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Digitalization for the future of ports

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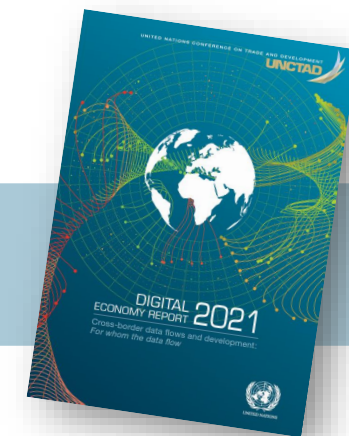
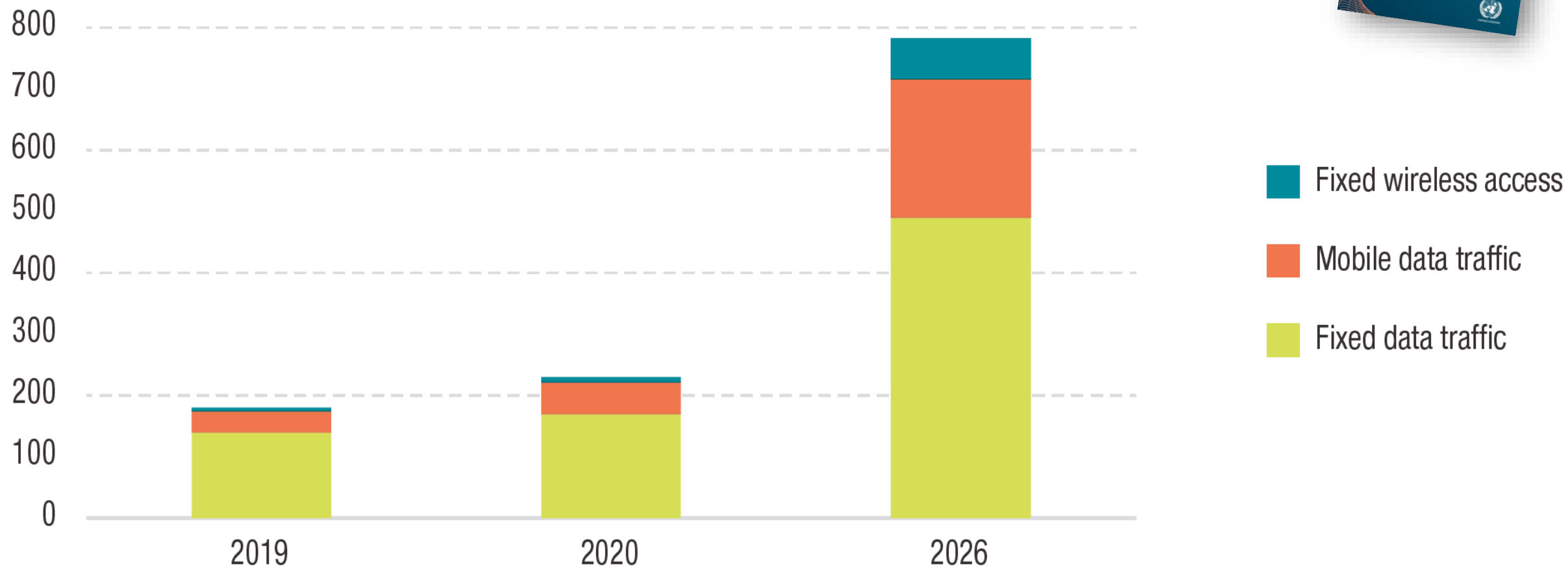
Data is an increasingly important economic and strategic resource



“Data have become a key strategic asset for the creation of both private and social value. How these data are handled will greatly affect our ability to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”

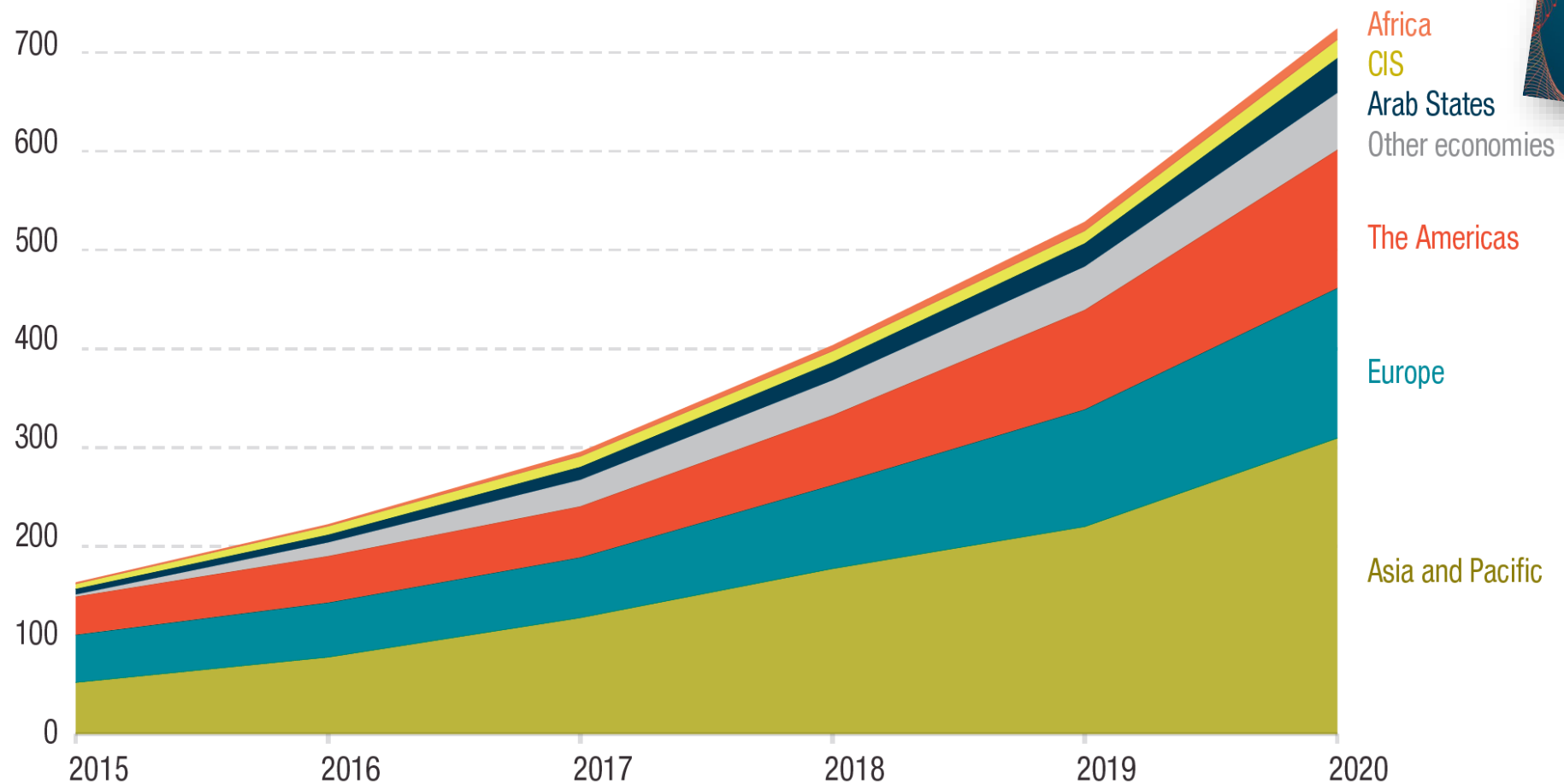
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Figure I.9. Global data traffic, selected years
(Exabytes per month)



Source: UNCTAD, based on Ericsson (2020).

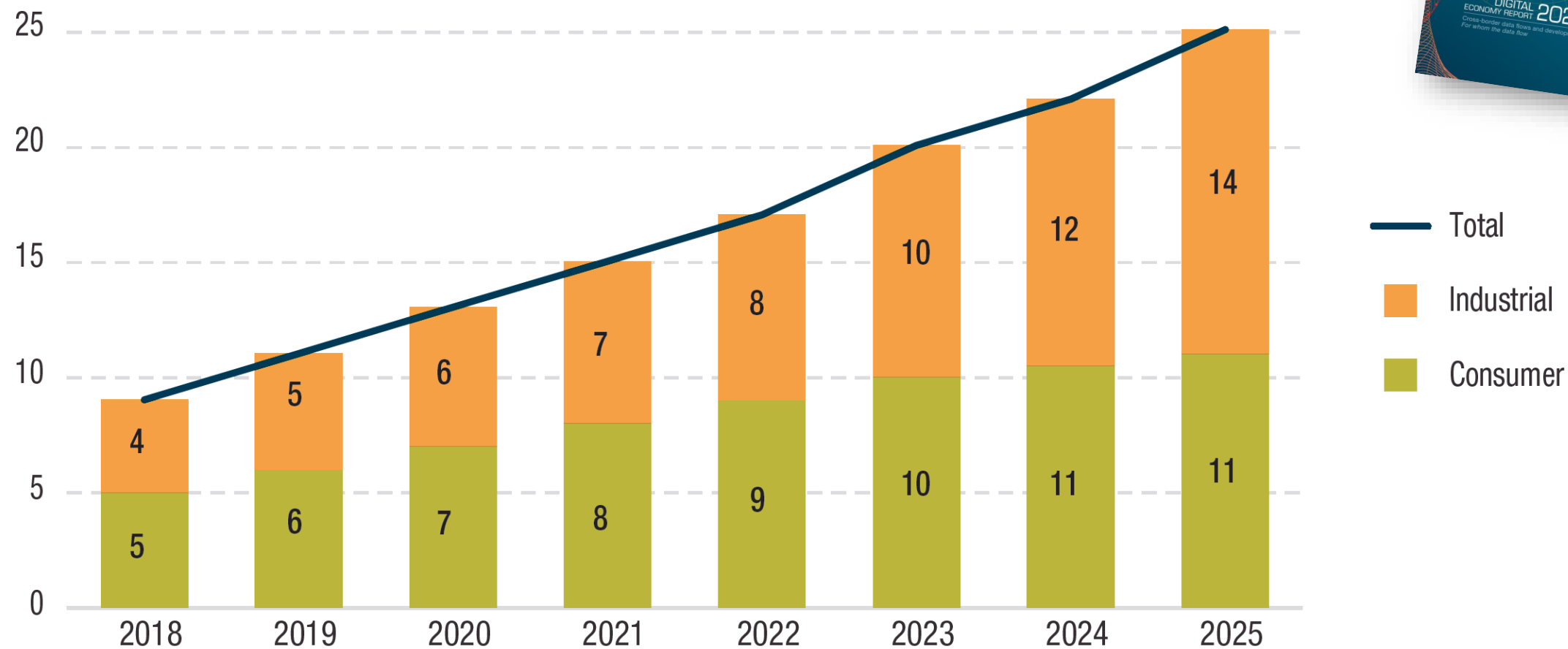
Figure I.11. International bandwidth, by region, 2015–2020
(Terabits per second)



Source: UNCTAD calculations, based on ITU (2020) and ITU interactive report Measuring digital development, Facts and figures 2020, available at www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/ff2020interactive.aspx.
Note: Country groups are those of the source. Data for 2020 are ITU estimates.

