

Prioritization of Climate Change Adaptation Options

The Role of Cost-Benefit Analysis

Session 3: CBA Steps 1, 2, and 3

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Meaning:

- Who to include in the analysis? Whose costs and benefits will be included?
- Should it be local? Provincial? National? Global?
- This is sometimes referred as a **scoping issue**.

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Geographical scoping

How about river diversion from one country to another?

How about air pollution emitted by one country and impacting another country?

How about a hydro-power project in one country impacting river flow in downstream countries?

How about untreated wastewater discharge from one city having an impact on water quality in another city of a different province within the same country?

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Geographical scoping

- **Mis-specifying the geographical scope of the analysis can lead to significant under-estimates of the costs and benefits of the project.**
- **There is no easy rule on how to specify correctly the geographical scope of the analysis.**

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In general:

The geographical scope coincides with the jurisdictional area over which the implementing government has authority.

- A project implemented and paid for by a local government will most probably use a local scope of analysis.
- A project implemented and paid for by a national government will most probably use a national scope of analysis.
- Since multi-lateral development banks (MDBs – such as World Bank) lend money to national governments, all projects financed by MDBs use a national scope when conducting economic analysis.

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GROUP DISCUSSION

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Please consider the Tonle Sap Basin Flood Control Project

6. The proposed flood protection will also generate incremental tourism benefits. Currently, the town is receiving 5,076 foreign visitors and 16,320 local visitors. From 2013 to 2018, a 5% annual growth rate in tourism was assumed. With the project completion, an 8% annual growth rate from 2019 to 2044 was used, while the without-the-project scenario assumed a more conservative annual growth rate of 5% given other planned developments benefiting the town. Foreign visitors spend an average of \$50/day and stay an average 1.5 days without the project. Local visitors spend about \$25/day and stay an average of 2 days. With the project, it was estimated that foreign and local visitors will extend their stay for an average of 1 day and will spend an additional \$20/day and \$5/day, respectively. For conservatism, only 30% of the calculated incremental tourism benefits were attributed to the flood protection subproject. TA 7986-CAM consultant estimates based on discussions with the KCH Provincial Department of Tourism.

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Please consider the Tonle Sap Basin Flood Control Project.

This project would receive financial support from ADB to the Government of Cambodia.

In this context, please discuss whether or not it is appropriate to include tourism benefits in the economic analysis.

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Please consider the Anhui Sustainable Transport Project.

13. **Transport externalities.** The project will reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 652,700 tons from 2013-2035. An estimated 247,200 tons of CO₂ will be emitted because of construction works. The highway upgrades will have mixed effect on emissions—they will be increased by the higher speeds and added traffic that will result, but decline due to less congestion and smoother road surfaces. A net overall reduction in emissions of 137,600 tons was estimated over 20 years. The IWT component will lead to a net reduction in CO₂ emissions of 762,300 tons over 30 years due to the shift from higher-emission road transport to waterway transport. CO₂ emissions were evaluated at a constant \$25 per ton.

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Please consider the Anhui Sustainable Transport Project.

**CO2 emissions were evaluated at a constant \$25 per ton,
where \$25 is the reported global social cost of carbon.**

**Please discuss the use of the global social cost of carbon in
the economic analysis of this investment project in China.**

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GIZ. 2016. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF INDC ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION OPTIONS OF GHANA

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The report says:

Benefit 1: Job creation opportunities through installation and maintenance of solar systems

Benefit 2: Reduced consumption of fossil fuel for power generation.

Benefit 3: Increased electricity access to rural communities and contributed to realize energy security.

Benefit 4: Saving in national electricity demand.

Let's look at Benefit 2 (Reduced consumption of fossil fuel for power generation).

