

Capacity building in fisheries – and integral part of Icelandic development cooperation

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Ísafjörður declaration on the importance of the fisheries and aquaculture sector

- Sustainable development is now the focus
 - A challenge to all countries
 - Responsible ecosystem-based sustainable management
- Development has several dimensions, not least ethical and should improve well-being
- Capacity building in developing countries
- Promotion of fisheries and aquaculture in development cooperation

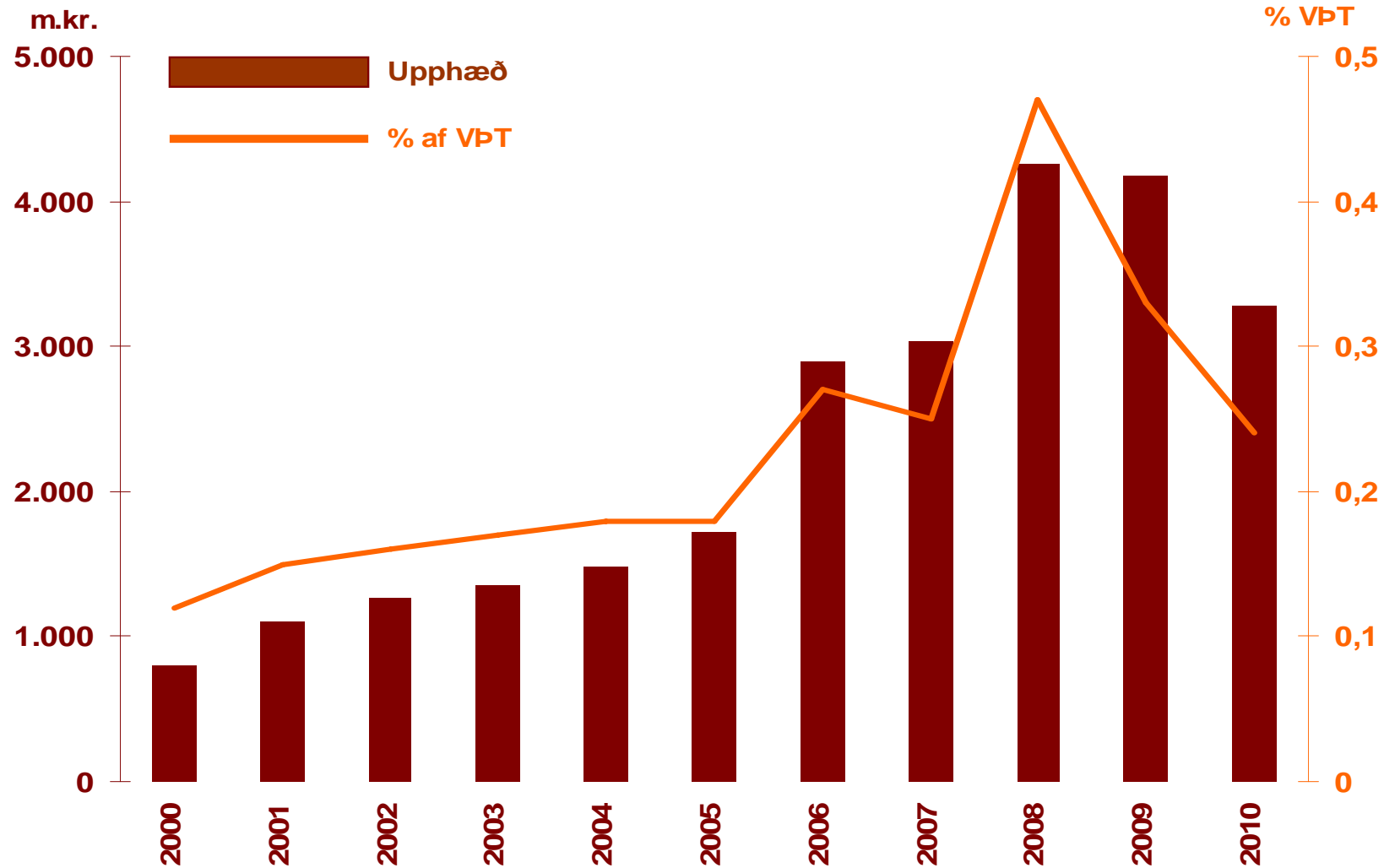
In this presentation

- Icelandic development cooperation
- Issues of sustainable development
- UNU FTP as an example of capacity building