Internet of Things

Figure I.26. Global number of IoT connections, by sector, 2018–2025, billions

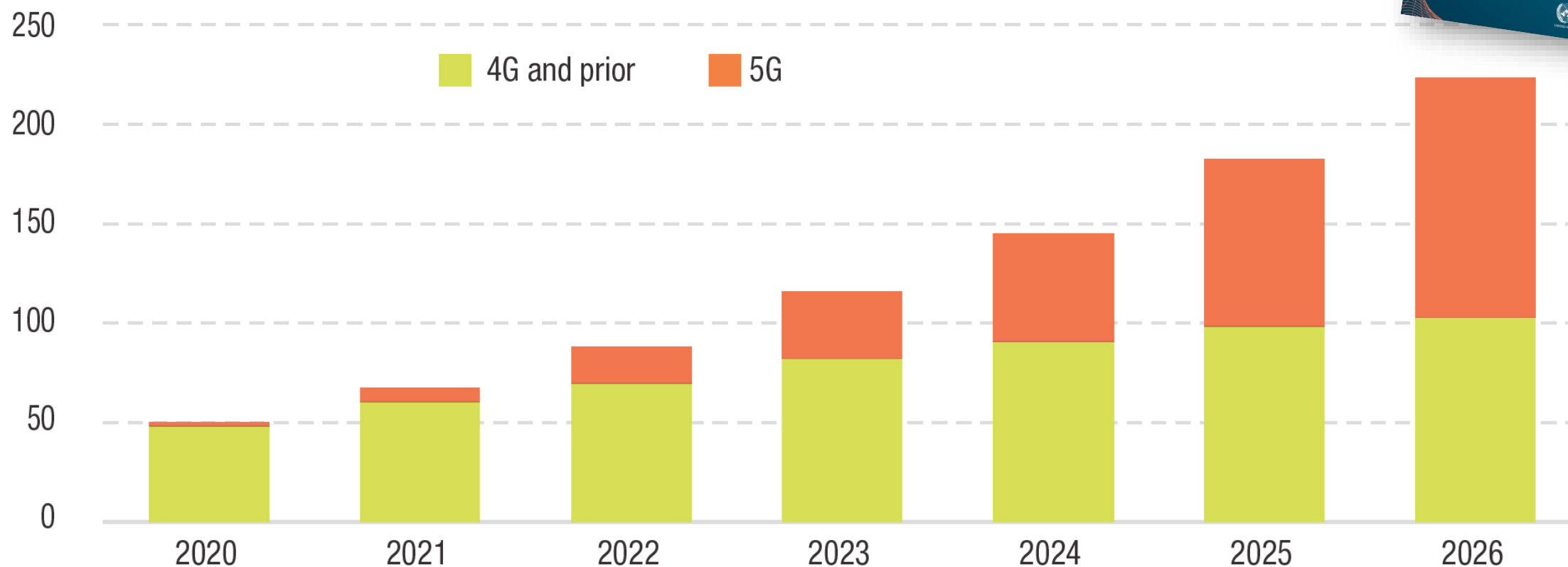


Source: GSMA (2019b).



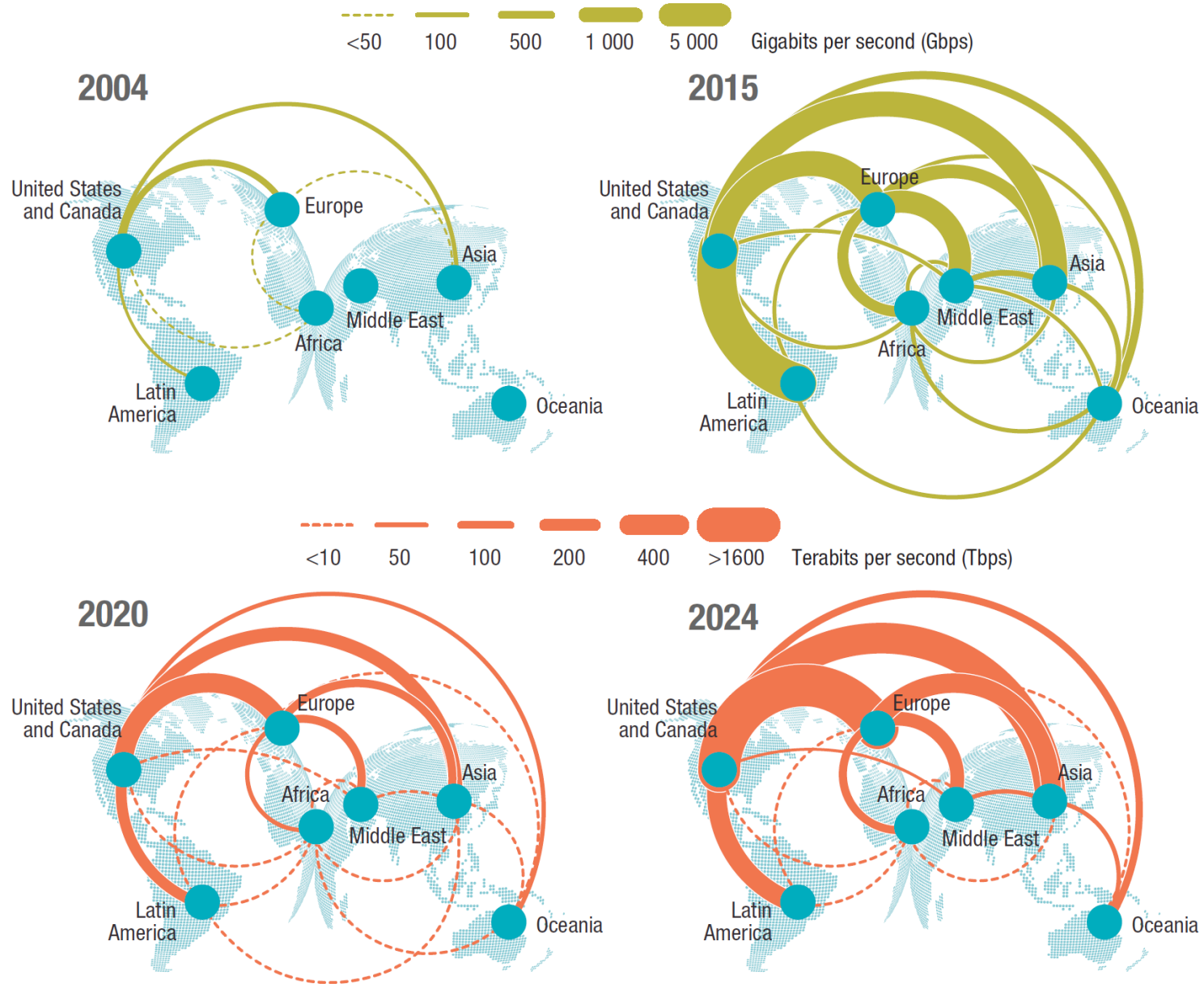


Figure I.28. Global mobile data traffic projections, by technology, 2020–2026
(Exabytes per month)



Source: UNCTAD, based on Ericsson Visualizer, available at www.ericsson.com/en/mobility-report/mobility-visualizer?f=8&ft=2&r=1&t=1,20&s=4&u=3&y=2020,2026&c=3 (accessed April 2021).

Figure I.12. Evolution of interregional international bandwidth, selected years



Source: UNCTAD, based on TeleGeography (2015, 2019, 2021b).
 Note: One Terabyte is equal to 1,000 Gigabytes. Data for 2024 are forecasts.

Fragmentation will hamper development gains from data



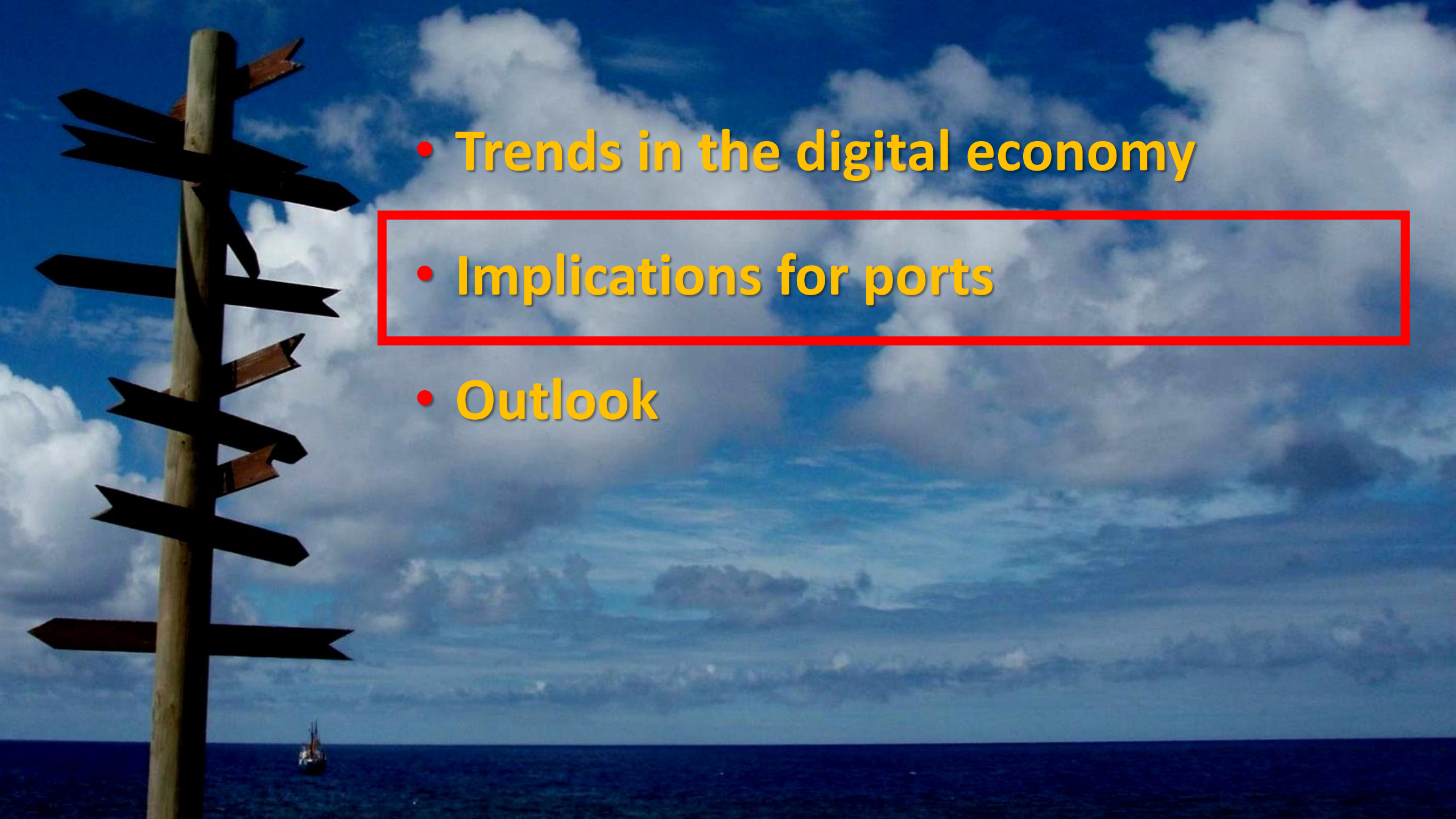
A silo-oriented, data-driven digital economy would go against the original spirit of the Internet and **is not likely to work for the interest of developing countries.**

In economic terms, **interoperability** should generate better outcomes.

