IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS TO SUPPORT THE DECISION MAKER

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Introduction

- Abu Dhabi is the largest emirate in the United Arab Emirates and occupies an area of over 80% of the country's total area and is characterized by the diversity of natural resources.
- Statistics centre Abu Dhabi (SCAD) is the official source of statistical data in Abu Dhabi Emirate. The centre is also responsible for the integration and harmonization of statistics produced by other local departments and entities, in regard to the standardization of statistical concepts and definitions.
- This development coincided with increasing in consumption of energy and water resources and increasing demand for natural resources. So in light of this development in the emirate, the Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD) applied different environmental quality monitoring programs to preserve the environment and natural resources.
- The environmental data collection programs provide accurate data to help in the production of environmental statistics and indicators to measure the quality of the environment and the impact of development on the state of the environment.

IMPORTANCE OF STATISTICS

- Environment statistics build to provide the decision maker, Government, Economic establishments and societies with high quality statistical information and easily interpreted data describe environment status.
- Describe the Important changes and trend over time and across locations and the main factors that influence them.
- Identify environmental issues and its impacts on the environmental health.
- Understand the environmental variability and uncertainty.



NEED FOR INFORMATION

- Rapid growth and development
- Socio economic changes
- Increase in awareness of local & global environmental issues
- National, Regional, International obligations
- Environment 2030, State of Environment reporting, EPI, Ecological Footprint, etc...
- Information requests from leadership, stakeholders, etc.



...requires comprehensive, accurate, timely and relevant data & statistical information...



ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Global environment facing a lot of challenges

- Energy
- Food Security
- Climate Change
- Population Growth
- Loss in Natural Resources
- Ecosystems & Endangered Species

- Pollution
- Air
- Land
- Water
- Waste
- Other







ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS CASE STUDY FROM ABU DHABI GREENHOUSE GAS

GHG INVENTORY BUSINESS PROCESSING MODEL

Define the needs

- EAD & SCAD work to define the needs according to international standards for IPCC, (UNFCCC) and in action to Abu Dhabi environment baseline and strategic priority.
- •Define the main sectors and key stakeholder and sources.

Design

• Design Questionnaires according to IPCC by EAD for these sectors Energy – Agriculture – Land use and land use change - Industry - Waste

Data Collection

- •Run Field survey through electronic web-based questionnaire
- Transfer needed input data files from admin sources
- •Run input processing to ensure data compilation and quality
- Finalize input data gathering

Data processing and interpretation

• EAD worked on processing the data of the greenhouse Gas Inventory for Abu Dhabi based on the methodology contained in Revised IPCC 1996 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. This is in line with requirements for non-Annex 1 countries under the UNFCCC.

Report dissemination

- ·Design and review
- Approval
- Dissemination

DATA COLLECTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DATA TYPES AND SOURCES