Overview of Icelandic bilateral support

- Bilateral support has focussed on fisheries
 - Cape Verde 1981-1997
 - Malawi (SADCC) 1989-
 - Namibia 1990-2010
 - Mozambique 1996-
 - Uganda 2000-
 - Sri Lanka 2005-2009
 - Nicaragua 2005-2009

Development cooperation budget - Iceland





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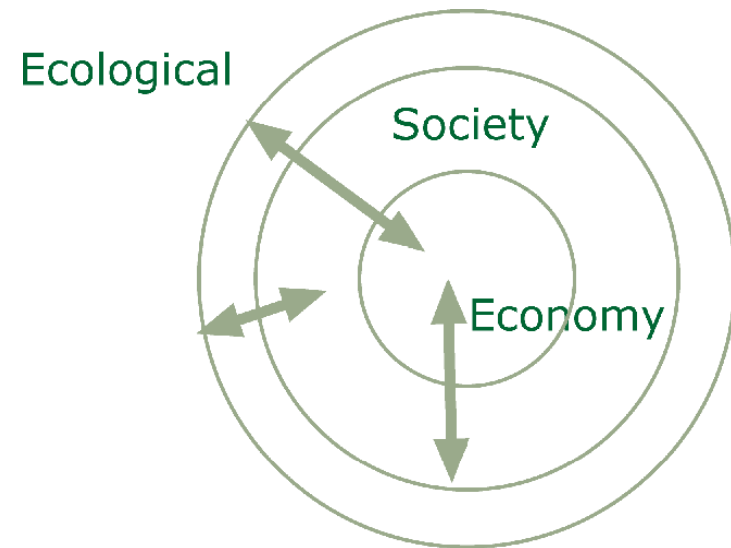
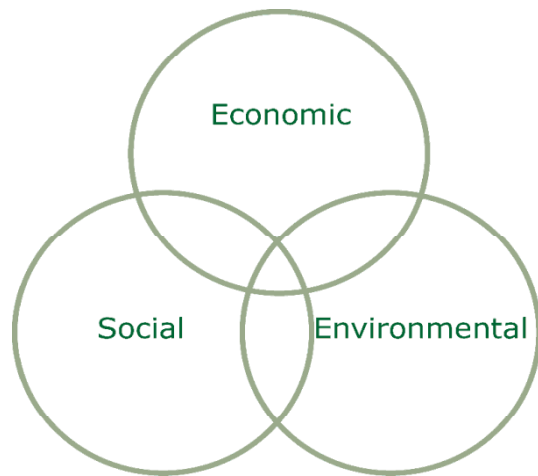


Iceland's Policy on Development Co-operation 2005-2009

Four pillars

- Human and economic development and equality
- Democracy, human rights and good governance
- Peace, security and development
- Sustainable development