Fragmentation would hamper technological progress, reduce competition, enable oligopolistic market structures in different areas and allow for more government influence.

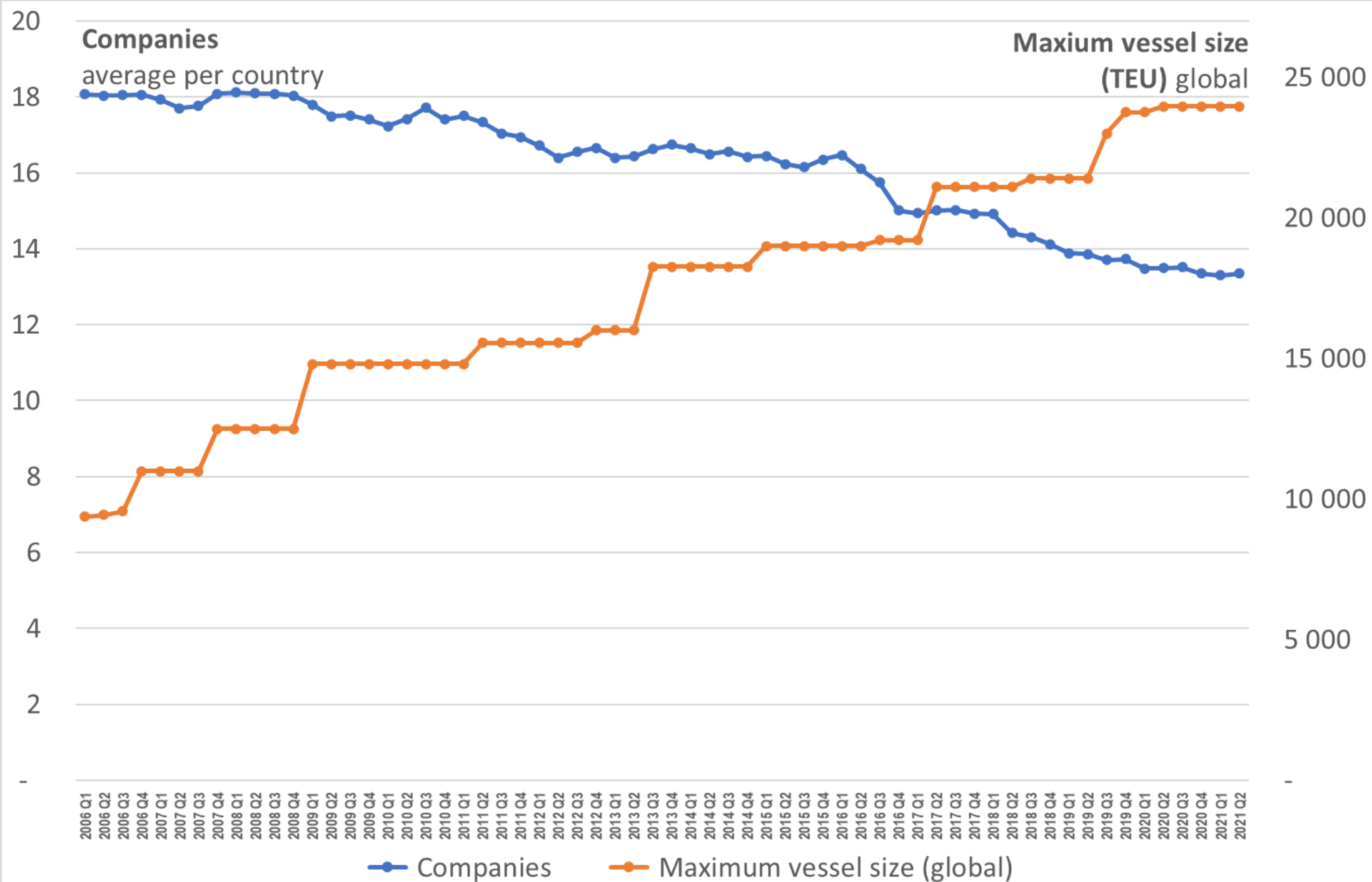
Fragmentation would also mean more obstacles for **collaboration across jurisdictions.**

In the absence of an **international system regulating data flows**, some countries may see no other option than to restrict them with a view to meeting certain policy objectives.

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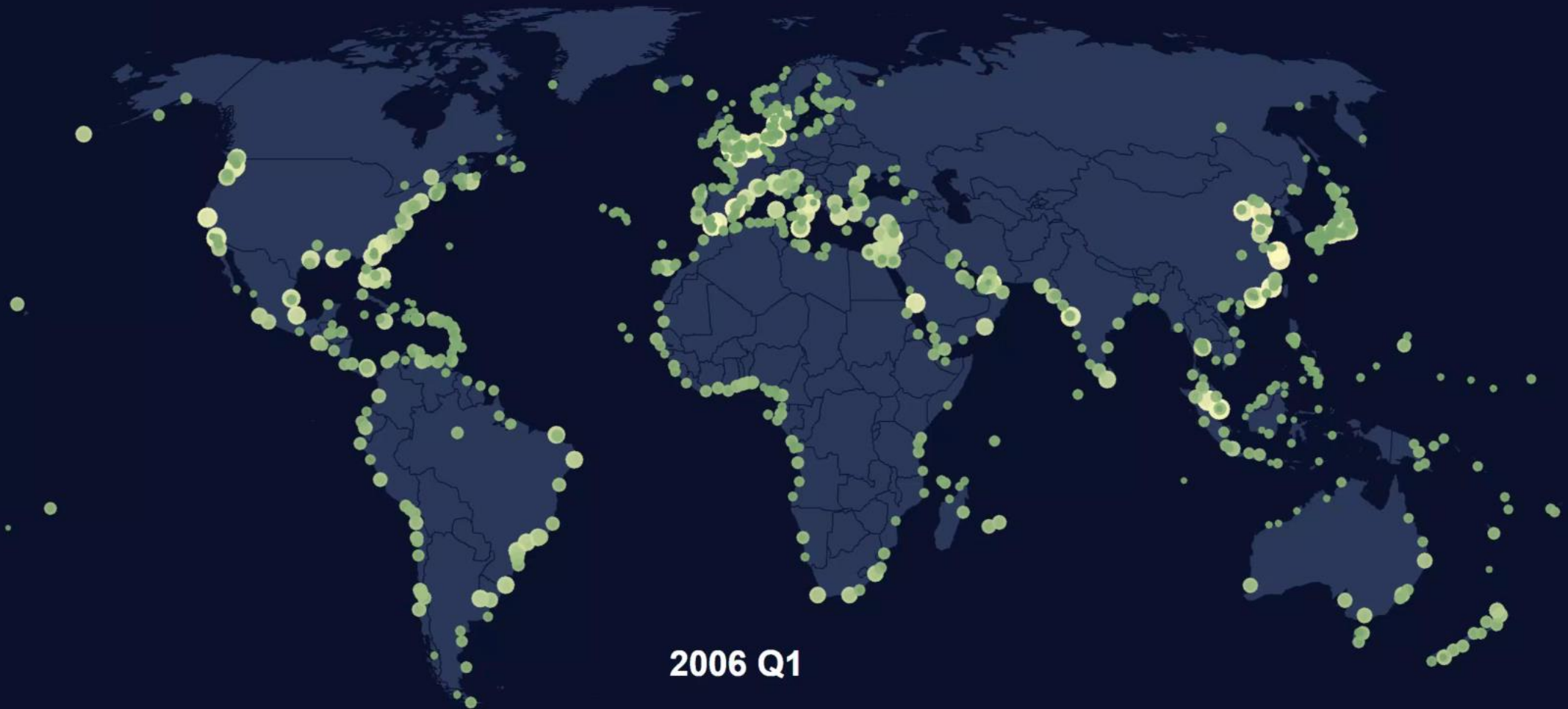
Growing digitalization

- **Demand:** More e-commerce, more volume:
Do we need bigger ships?
- **Supply:** New opportunities
Does digitalization also drive consolidation?



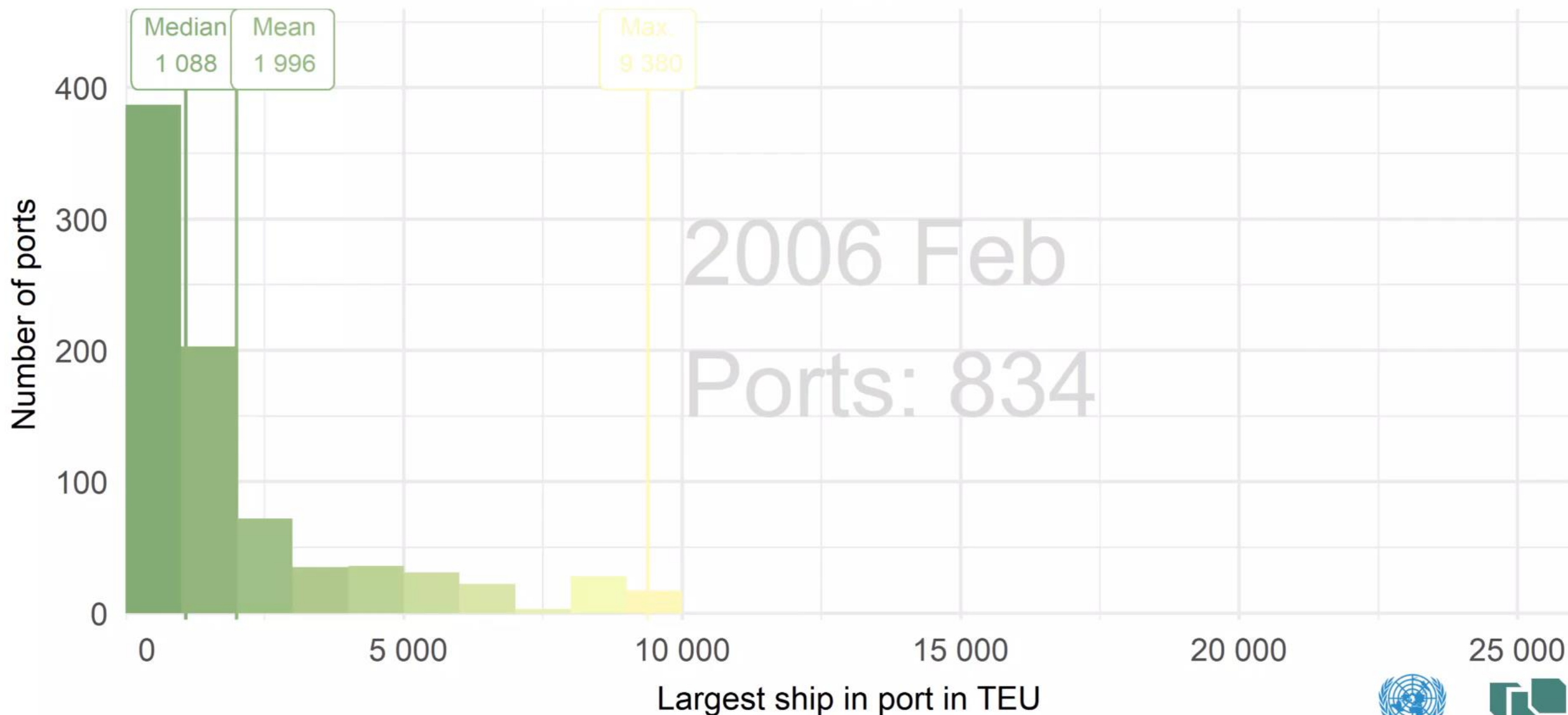
Where do the largest container ships call?