Energy production and consumption

Transportation

Agriculture, livestock and forestry

Wastewater

Data Type

Solid waste

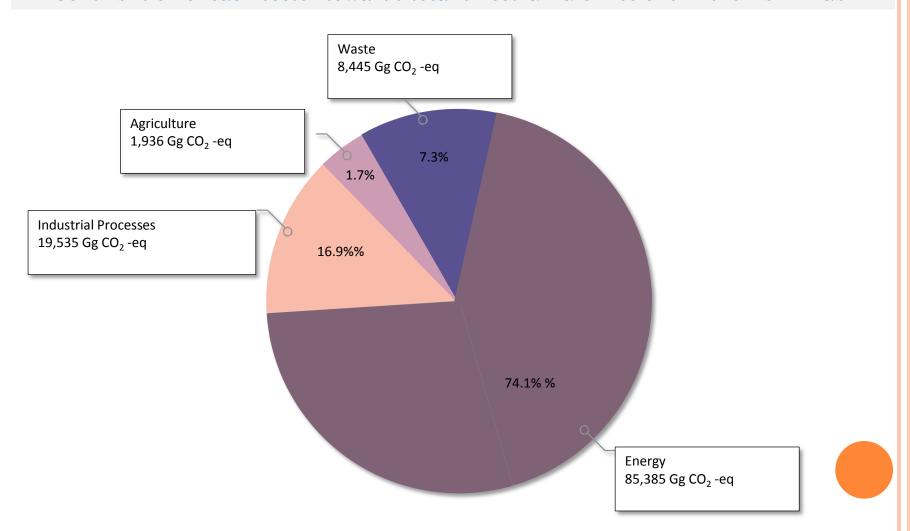
Population

GDP



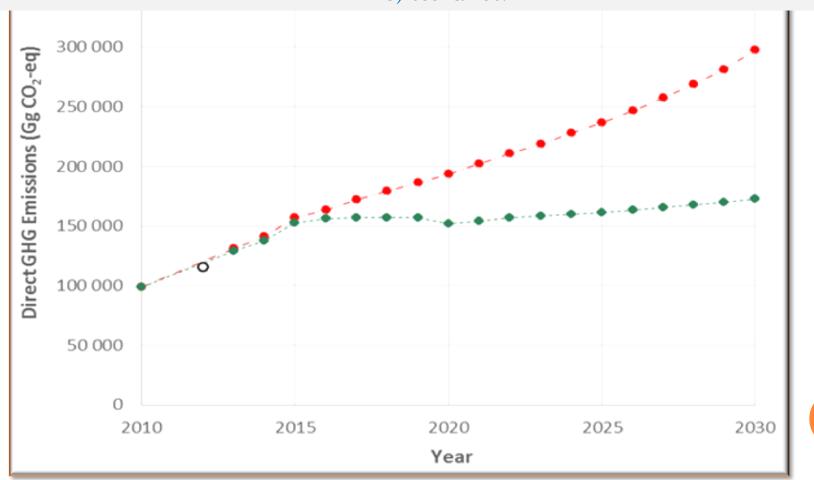
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Contribution of each sector towards total direct GHG emissions in the Abu Dhabi



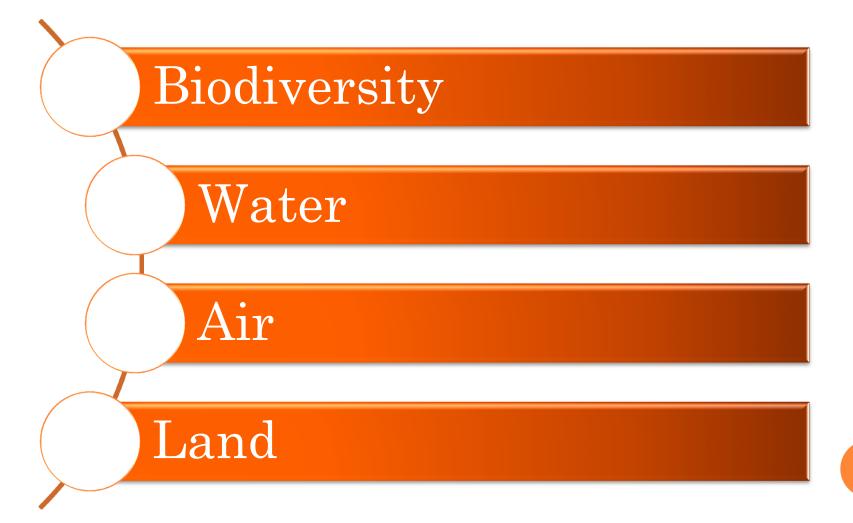
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Comparison of projected annual total direct GHG emissions until 2030, according to business-as-usual (BAU) and business-as-usual with extended emission control (BAU-EXEC) scenarios.



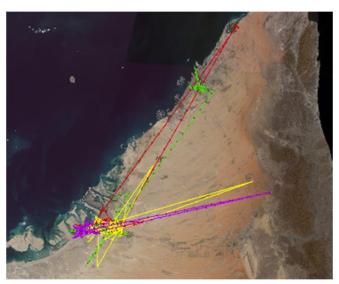
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMS CASE STUDY FROM ABU DHABI