Views on sustainable development



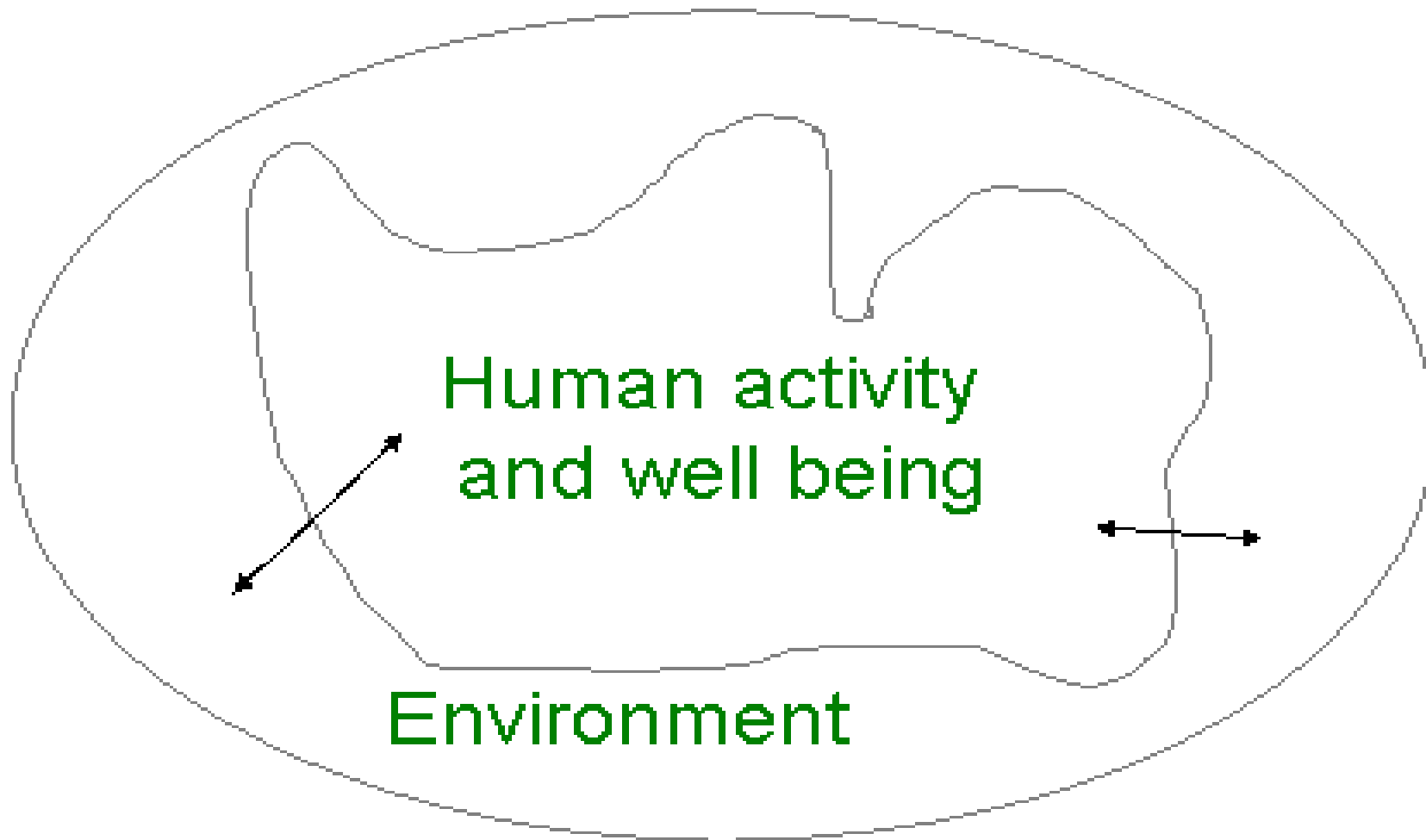


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