Size (TEU) of the largest ships deployed in each port. First quarter 2006 to fourth quarter 2020.



Distribution of ports by largest container ship deployment

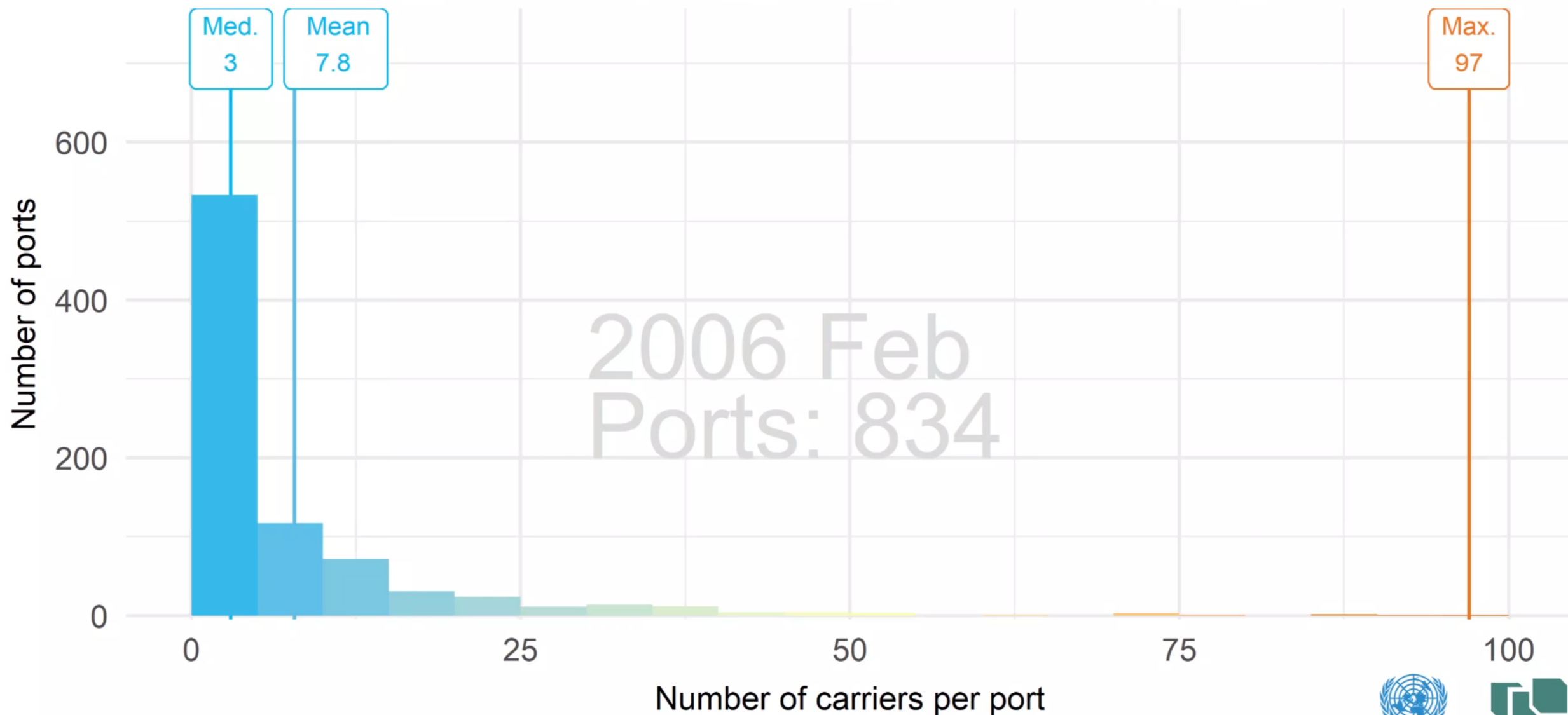
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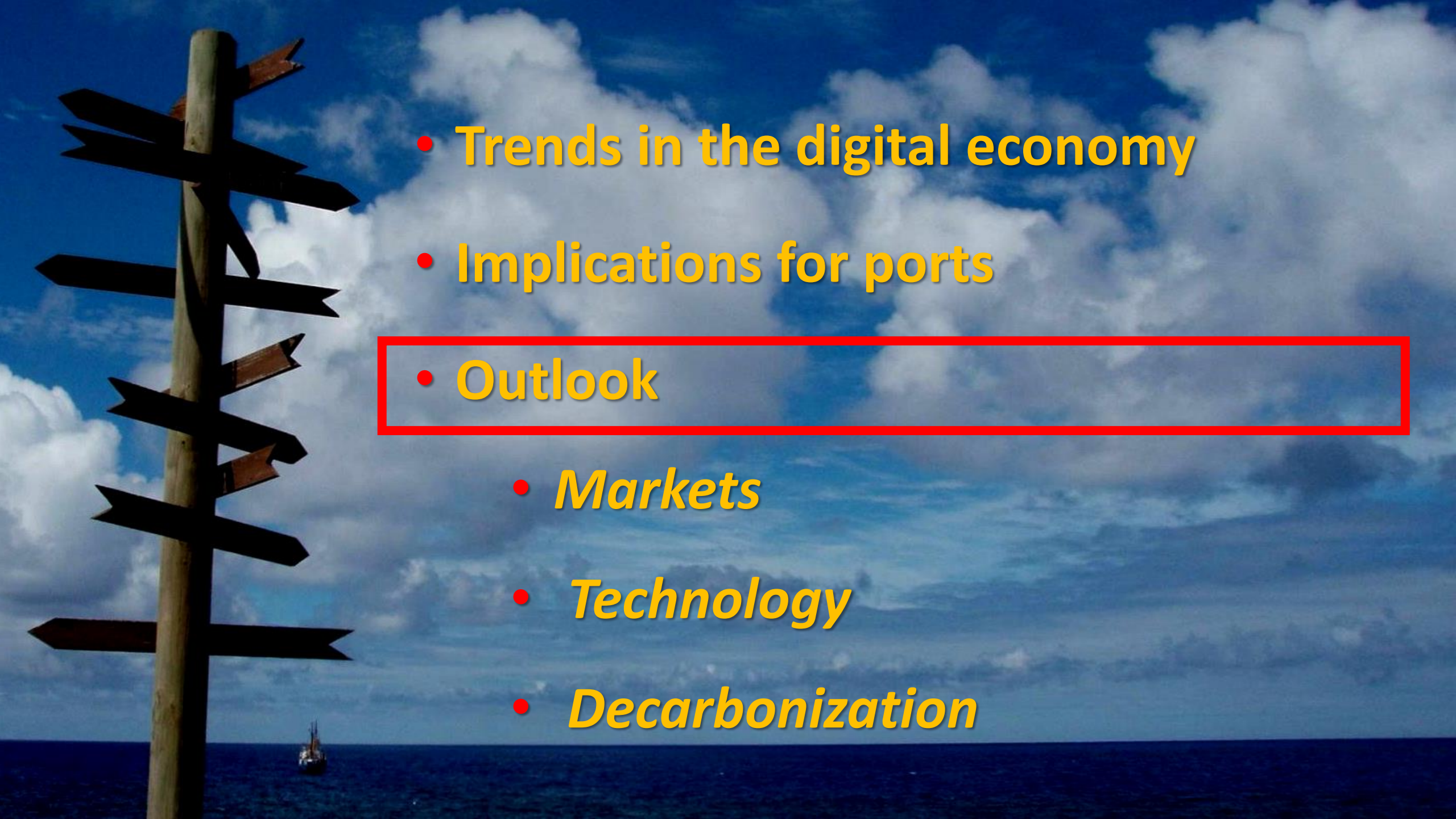
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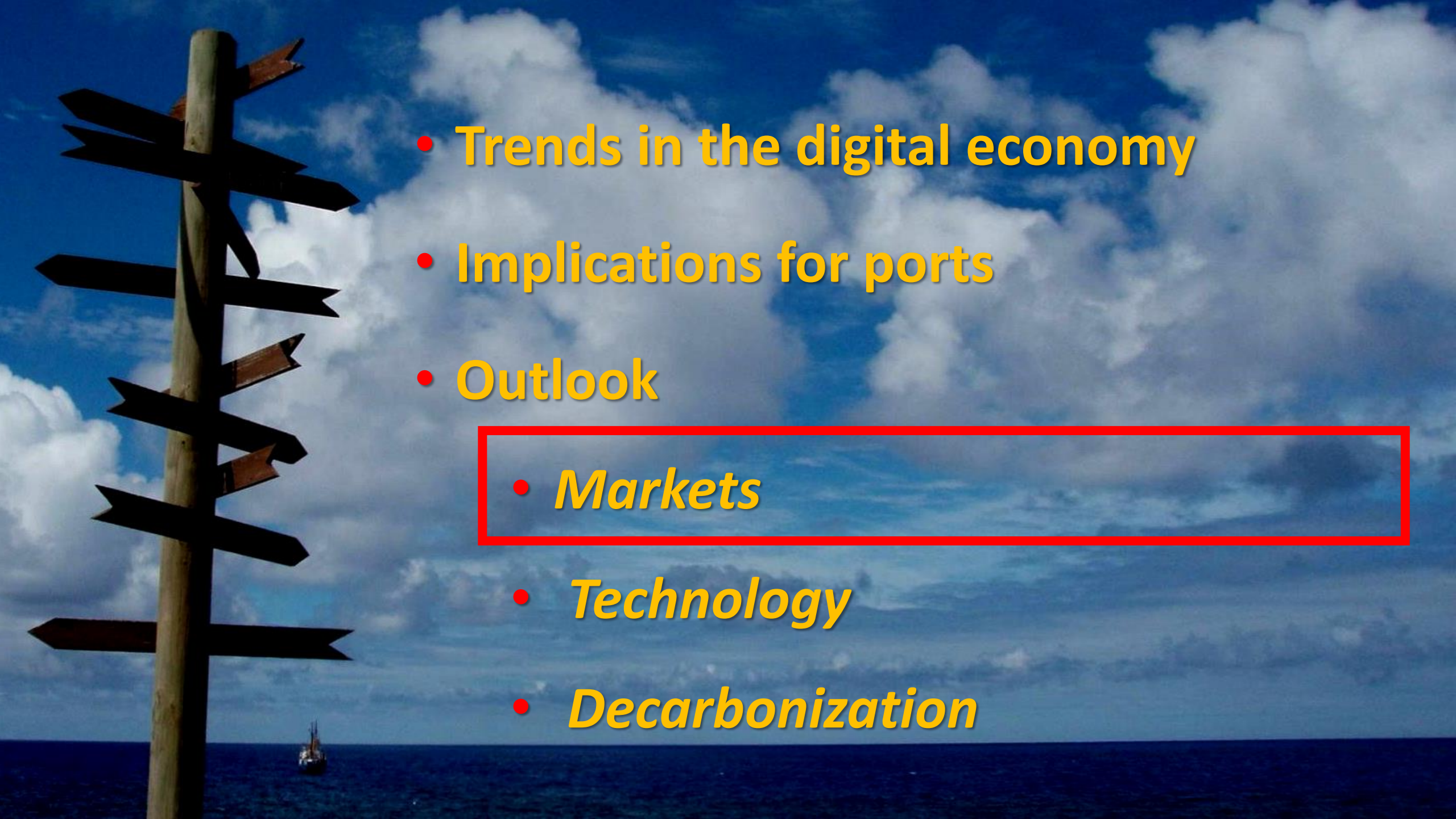
Distribution of ports by number of companies

