

UNELCO/COFELY - DRIVING THE VANUATU ENERGY TRANSITION

Last 10 years ► *Next 10 years*

VANUATU: A quick reminder

Highly Fragmented: 80+ islands

Highly Dispersed Archipelago: 12,200 sq.km land in a 680,000 sq.km maritime zone

Limited wealth: 3,300 USD/capita

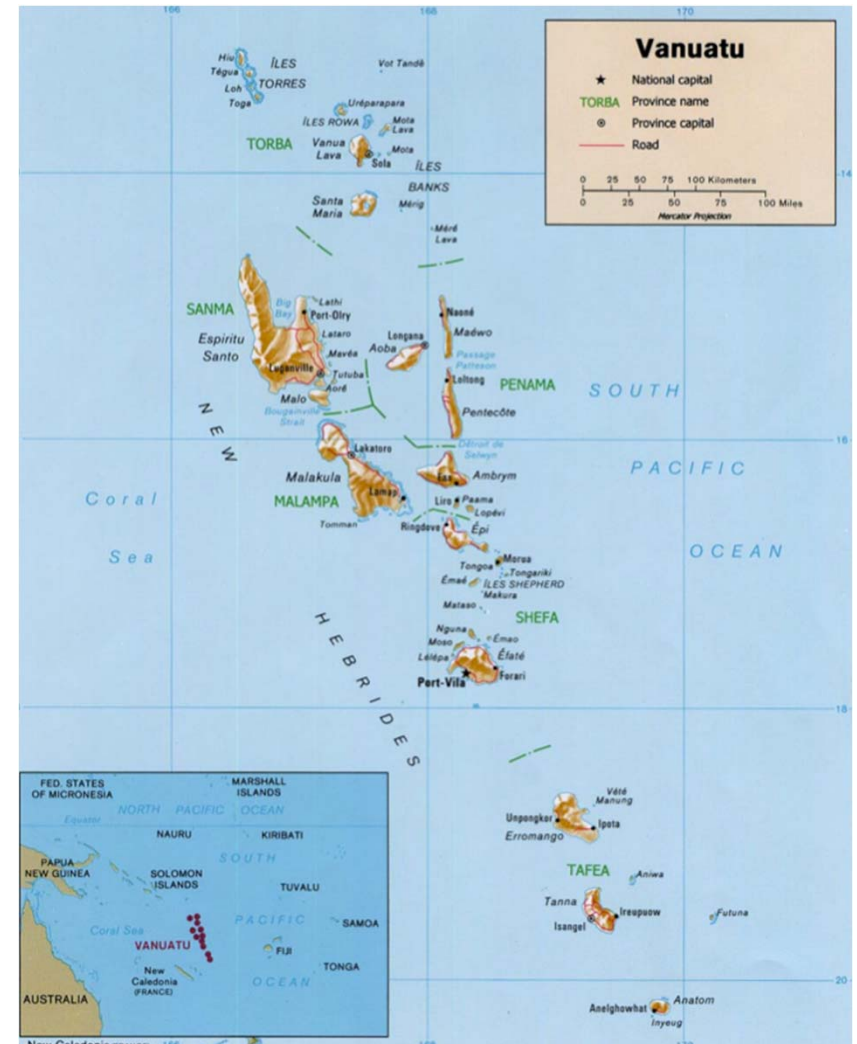
Low population density: 18 persons per sq.km

High exposure to natural hazards: cyclones, earthquakes, volcanoes, tidal waves, landslides, ...

But also ...