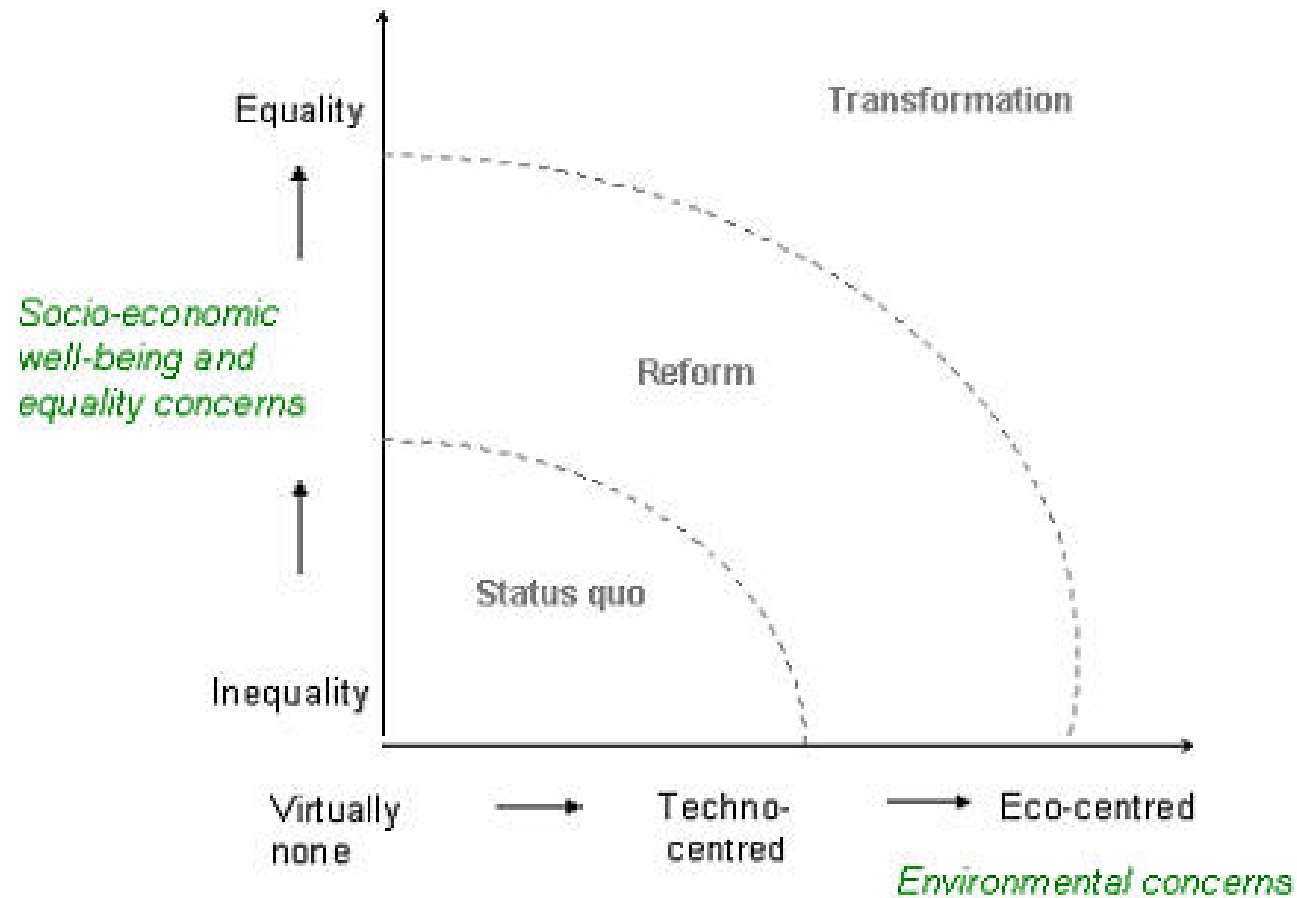
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One more view

Hopwood, Mellor and O'Brien (2005)