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ANNEX 3: RESULTS OF COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Year	Rooftop systems installed	Cumulative CO2 reduction (kt)	Savings from CO2 reduction (USD million)
2016	15,000	49.93	1.44
2017	40,000	127.82	3.83
2018	90,000	287.60	8.63
2019	150,000	499.34	14.38
2020	200,000	639.12	19.17
2021	230,000	734.99	22.05
2022	264,500	845.23	25.36
2023	304,175	972.02	29.16
2024	349,801	1,117.82	33.53
2025	402,271	1,285.50	38.56
2026	442,499	1,414.04	42.42
2027	486,748	1,555.45	46.66
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2017	40,000	127.82	3.83	33.37337
2018	90,000	287.60	8.63	33.32561
2019	150,000	499.34	14.38	34.72462
2020	200,000	639.12	19.17	33.33959
2021	230,000	734.99	22.05	33.33288
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So, it would seem that the CO₂ mitigation benefits of rooftop solar systems has been assessed using the global social cost of carbon.

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Please discuss.

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Meaning:

- List ALL impacts of the projects, including the required inputs of the project (e.g. labor, capital, etc.), and all the outputs of the project.
- If the project (or the activity) is to improve access to sanitation, or to improve solid waste management, or to reduce the frequency or extent of flooding, then in order to provide an economic assessment of the potential benefits of the project, we first need to list all the impacts associated with the lack of sanitation, or the lack of proper of solid waste management, or the floods.

Step 2: Identify all potential impacts



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Difficulties:

- Many of the impacts may not be known;
- Science is incomplete and often can be contradictory.
- At best, the data is incomplete. At worse, it simply does not exist.
- Always have to make assumptions; always have to extrapolate from:
 - Existing time series;
 - Lessons from similar projects elsewhere;
 - Advice of technical experts.

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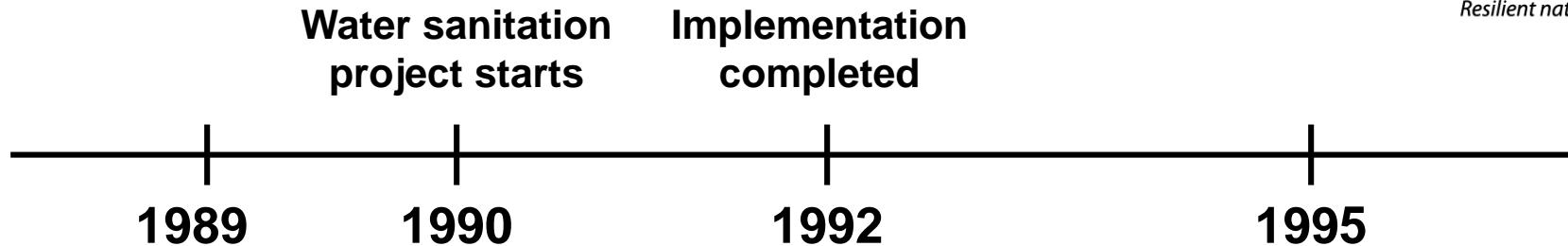
- This is perhaps the most important and most common failure in CBA.

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Consider this example:



- Suppose that in years prior to 1990, there were between 50 and 75 cases of gastro-intestinal diseases per month in a district of a large city in Ghana.
- As a result, in 1990 a water sanitation project was initiated and fully implemented by 1992.
- Over the period 1993 to 1995, there are between 100 and 125 cases of gastro-intestinal diseases per month in the same district.

Conclusion: Therefore the project was a failure.

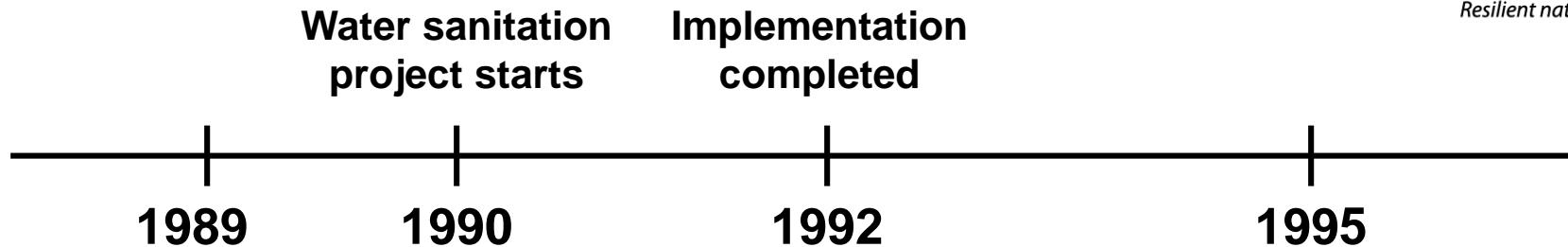
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- As a result, in 1990 a water sanitation project was initiated and fully implemented by 1992.
- Over the period 1993 to 1995, there are between 10 and 25 cases of gastro-intestinal diseases per month in the same district.

