

The Economics of Blue Carbon: Preliminary Analysis

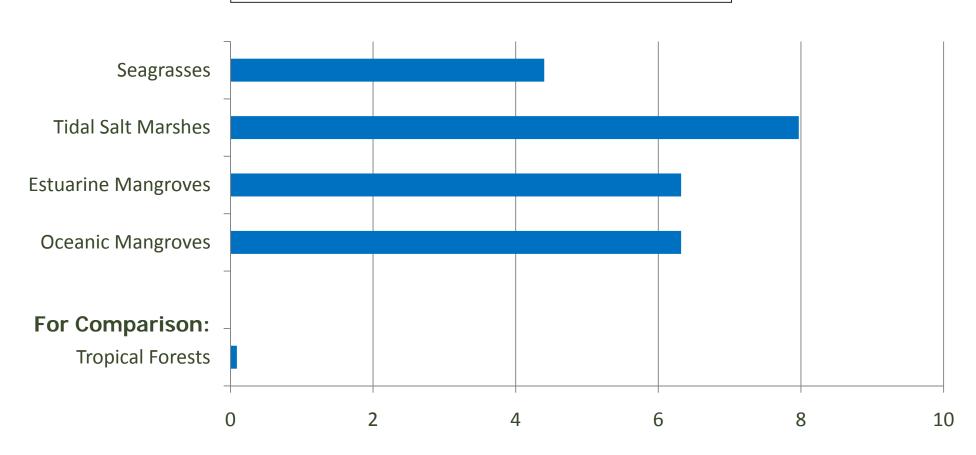
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High Soil-Carbon Sequestration Rates...

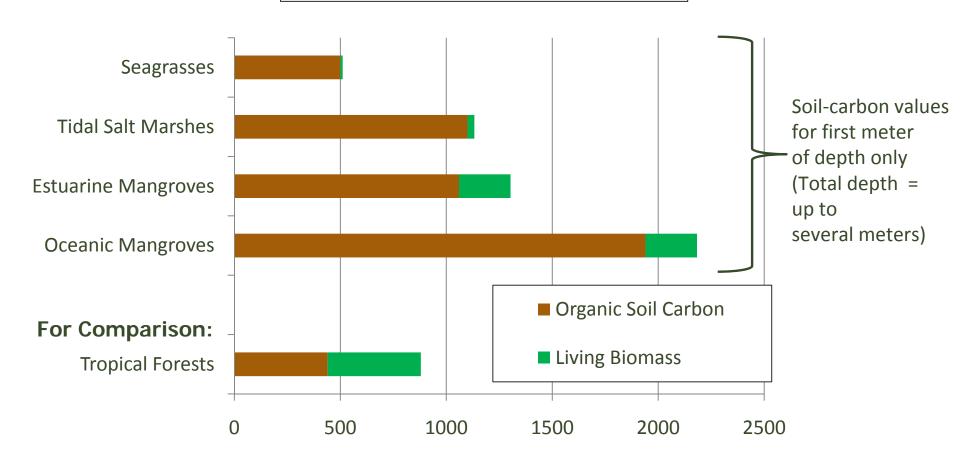
tCO₂e per Hectare per Year, Global Averages





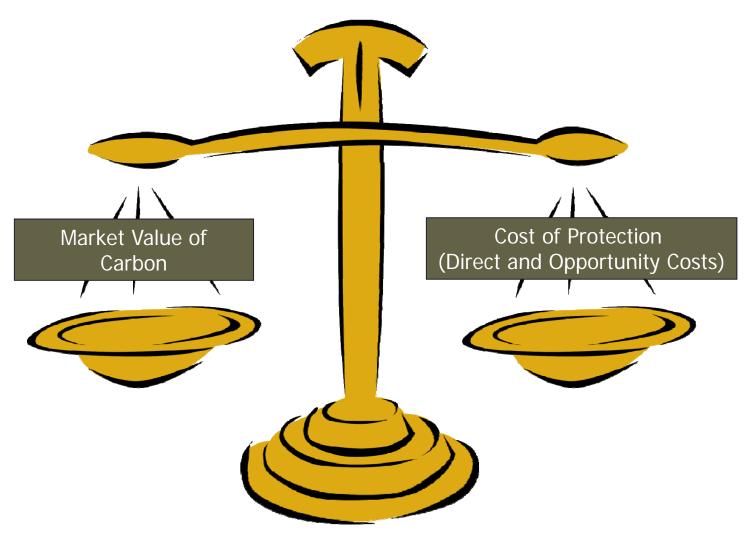
... Yield High Soil-Carbon Stocks







Do the Economics Work?