Mapping of views on sustainable development

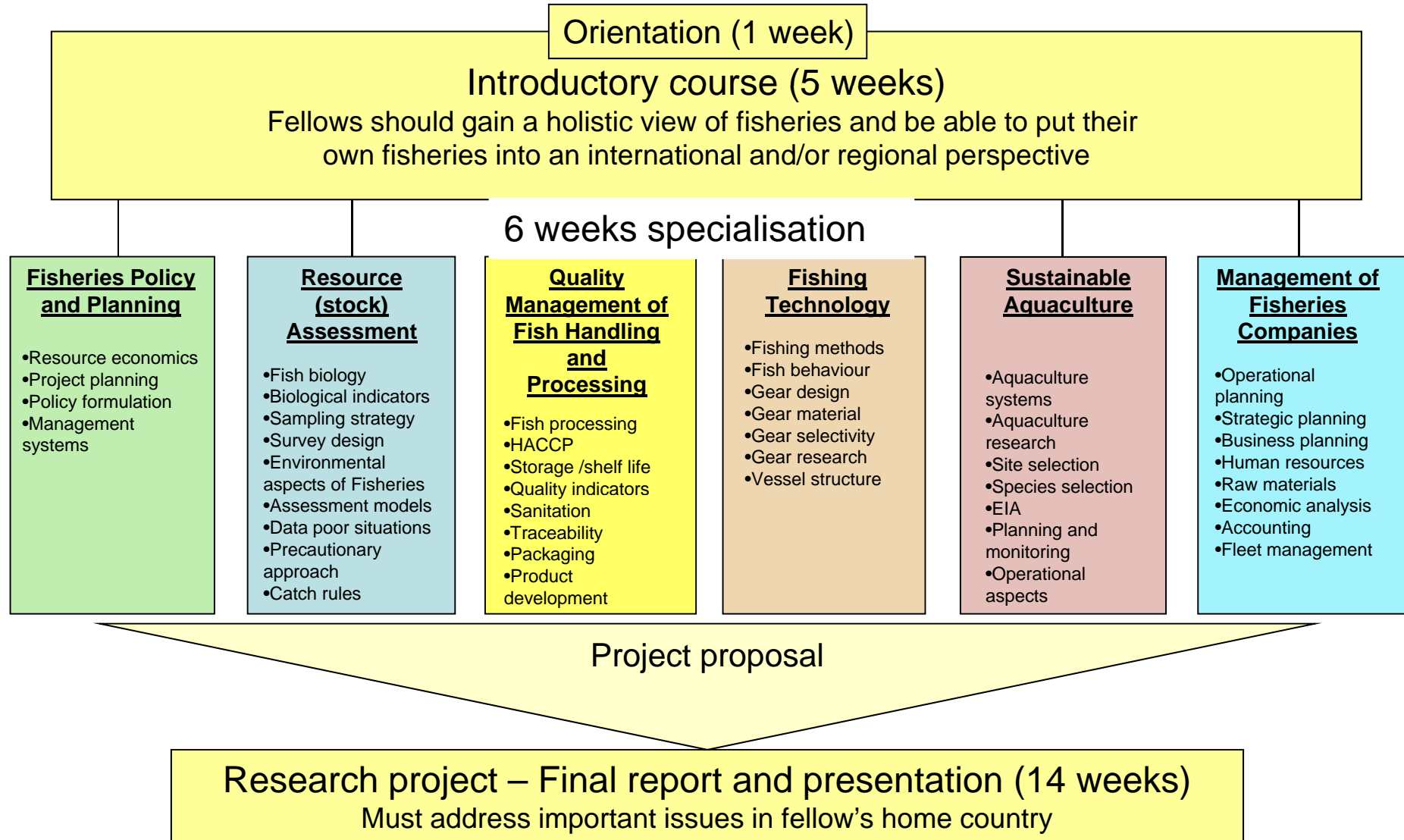


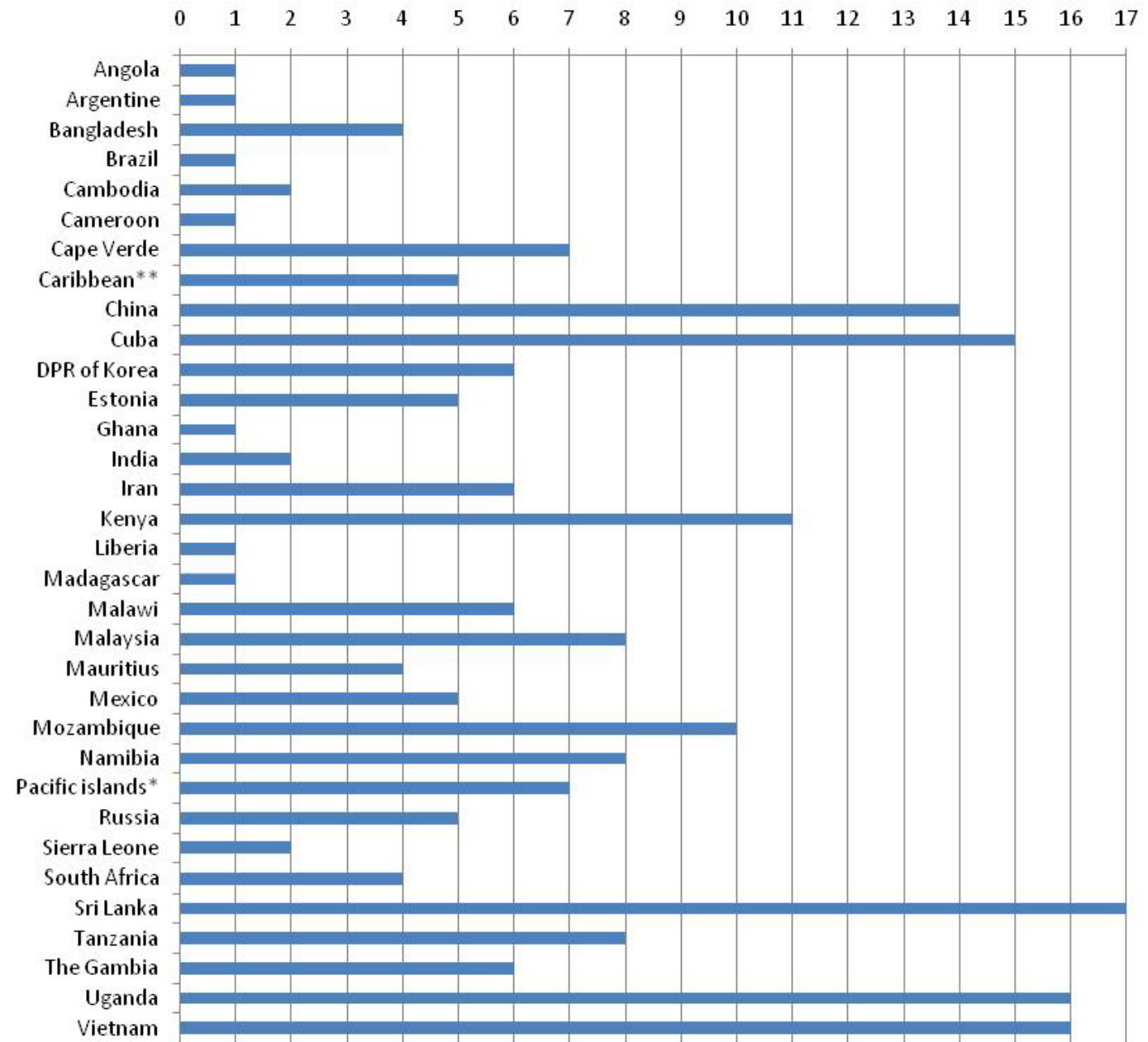
Main activities of the UNU-FTP

- Provide 6 month post graduate training in fisheries, with a strong applied bias. So far 205 fellows from 40 countries have successfully completed the programme
- Engages in the development and delivery of short courses in partner countries, in cooperation with local, regional and international institutions and organisations. 3-5 courses per year over the last 3 years, profitability assessment, quality inspectors, project cycle management, collection of fisheries statistics and stock assessment, aquaculture, fisheries policy and planning
- Offers scholarships to former fellows on a competitive basis for post-graduate degree studies in Iceland. At present 7 PhD and 2 MSc.