Conclusion: Therefore the project was a success.

Is this a correct conclusion? If not, why not?

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Suppose the following (hypothetical) situation:

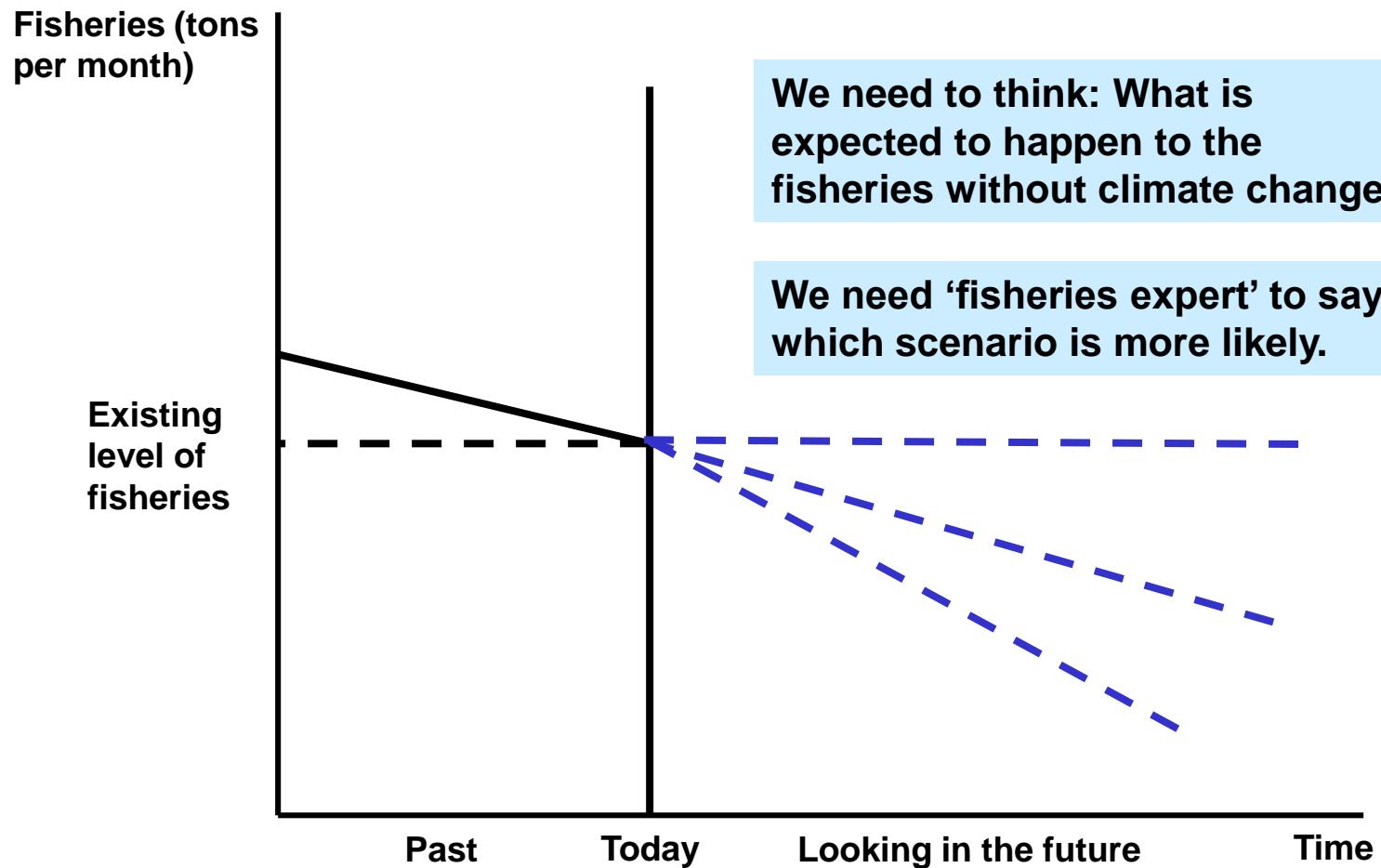
Suppose that fisheries in Ghana have been in decline in the last many years (perhaps as a result of over-fishing).

