

Achieving Net Zero: Synergies and Trade-Offs Relating to Climate Change

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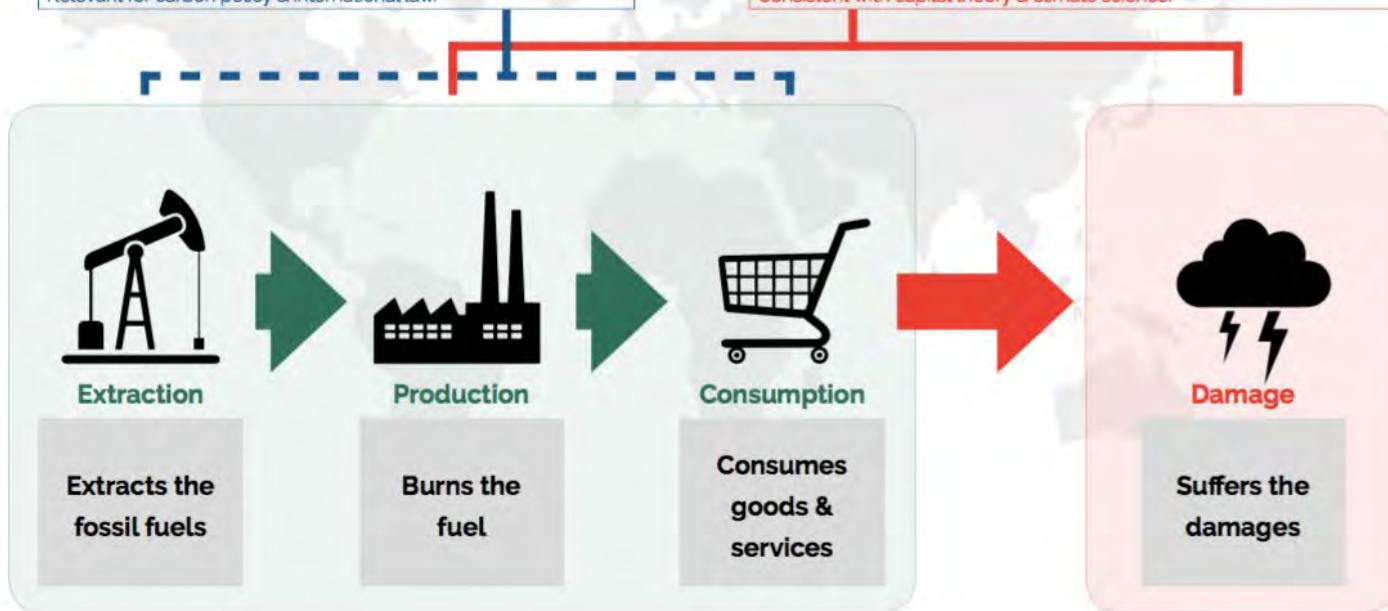
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Carbon Accounting:

Attribution based on location of *emissions*.
Relevant for carbon policy & international law.

Wealth Accounting:

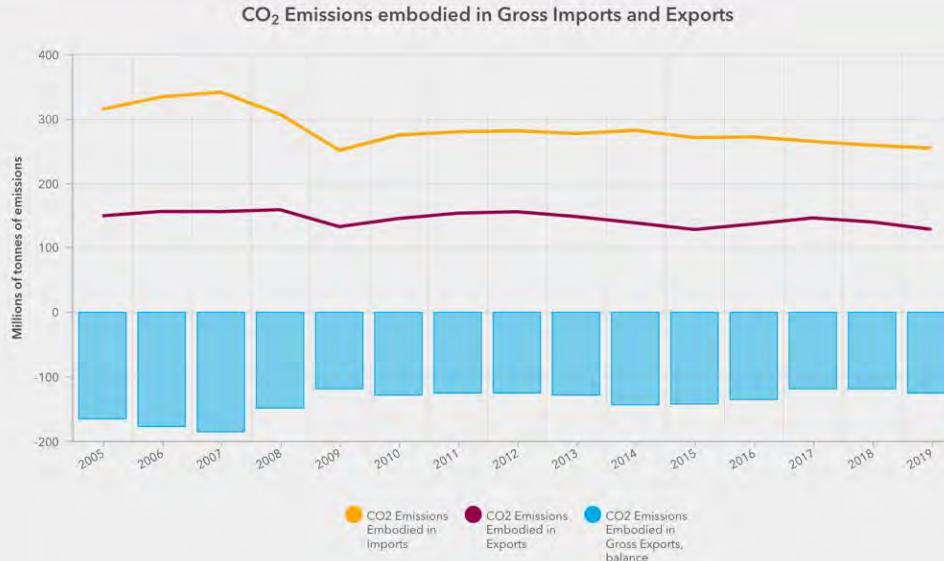
Attribution based on location of *damages*.
Consistent with capital theory & climate science.