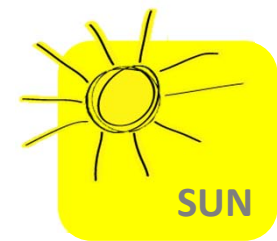
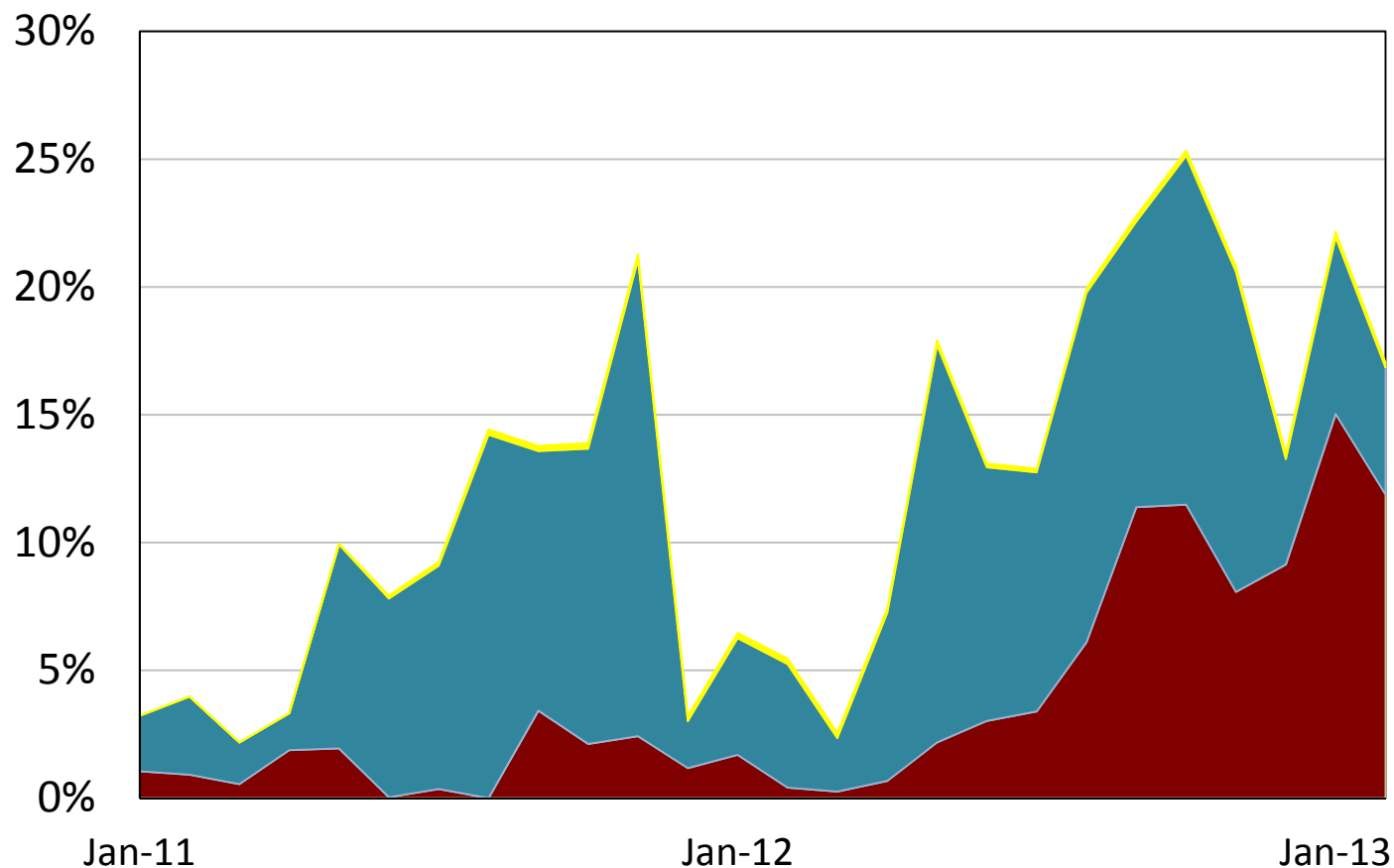
- ❖ History and base for **copra production**
- ❖ **Multiple natural resources:** Sun, Water, Biomass, Geothermal, ...
- ❖ One of the **happiest countries on earth**

