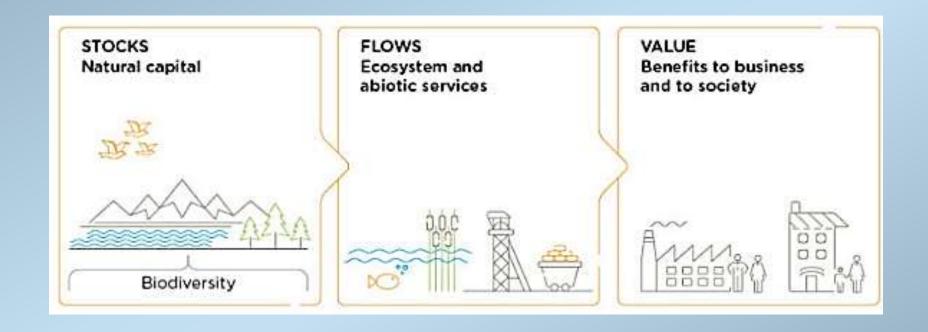
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Natural Capital: A Definition

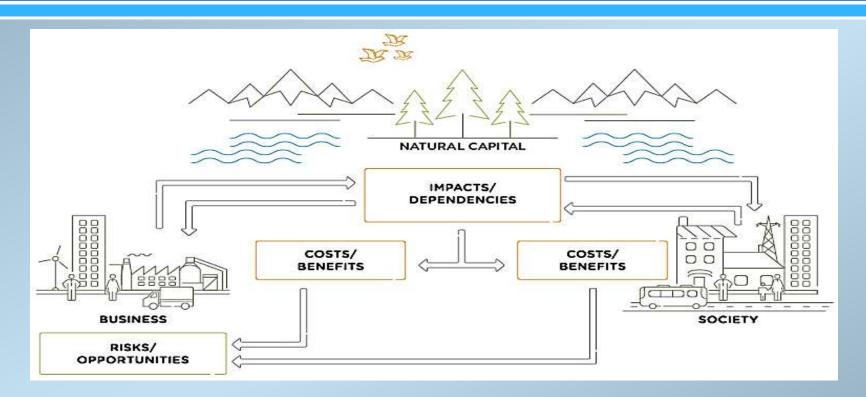






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An Example from Costco











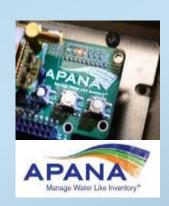






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The DOC Natural Capital Business Roundtables



Business Roundtable Locations







Why Focus on Coasts?





2013 Data

OCEAN GDP = \$359 BILLION

COASTAL GDP =~\$8 TRILLION

U.S. GDP = \$17 TRILLION



Attendees and Partners Included











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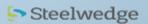








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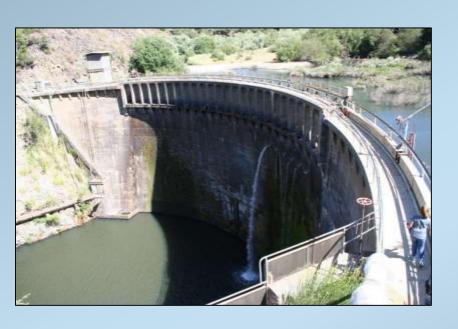


- Important Factors: Risk, Recognition, and Market Orientation
- Success comes from
 - Integration into existing business processes
 - Buy-in from leadership
 - A step-wise approach to building a diverse portfolio of projects



What We Heard from Companies





- Common barriers to integration
 - Lack of business-relevant data and information
 - An absence of strong incentives

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What We Heard from Companies



- Companies want
 - Better case studies
 - More contextual information
 - Better and more accessible data
 - A role in policy and regulatory discussions



Gulf of Mexico Roundtable, April 2016



Next Steps...





- Collaboration through the Natural Capital Coalition
- Pilot project with ITA
- Involvement in Big Data conversations
- More Roundtables potentially



What the Ecosystem Services Community Can Do



- Ensure your stakeholder consultations include businesses
 - Reach out to businesses, proactively
- Share data and information
- Connect with the Natural Capital Accounting
 - US. Geological Survey and Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) project tinyurl.com/us-nca



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Agricultural Industry Example



Agriculture depends on Biodiversity

Associated Ecosystem Service	Dependency	Impact
Freshwater	High	High
Pollination	High	High
Recreation and Tourism	Low	High

Modified from: The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)



Components of the Ocean Economy







Access to Ocean Economy Information