Number of carriers providing services per port. First quarter 2006 to fourth quarter 2020.



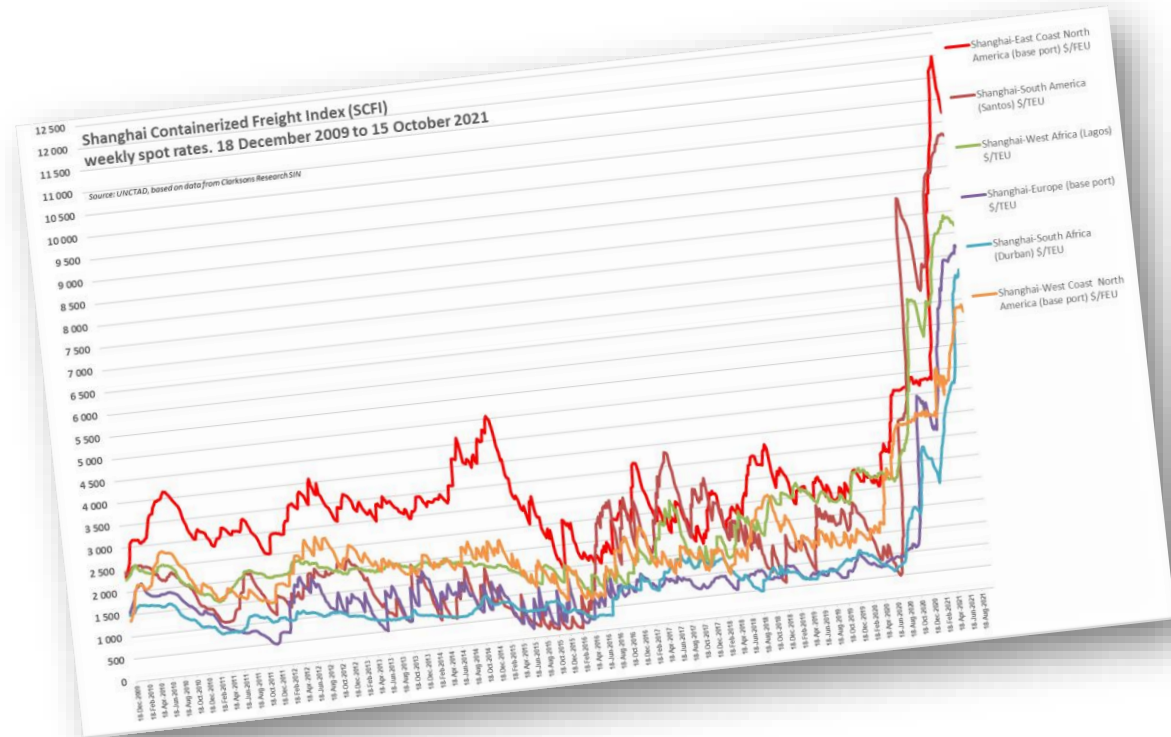
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Source: Dr. Chaichan Charoensuk, Chairman, Thai National Shippers' Council

UNCTAD webinar 13 de Julio 2021 - <https://unctad.org/meeting/maritime-webinar-series-container-shipping-crisis-its-impact-and-why-it-different-anything>

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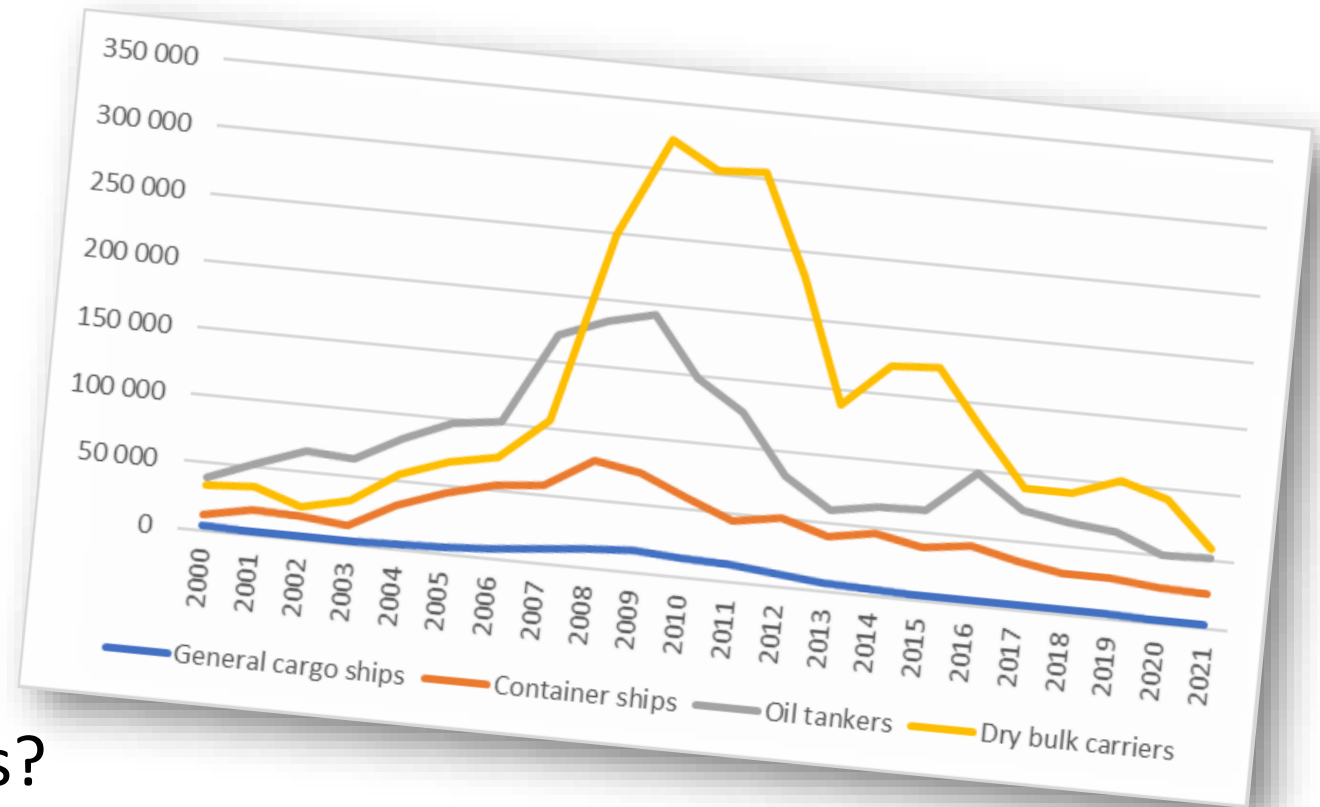
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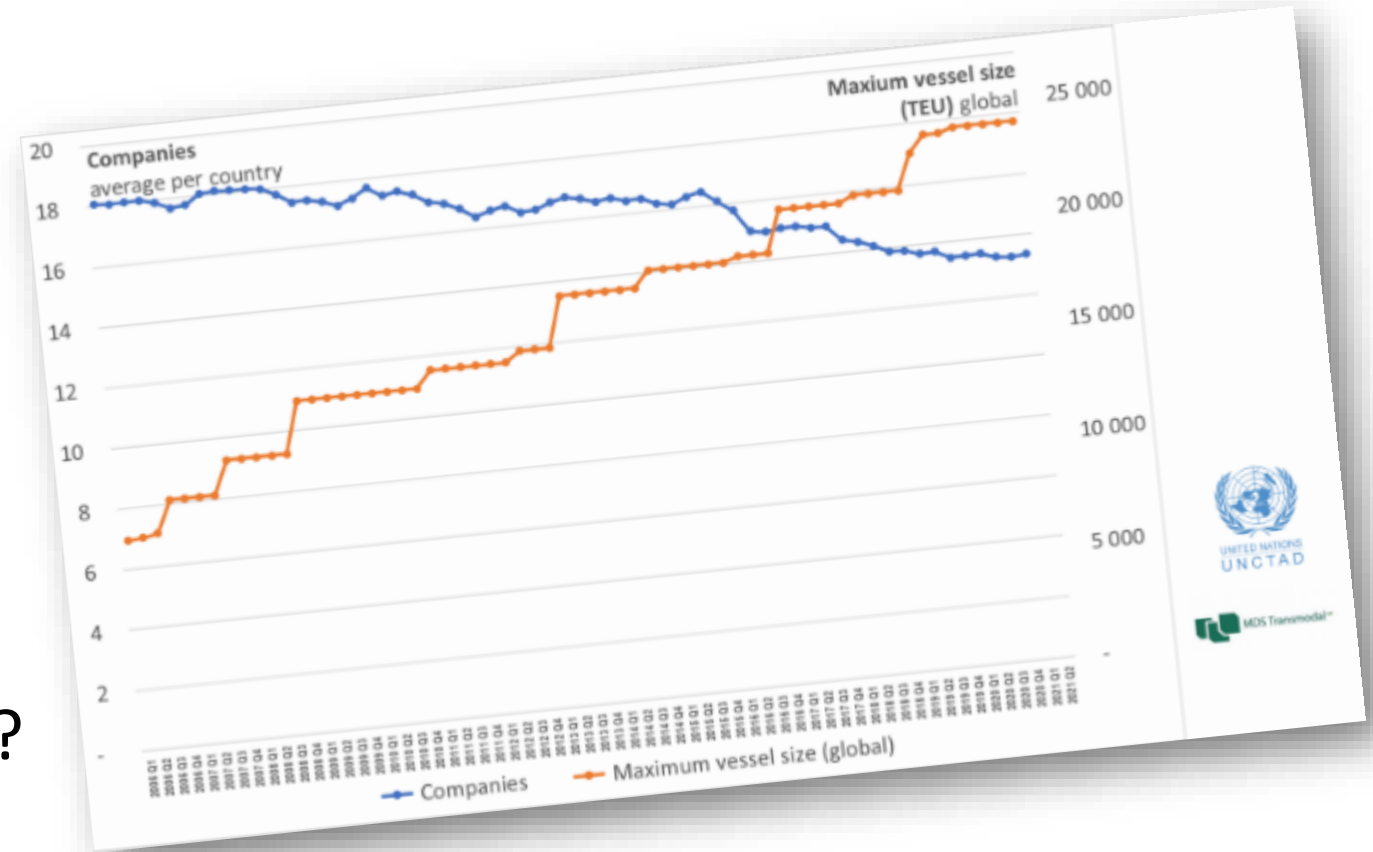