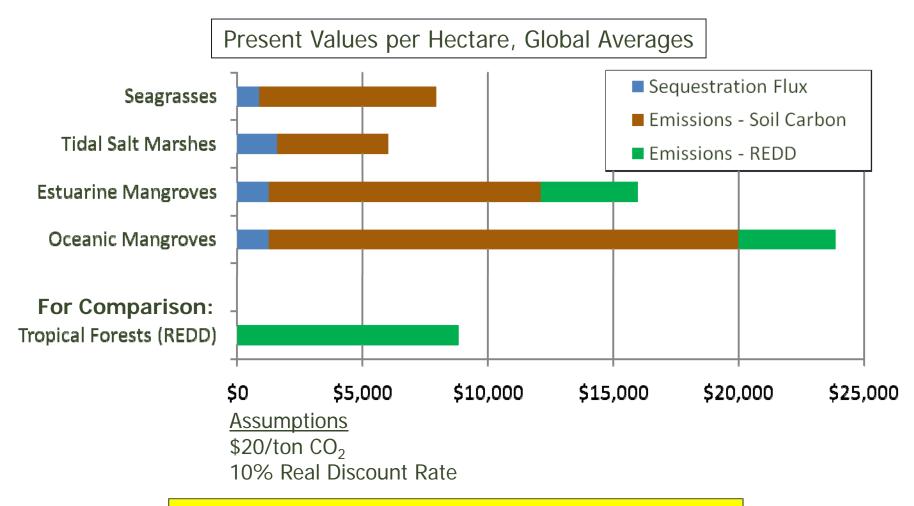


What May Be Eligible for Crediting?

Potential Credit Source	Time Period	Ecosystems
Avoided Loss of Sequestration Flux	Perpetuity	Seagrasses Tidal Salt Marshes Mangroves
Avoided Emissions from Soil Carbon	Several Years to Decades	Seagrasses Tidal Salt Marshes Mangroves
Avoided Emissions from Biomass (REDD)	Immediate	Mangroves

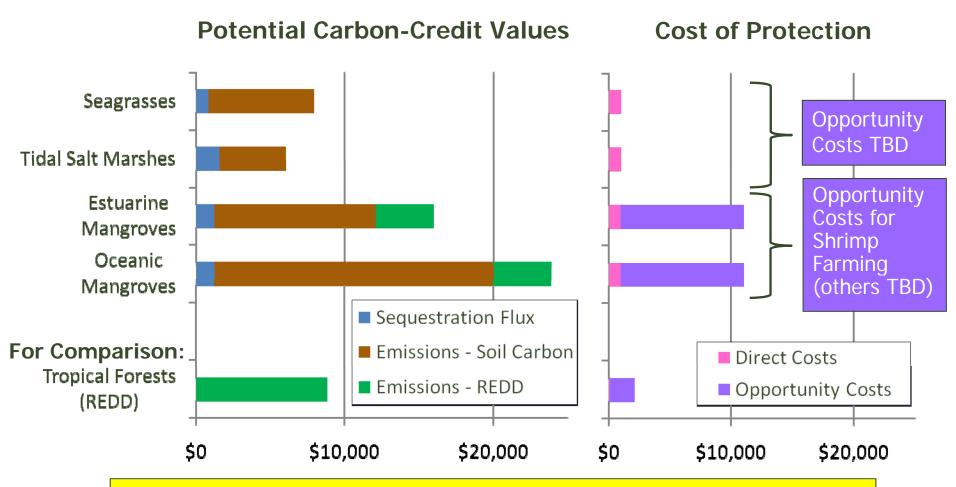


Potential Carbon-Credit Values





The Economics May Work in Some Cases





What Next?

Estimate stocks, emission rates and protection costs under a wider range of conditions