Suppose that in Ghana, climate change is projected to have an adverse effect on fisheries (perhaps as a result of increase in water temperature or ocean acidification).

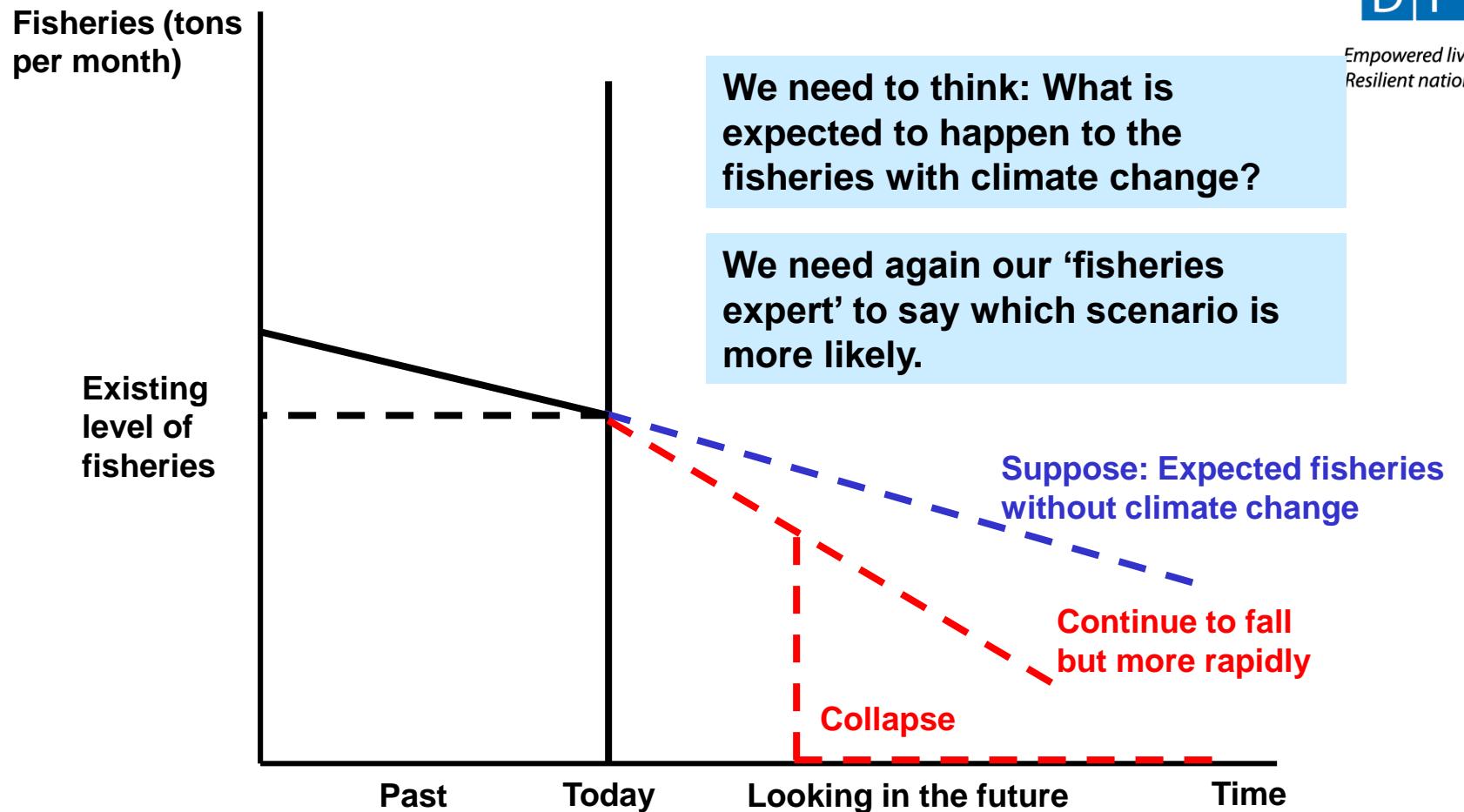
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How would you assess the impact of climate change on fisheries in Ghana?

