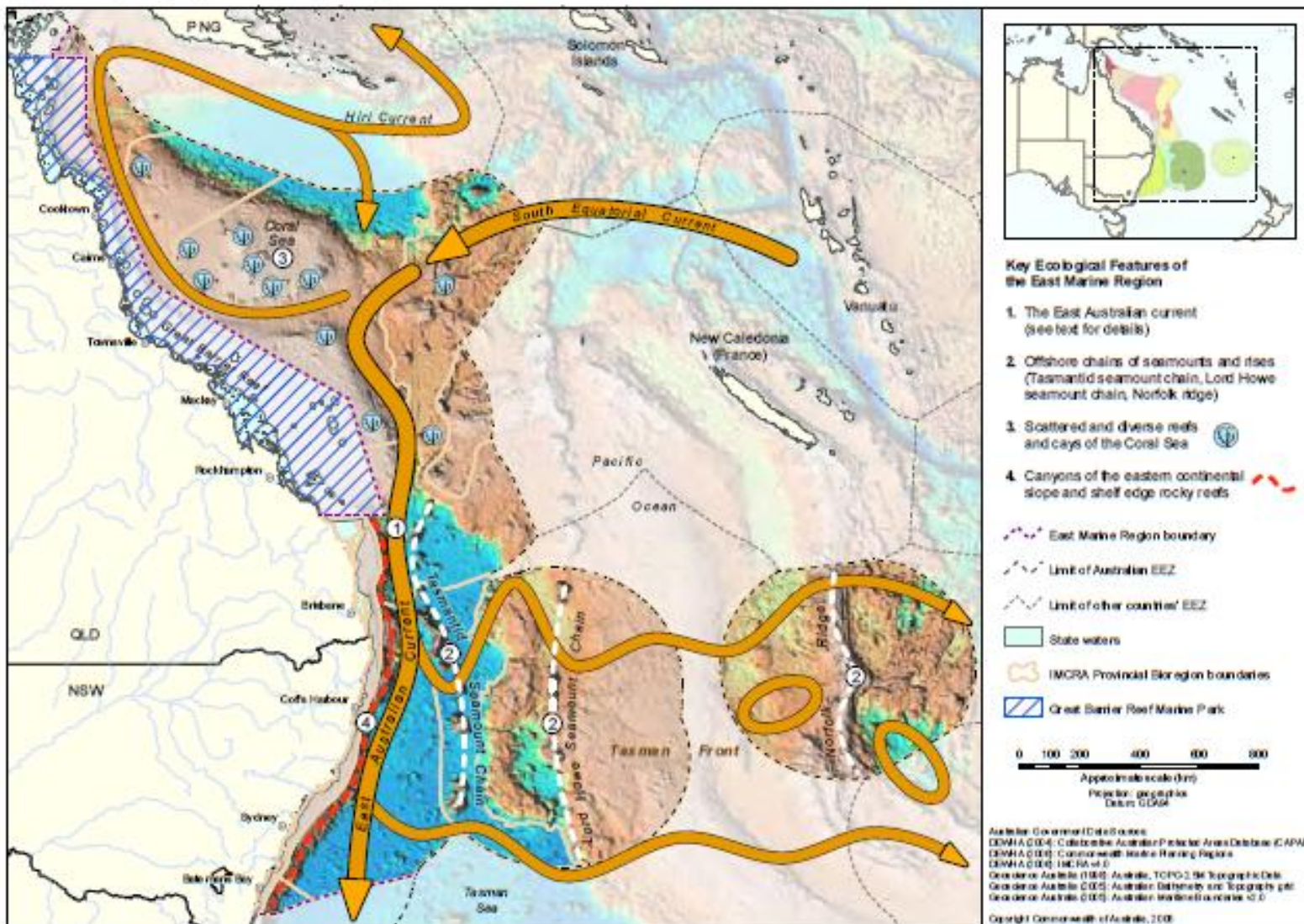
- PSIDS: green economy here is a ‘blue economy’
- Dependence on marine resources and ecosystems
- Global value of Pacific Ocean & your stewardship
- Integrated regional oceans management
- MPA global network (Rio+10)



A blue economy – in Australia

Marine bioregional planning

- Underpins ecosystem-based management
- Focuses on maintaining ocean health & productivity
 - Key ecological features and conservation values
 - Pressure analysis
 - Regional priorities and strategies

