

GRAND CHALLENGES for the Tropics

Ecological resilience - mitigating and adapting to human induced change, conservation of the environment, biodiversity protection.

Human wellbeing – good health, social equity, economic opportunity.

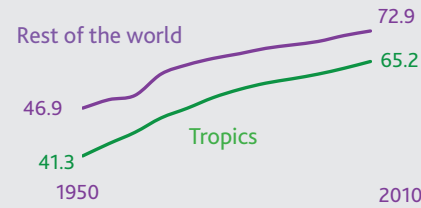
% THREATENED SPECIES



CORAL REEFS at RISK



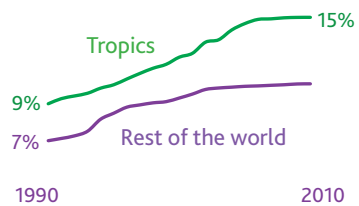
LIFE EXPECTANCY



ECONOMIC GROWTH PER ANNUM



PROTECTED AREAS



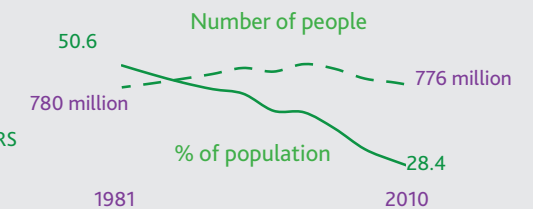
MANGROVE FOREST



AVERAGE YEARS OF SCHOOLING



EXTREME POVERTY in the TROPICS



Resource security – access to water and sanitation, sustainable energy resources, food security.

Good governance – political representation, freedom of speech, absence of corruption, effective governments, transparency of process



470 million people live in tropical slums



81% of the tropical population has access to an improved water source

Nearly 30% of all land has been degraded since 1980



Only 50% of people in the Tropics have access to a clean toilet

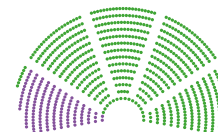


GOVERNANCE INDICATORS

Control of corruption, rule of law and regulatory quality all show negative values for the Tropics



GENDER EQUALITY



Women make up only 18% of national lower house seats in tropical parliaments

HOMICIDE RATE



The homicide rate in the Tropics is more than double the rest of the world