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMS IN EAD



WILDLIFE TRACKING - BIRDS

















WILDLIFE TRACKING - MARINE SPECIES

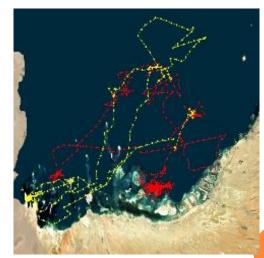




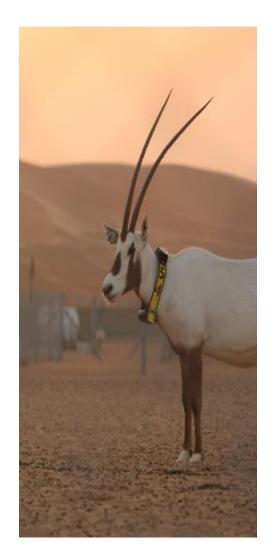


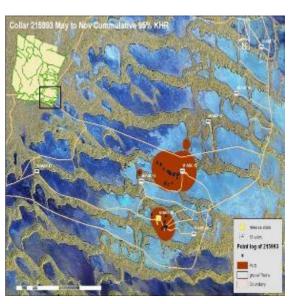






WILDLIFE TRACKING – ARABIAN ORYX









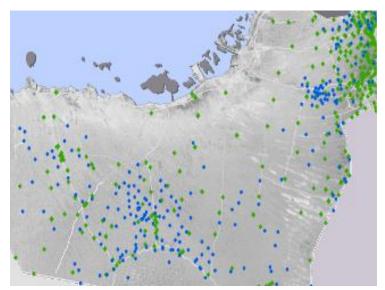




MARINE WATER QUALITY



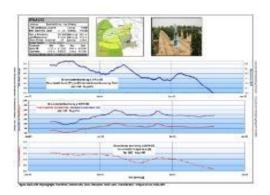
GROUNDWATER QUALITY



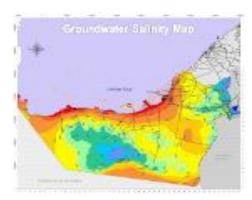
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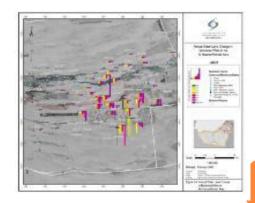
Monitoring Station



Daily Water Level Fluctuations

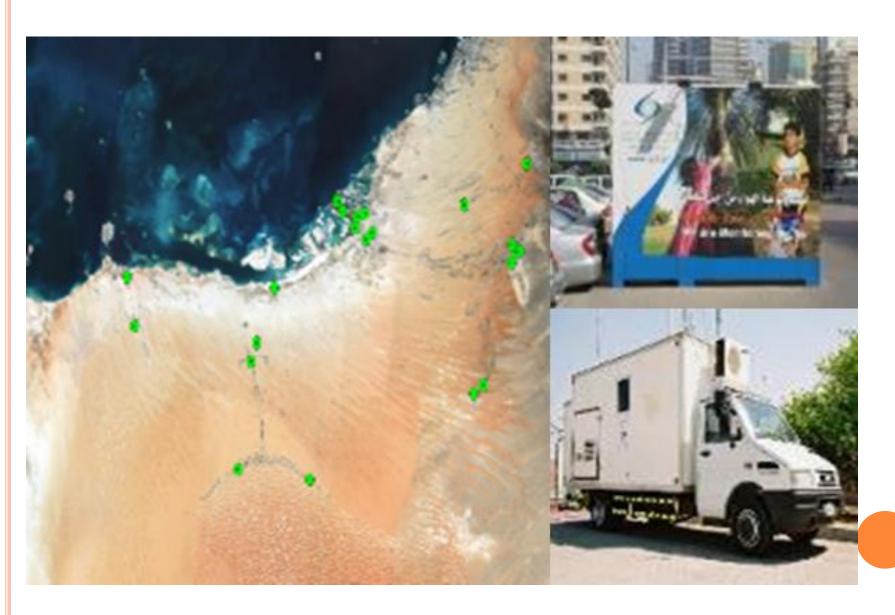


Monthly Water Level Change



Annual Water Level Change

AIR QUALITY



FIELD DATA COLLECTION

- Develop field data collection
 App.
- Use tablet devices to collect field data.
- Use camera traps to collect.
- Use Radio/GSM/satellite transmitters to track marine and terrestrial key species.









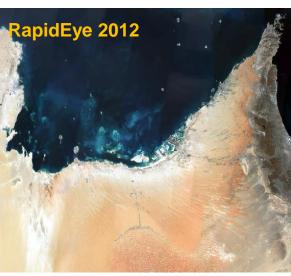




EAD IMAGERY DATABASE

- WorldView 2 2013/14
- RapidEye 2012
- MODIS 2012
- IRS 2006
- IRS 2004
- Landsat 2002
- LandSat 2000
- LandSat1998
- Landsat 1996
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- LandSat1985
- LandSat1972











ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DISSEMINATION CASE STUDY FROM ABU DHABI