ORDERBOOK (beginning of year data)

Source: UNCTAD, with Clarksons Research data

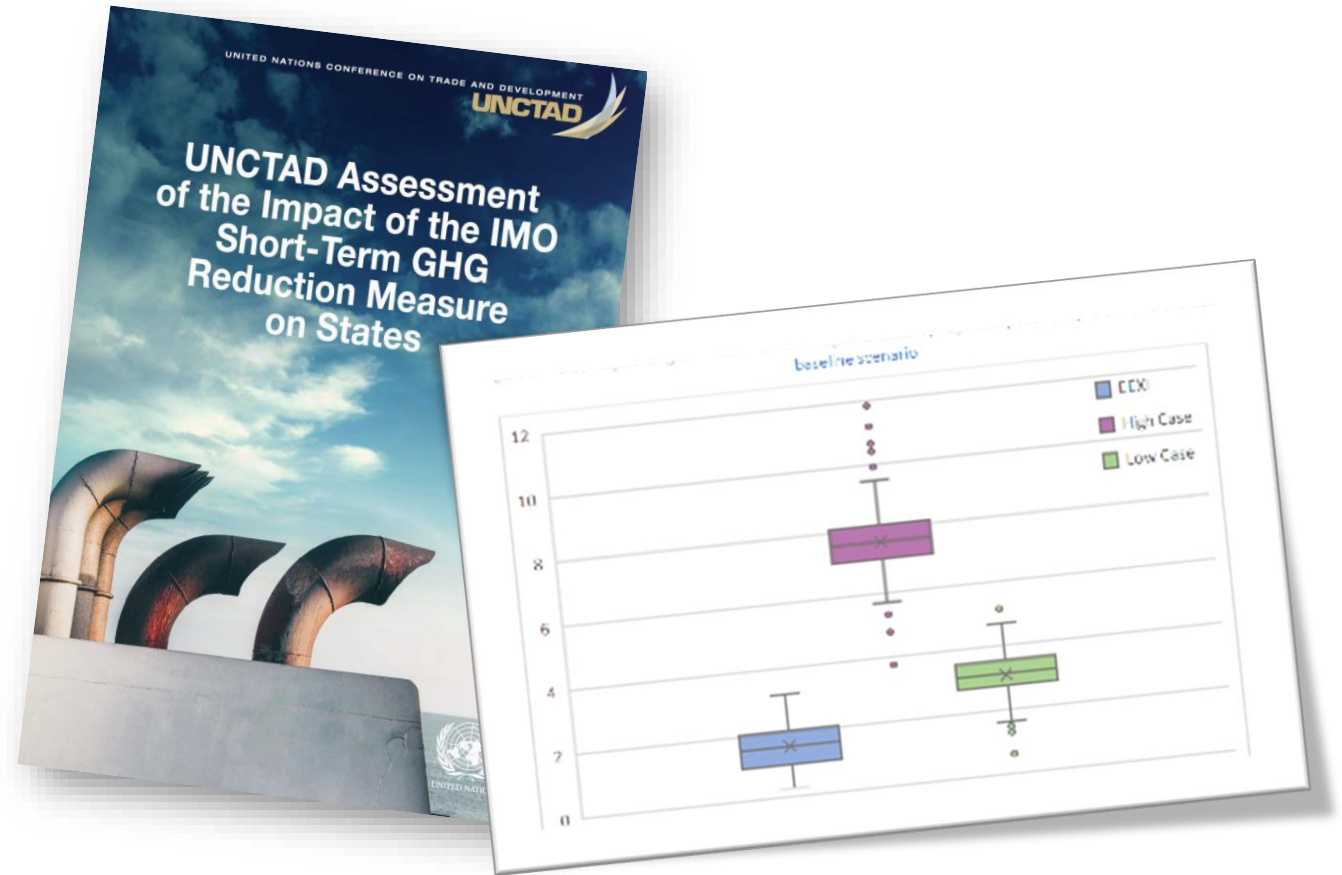
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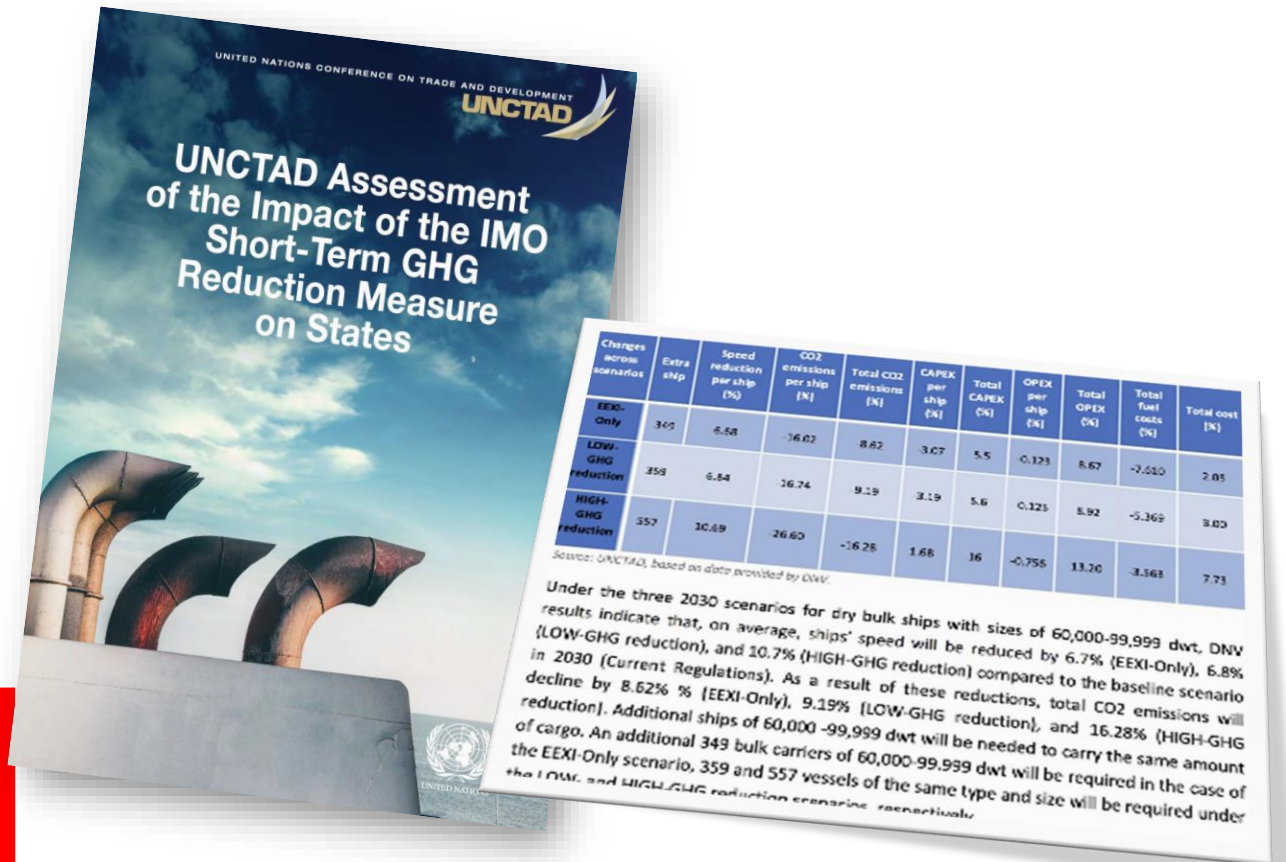