Source: Agarwala 2019

CO₂ Emissions Embodied in Trade

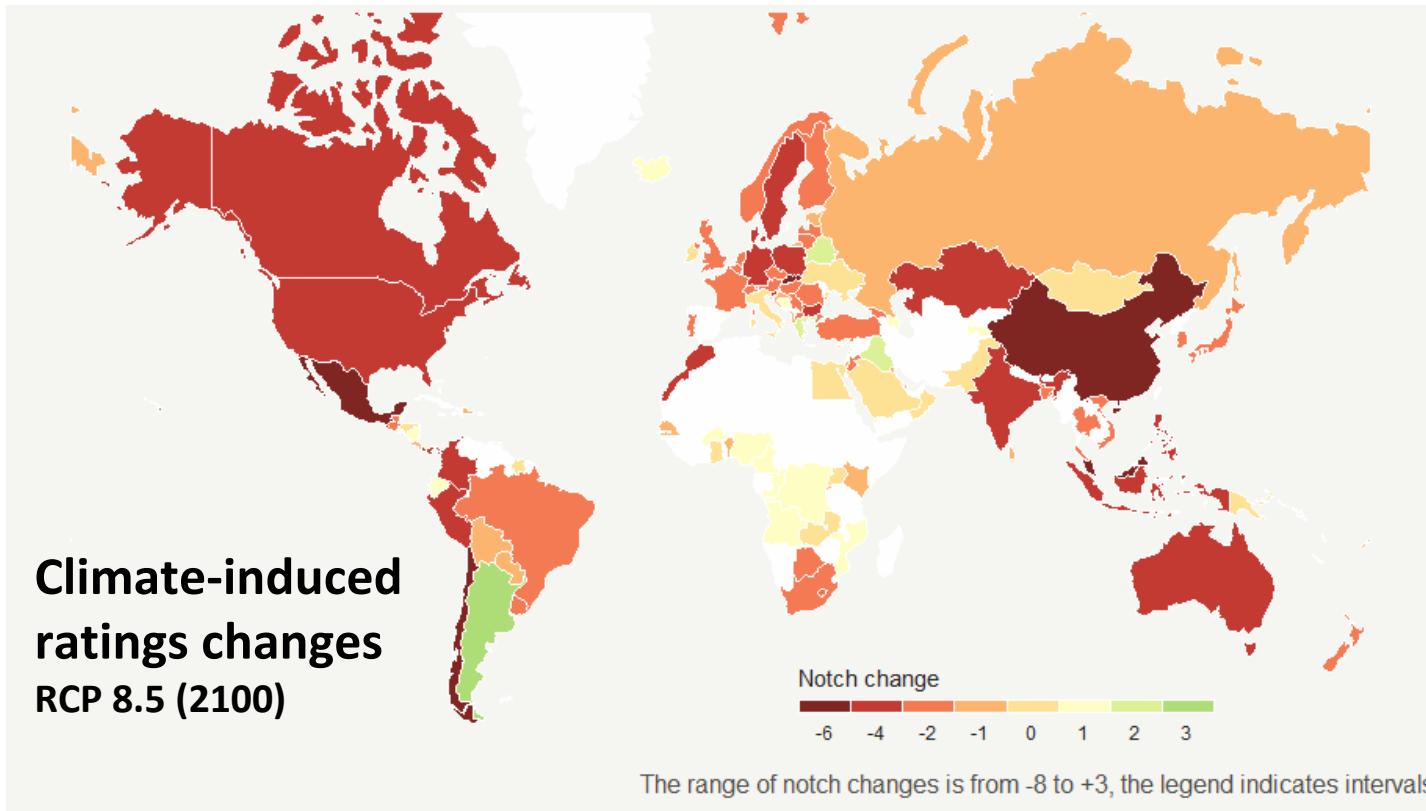
The carbon emissions embodied in gross exports and gross imports can be used to estimate the difference between a country's "production" of CO₂ and its "demand" for CO₂. In 2019, it is estimated that United Kingdom had a negative CO₂ balance, with a deficit of 1.3e+02 millions of metric tons of CO₂ emissions between total exports and imports.