Reports

Spatial information

Statistical information



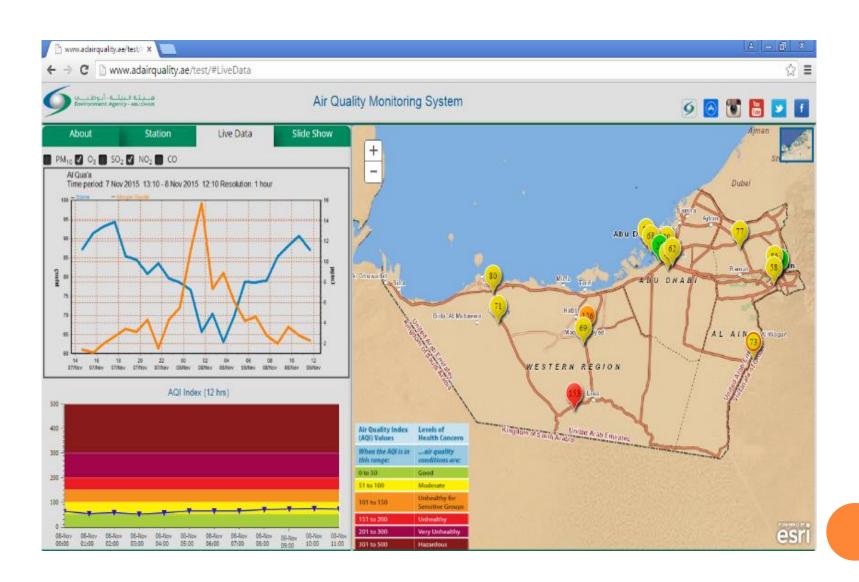
ENVIROPORTAL







AIR QUALITY PORTAL



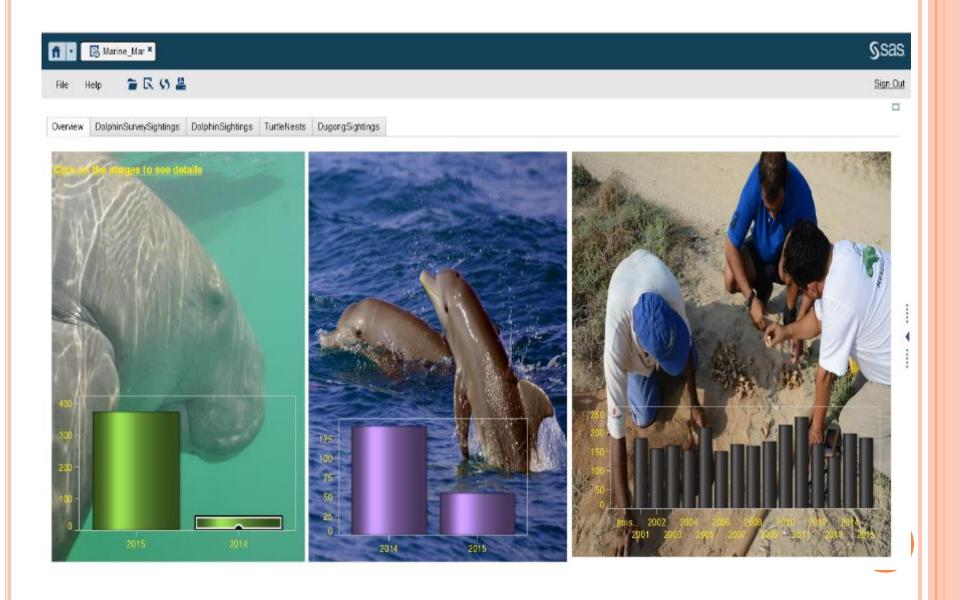
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UAE SOIL INFORMATION