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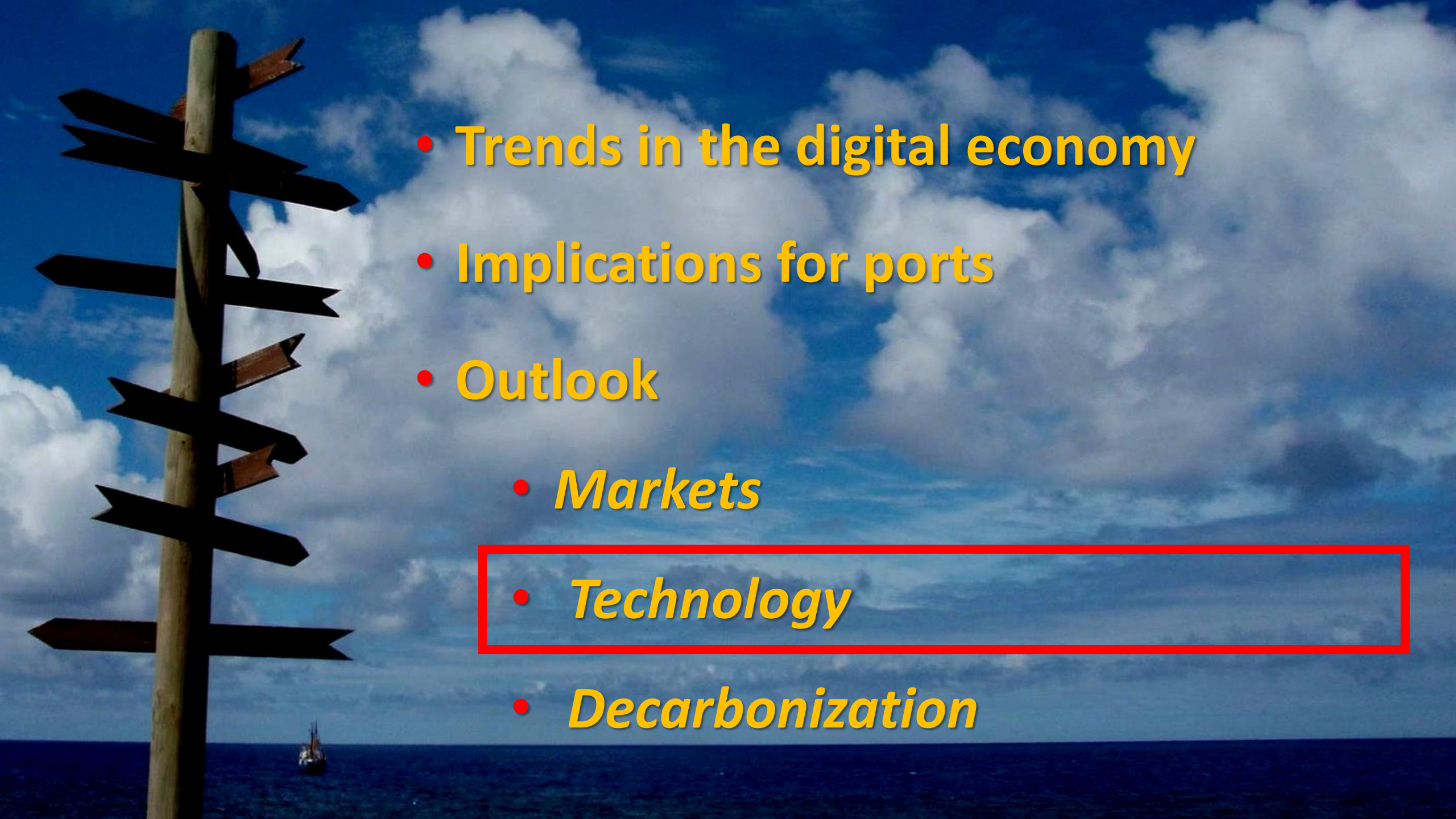
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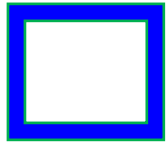
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How to set today the rules for the future of maritime transport?

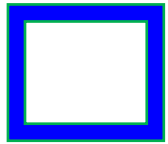


Technological progress will never be as slow as today

Who leads the IT reforms in your company?



The CEO



The CTO



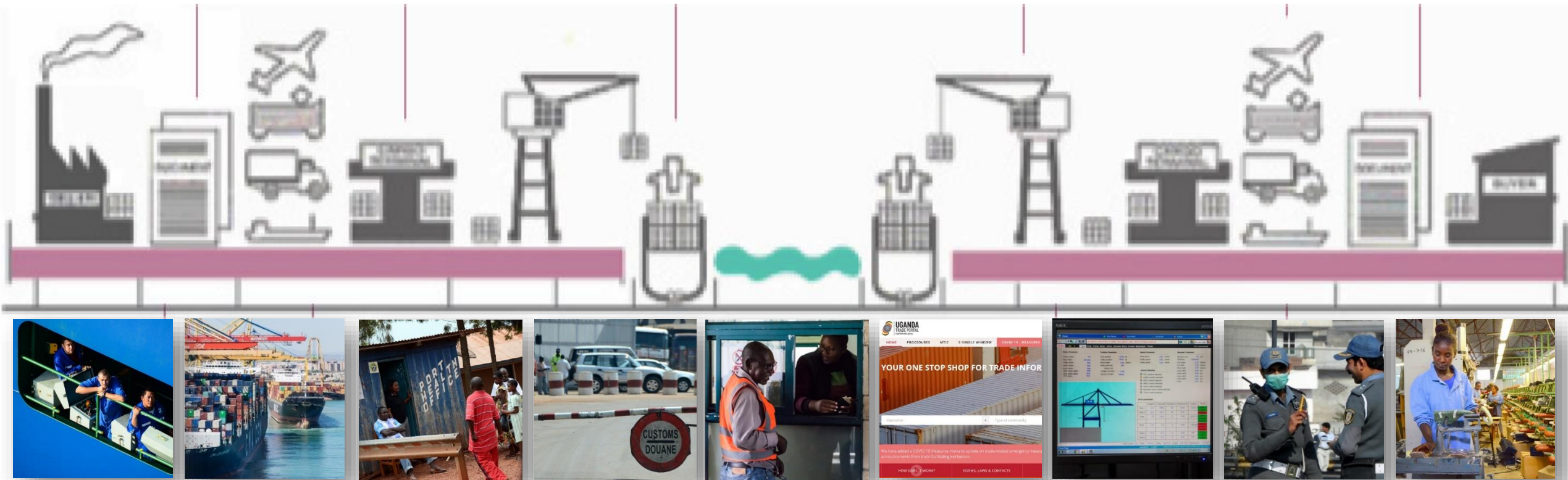
Covid-19



Shipping in times of COVID19

A 10-point action plan

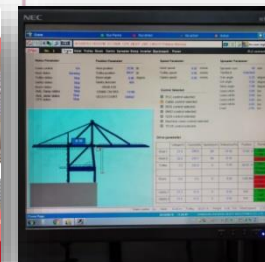
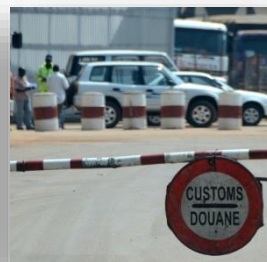
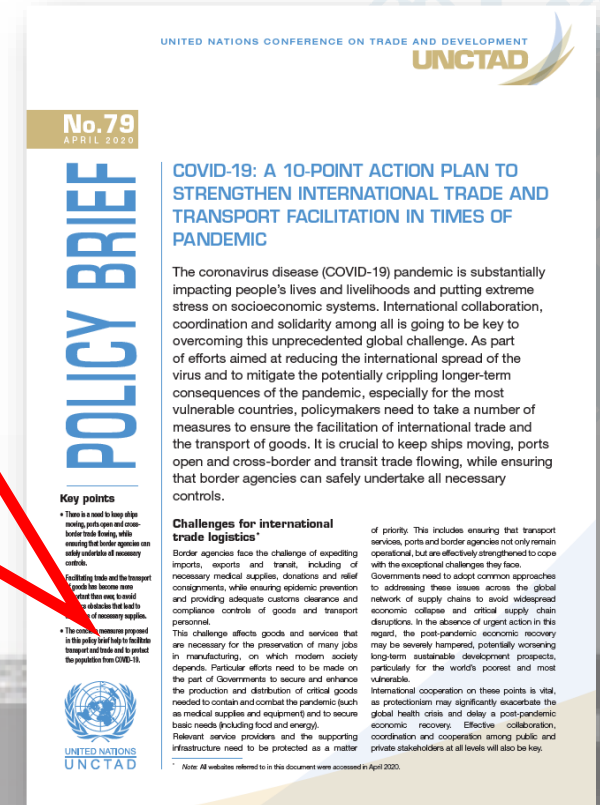
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Is there a trade-off between controls and trade facilitation?



The concrete measures proposed in this policy brief help to facilitate transport and trade and to protect the population from COVID-19.