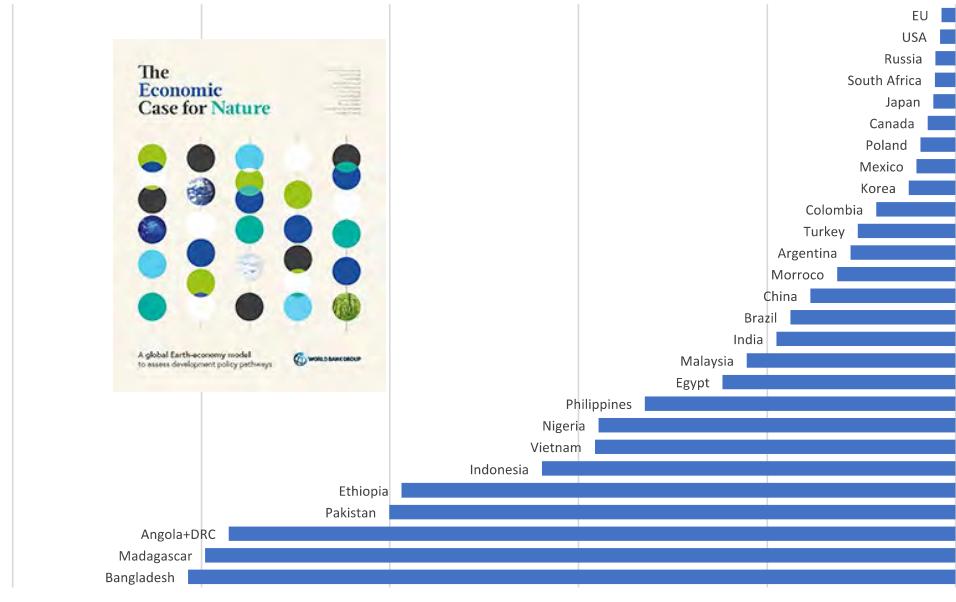
Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS); OECD Carbon emissions embodied in trade; IMF staff calculations.



Climate-induced ratings changes RCP 8.5 (2100)



Change in 2030 GDP under the partial ecosystem collapse scenario compared with the no-tipping point scenario (% of GDP)



Source: World Bank (2021): The Economic Case for nature

March 2021....a milestone

Ecosystem Accounting in the News



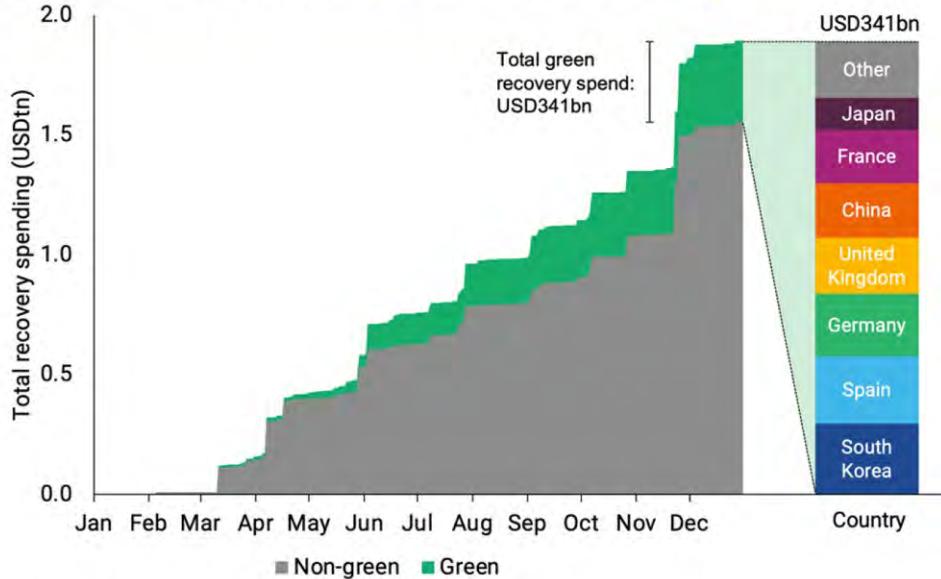
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No longer will we allow mindless environmental destruction to be considered as economic progress

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the
United Nations

Recovery spending: more grey than green

Figure 2.1
Global announced recovery spending and green spending, 2020



Source: O'Callaghan and Murdock (2021)