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Structure of a 6 month training programme in Iceland





*Tonga, Fiji, Nauru, Vanuatu, Samoa

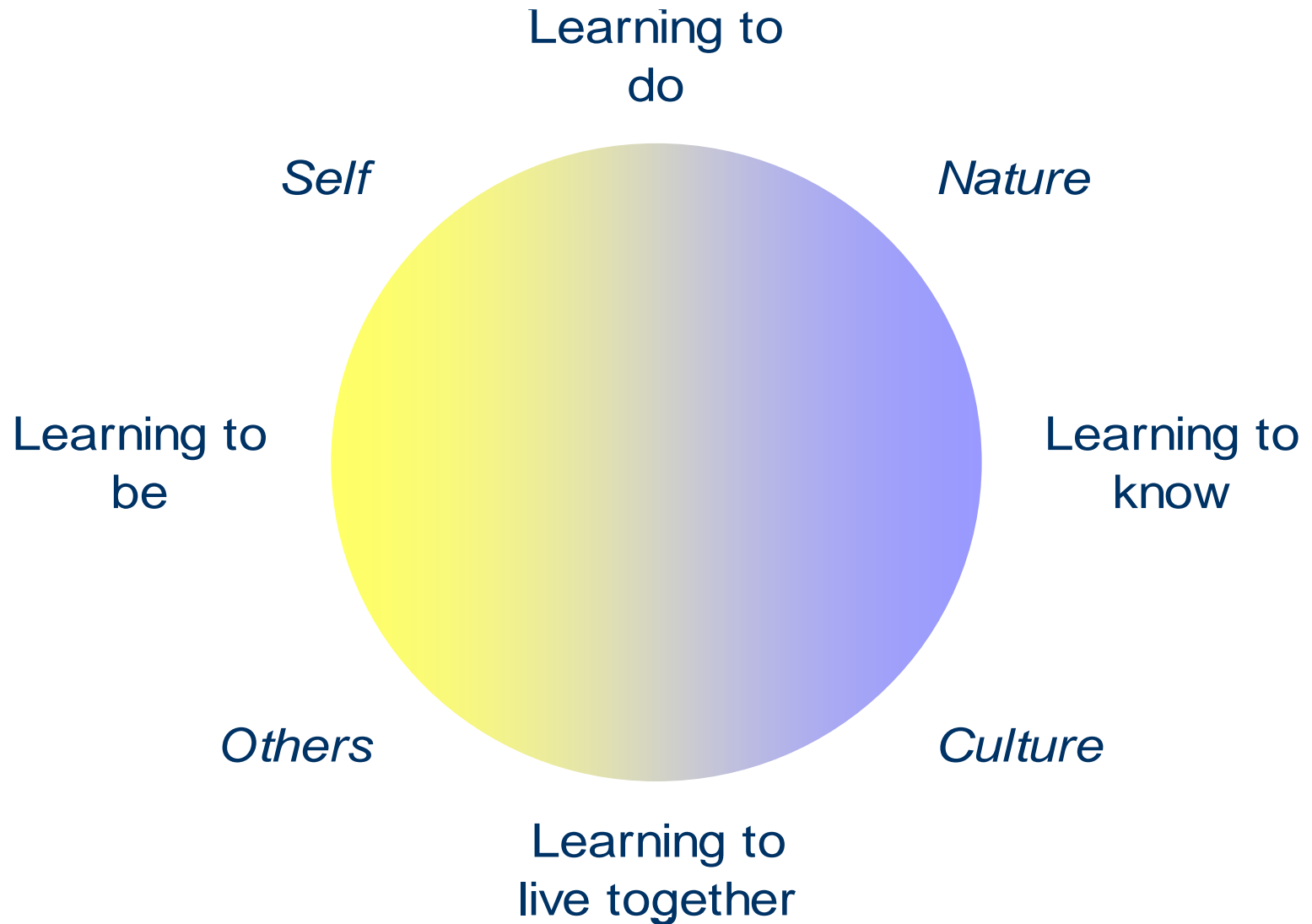
** Guyana, Belize, Jamaica, Barbados

“ . . . an exceptional means of bringing about personal development and building relationships among individuals, groups and nations”

(Delors, 1996)

- Learning to know
- Learning to do
- Learning to be
- Learning to live together

Learning for sustainability



Action competency

The action competency approach goes beyond behavioural modifications, it is

“related to developing a critical, reflective and participatory approach by which the adult can cope with future environmental problems”

Breiting and Mogesen, 1999.



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