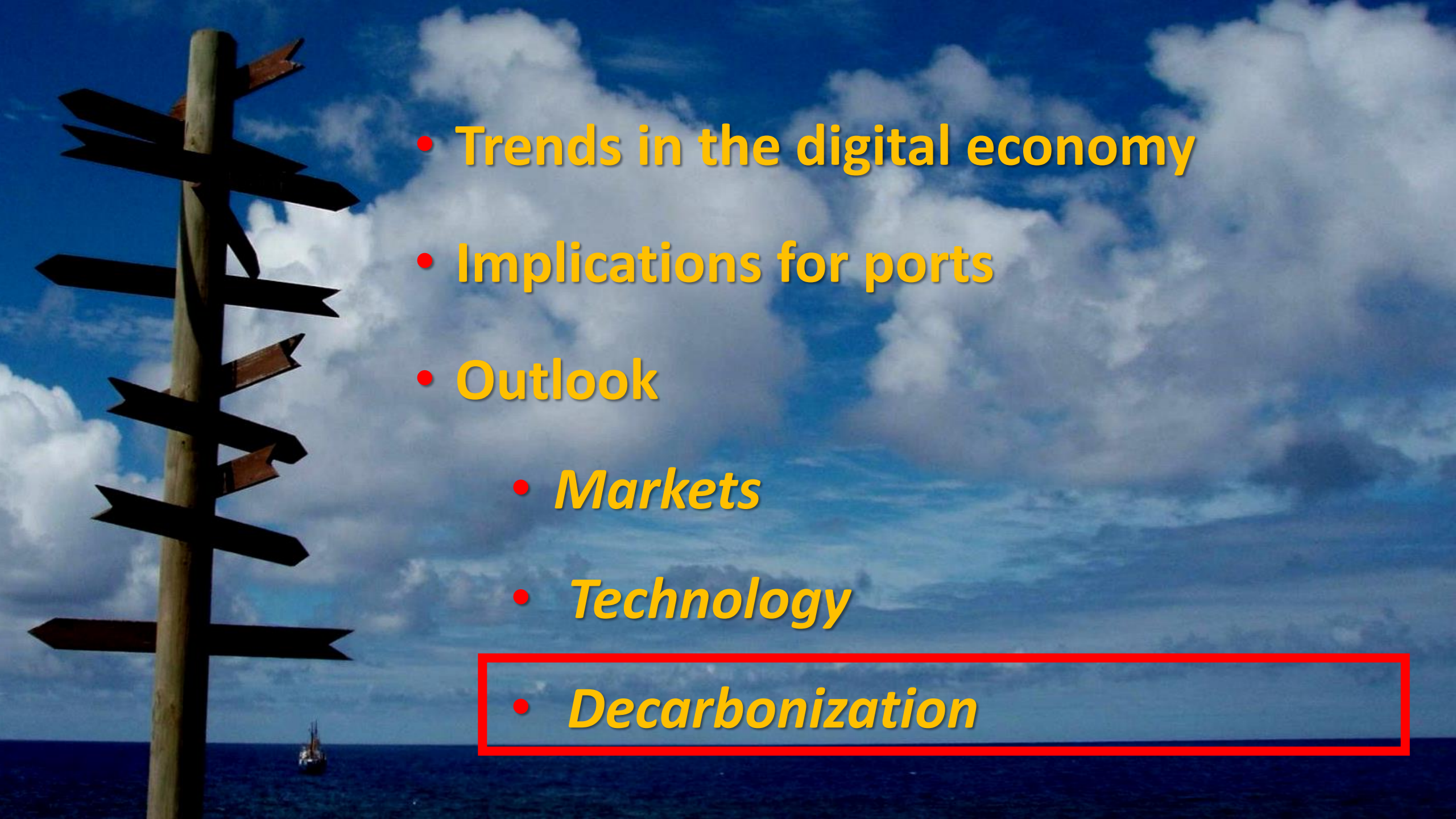
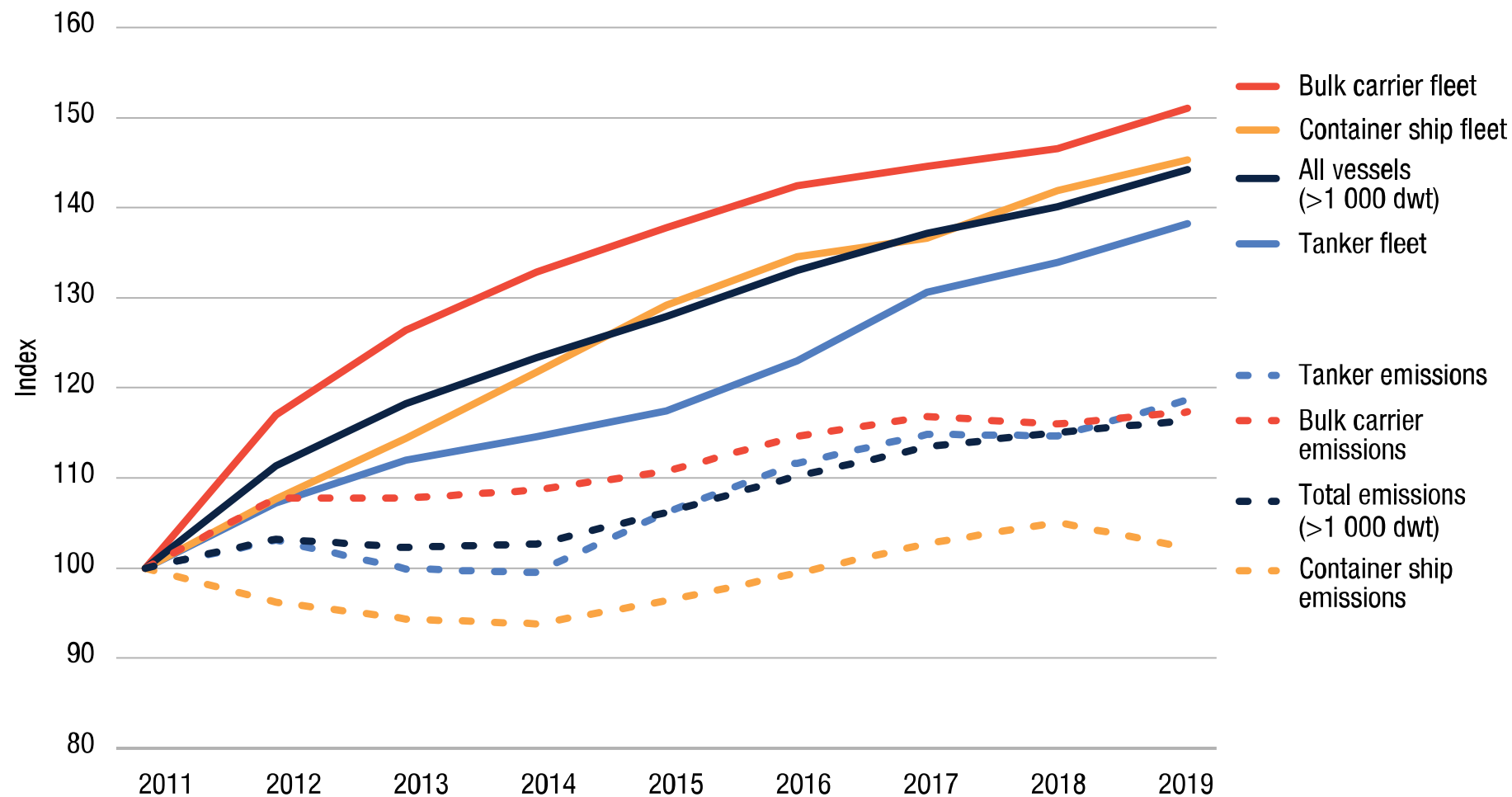
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Figure 3.29 Comparison of dead-weight tonnage of respective fleet and carbon-dioxide emissions from bulk carriers, container ships and tankers, 2011–2019 (2011 = 100)

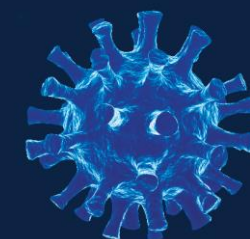
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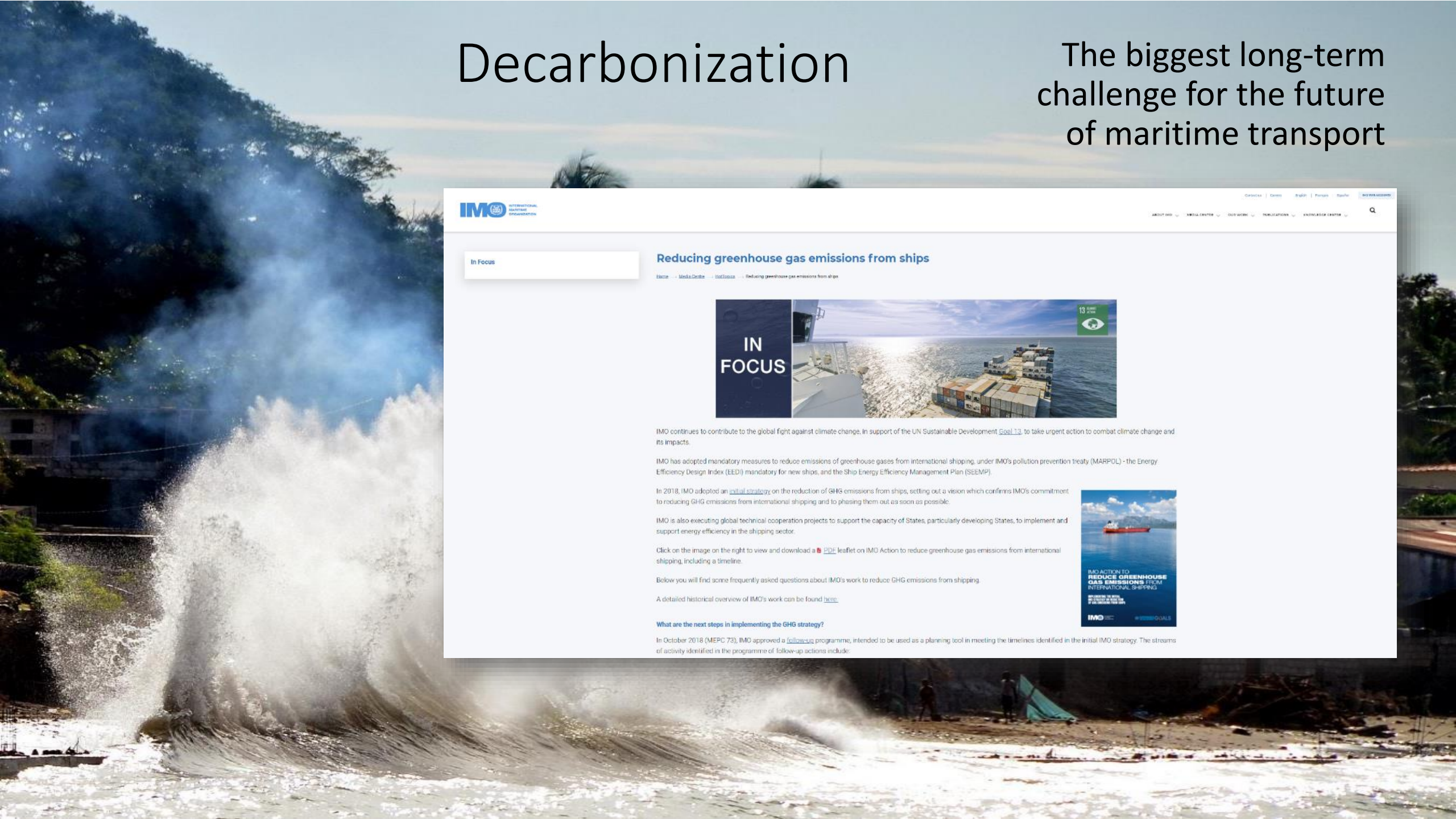
Source: UNCTAD, based on Marine Benchmark.

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Decarbonization

The biggest long-term challenge for the future of maritime transport




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Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from ships

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IMO continues to contribute to the global fight against climate change, in support of the UN Sustainable Development [Goal 13](#), to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

IMO has adopted mandatory measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from international shipping, under IMO's pollution prevention treaty (MARPOL) - the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) mandatory for new ships, and the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP).

In 2018, IMO adopted an [initial strategy](#) on the reduction of GHG emissions from ships, setting out a vision which confirms IMO's commitment to reducing GHG emissions from international shipping and to phasing them out as soon as possible.

IMO is also executing global technical cooperation projects to support the capacity of States, particularly developing States, to implement and support energy efficiency in the shipping sector.

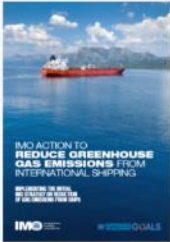
Click on the image on the right to view and download a [PDF](#) leaflet on IMO Action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping, including a timeline.

Below you will find some frequently asked questions about IMO's work to reduce GHG emissions from shipping.

A detailed historical overview of IMO's work can be found [here](#).

What are the next steps in implementing the GHG strategy?

In October 2018 (MEPC 73), IMO approved a [follow-up](#) programme, intended to be used as a planning tool in meeting the timelines identified in the initial IMO strategy. The streams of activity identified in the programme of follow-up actions include:



To achieve decarbonization we need

- A predictable, multilateral regulatory framework. And we need it fast.
- The right price for carbon
- Digitalization will help improve energy efficiency

Implications for ports? Opportunities!

Seizing opportunities for **developing countries** in providing **zero-carbon** fuels to global shipping

#IMOatCOP26

IMO-UNCTAD SIDE EVENT AT COP26:

Date: Wednesday, 10 November 2021

Time: 15:00-16:15 (UTC)

Place: Blue Zone, Derwentwater room
(44 persons max - on a first-come,
first-served basis)

Virtual observers need to register through
the COP26 virtual platform, [here](#).

Decarbonization of international shipping
requires a rapid shift from today's predominant
use of fossil fuels to zero-carbon alternatives.

This side event explores the opportunities for
developing countries in producing and supplying
zero-carbon marine fuels to ships in their ports.

Featuring

Mr. Jose Matheickal (Moderator)
Chief, Department of Partnerships and Projects, IMO

Ms. Isabelle Durant
Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Mr. Binyam Reja (t.b.c.)
Acting Global Director for Transport, and Manager of
Global Unit in the Transport Global Practice, World Bank

Ms. Johannah Christensen
CEO, Global Maritime Forum

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