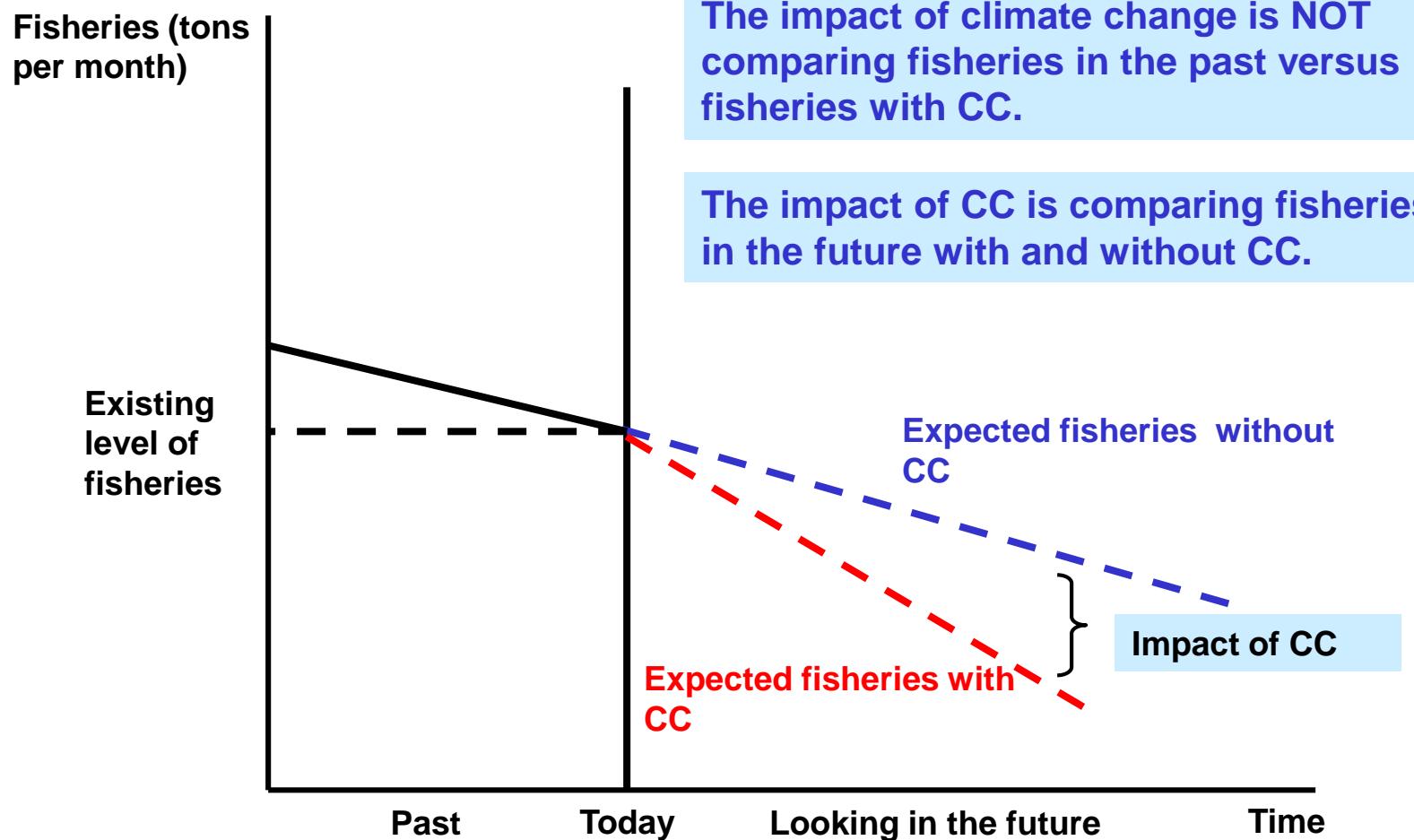
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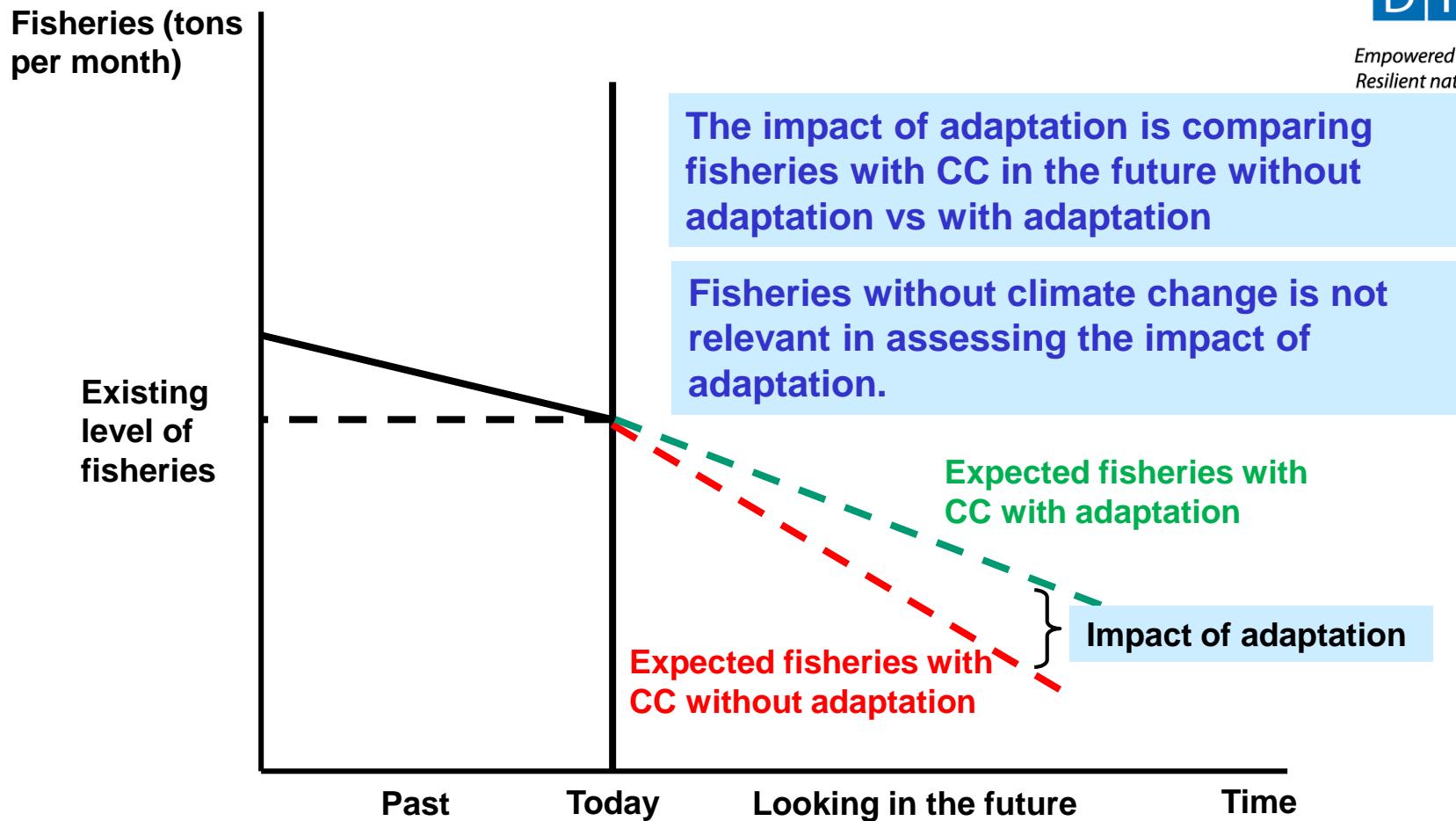
Now suppose the following (hypothetical) situation:

There is an adaptation measure which could reduce (partly or totally) the adverse impact of climate change on fisheries.

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How would one assess the positive impact of this adaptation measure on fisheries?

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We must always ask: What would happen if the project did not take place. We must compare how the situation will be “with the project” and how it is expected to be “without the project”.

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