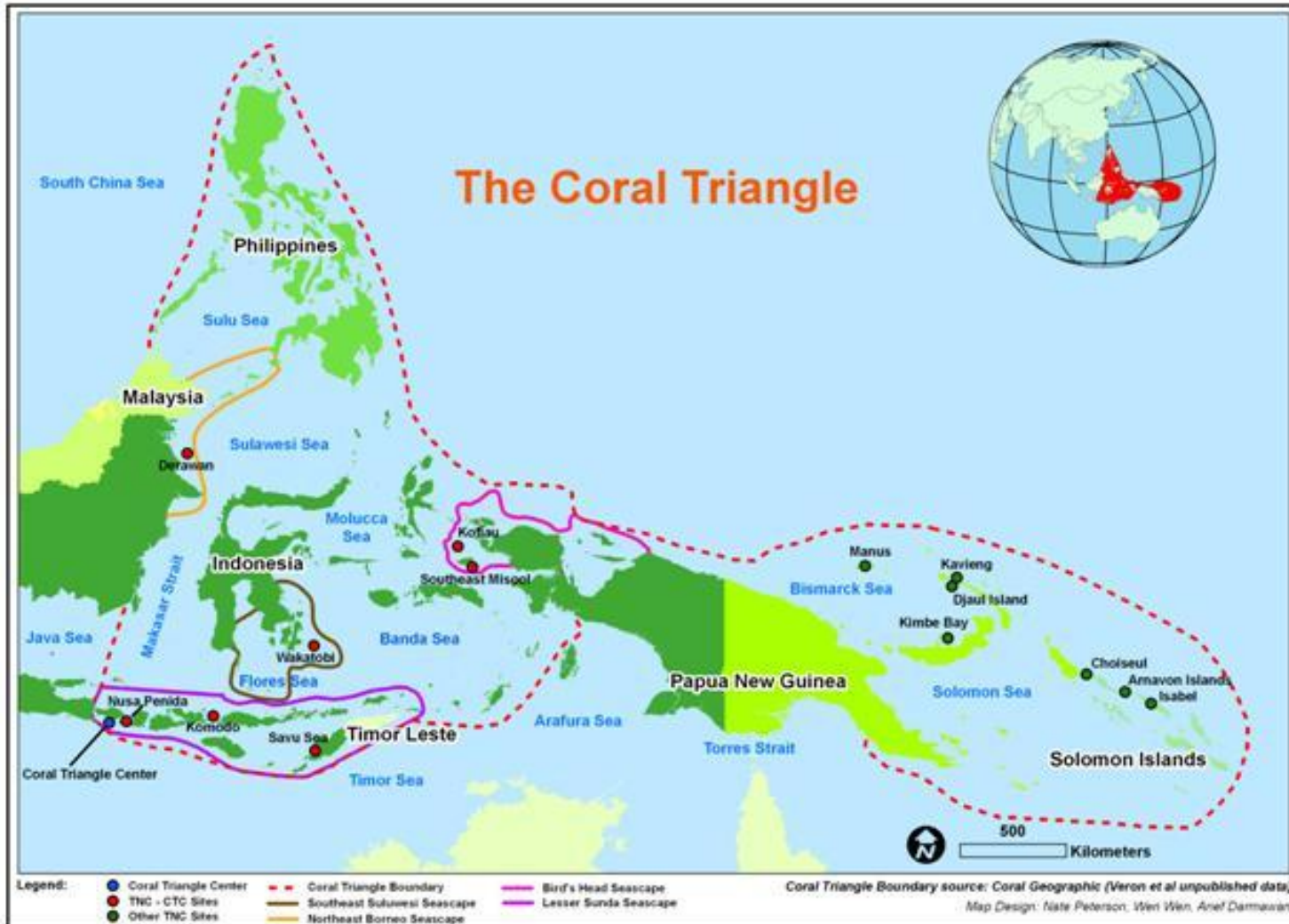




A blue economy – in the region

Coral Triangle Initiative

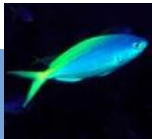
- Improving livelihoods & food security
 - High level political commitment and drive
 - Linking regional, national and local scales
 - Mobilisation and coordination of support
 - Direct involvement of civil society





Key points – a blue economy

- Still needs a clearer message
- Dependence on marine resources & ecosystems
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