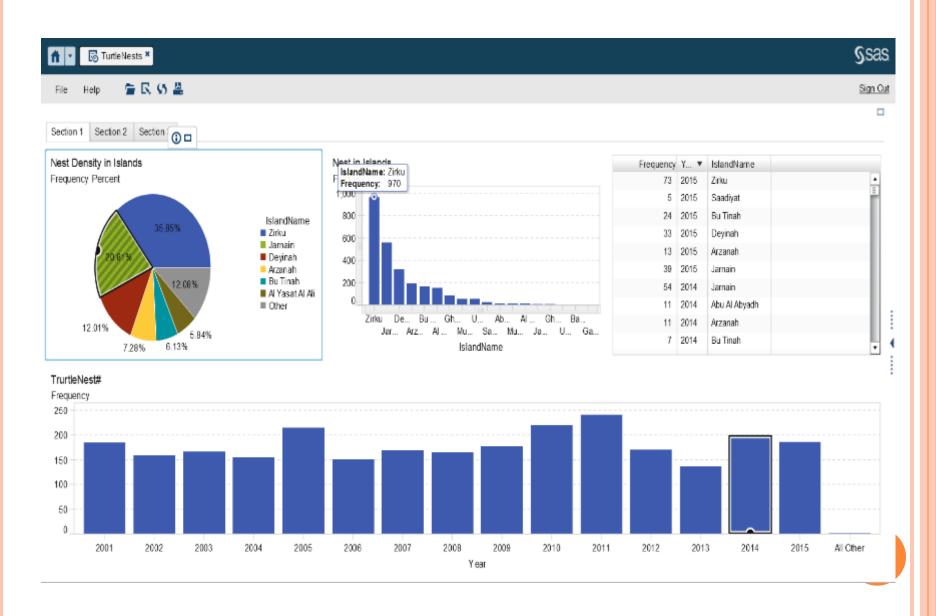
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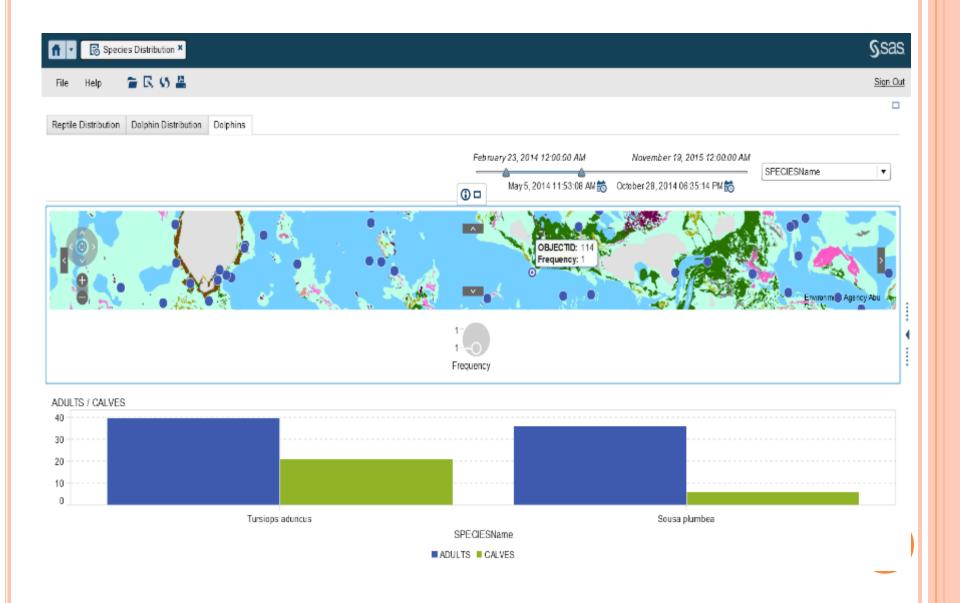
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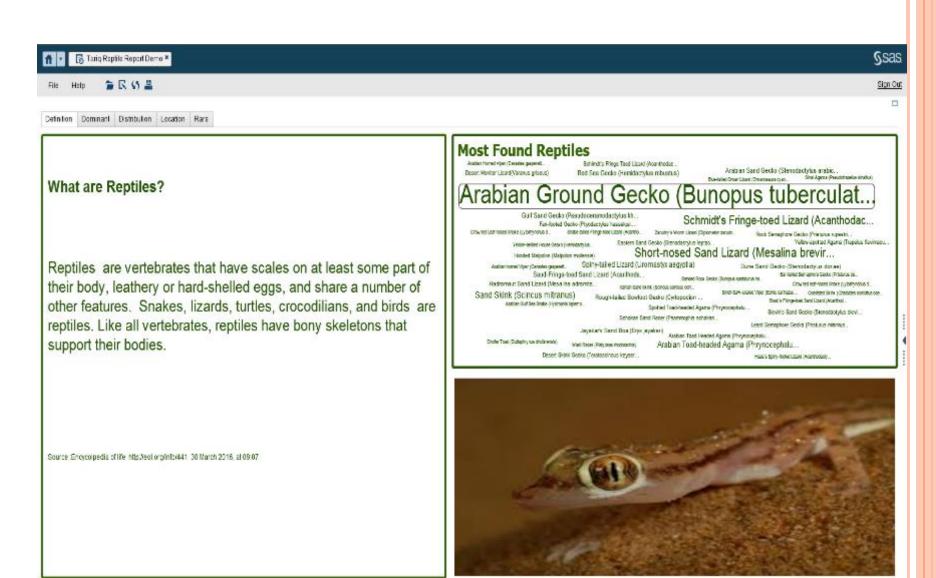
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