Background report, Lucas & Vardon

But many green recovery options

Figure 1: SEEA accounts and the fiscal triangle

SEEA ACCOUNTS ORGANIZE DATA FOR MACROECONOMIC PLANNING

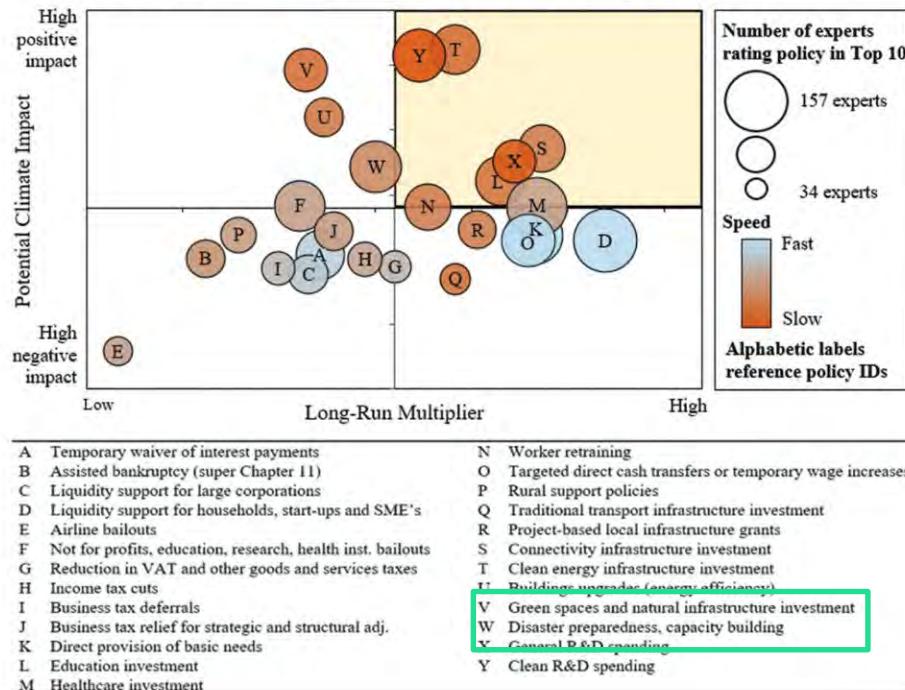
Source: Authors



Agarwala & Zenghelis, UN SEEA 2021

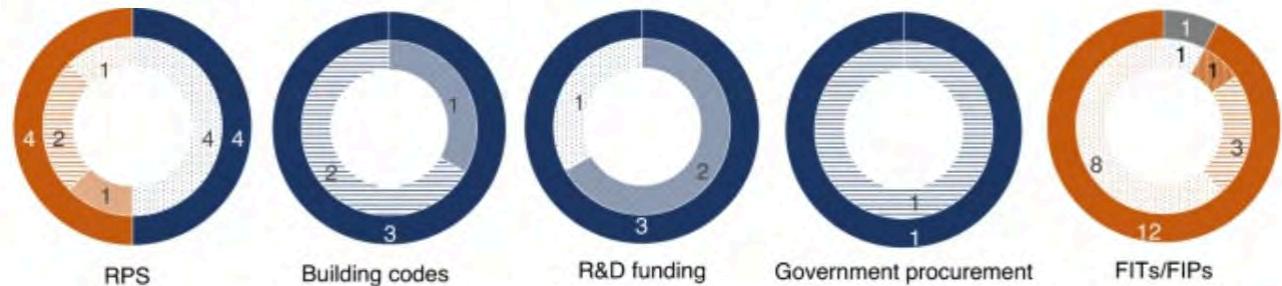
High climate and recovery impact

Figure 1: Target group mean survey results aggregated using relativity-adjusted scores



Cameron Hepburn, Brian O'Callaghan, Nicholas Stern, Joseph Stiglitz, and Dimitri Zenghelis

Fig. 5: Direction of the impact of ten policy instruments on the distributional policy outcome.



Positive impact

No impact

Negative impact

Quantitative methods

Qualitative methods

Theoretical/ex ante

Natural capital:

environmental stocks and systems that generate benefits for people (including ecosystems, raw materials, and a stable climate).

Institutional capital:
the quality and reliability of governance.

Human capital:
the health and skills of the population.



Social capital:

trust, social norms, and community cohesiveness.

Knowledge capital:

accumulated 'best practices' and 'ways of doing things'. Unlike human capital, it can live forever.

Physical capital:

infrastructure, homes, machines and equipment, and information and communications technology.



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Figure 21 Summary of Options for Change



Dasgupta Review

The next challenges

- Domestic vs global: accounting across borders
 - Climate, biodiversity, public health, food system
 - NSOs need to situate domestic statistics in global context
- Inclusive wealth *as a portfolio*
 - Health in human capital
 - Social capital a key metric

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