... and **UNELCO** has been a partner of Vanuatu since 1939

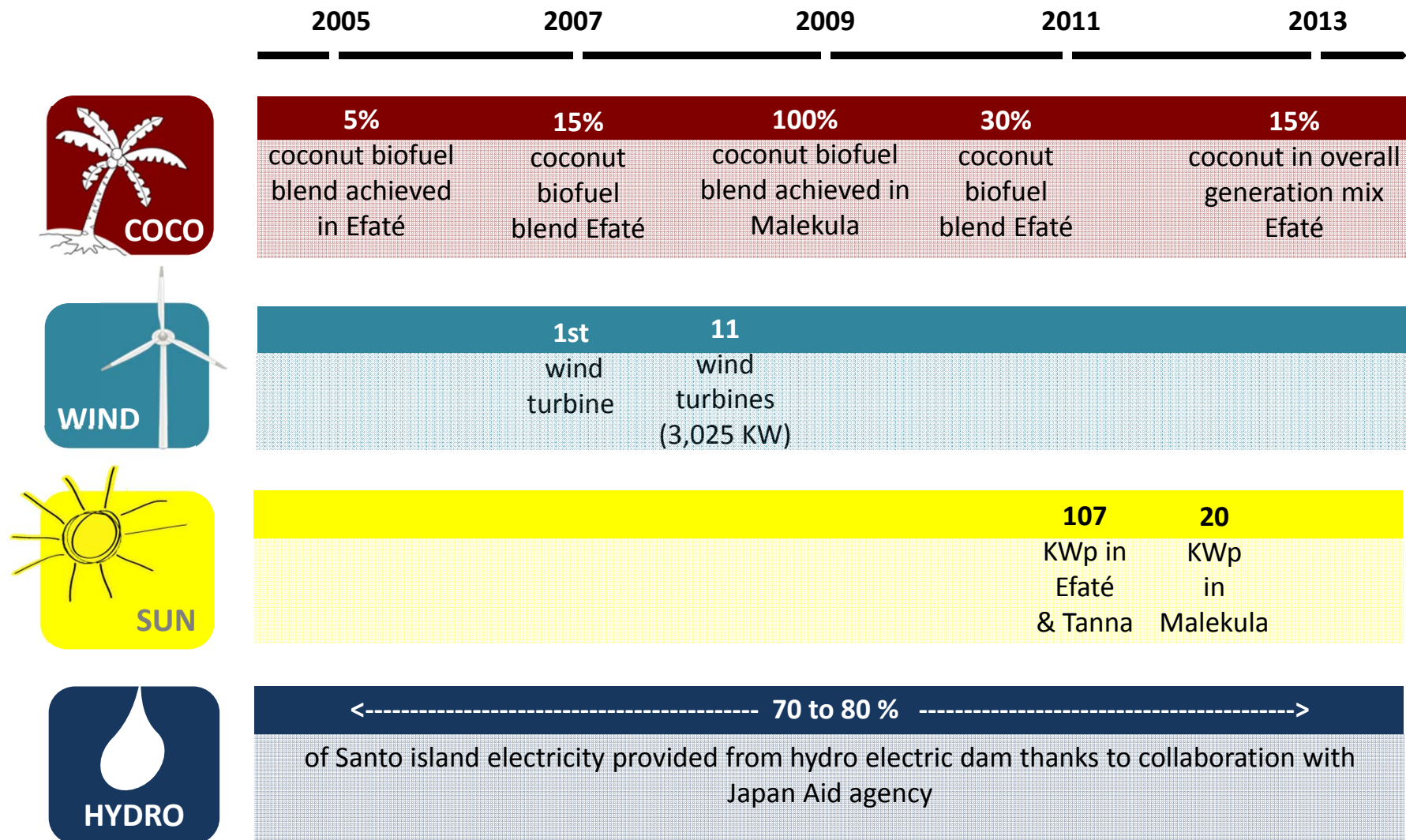


From 100% dependency on fossil fuel generation a few years ago, Vanuatu's main island now benefits from 20 to 25% green energy ...

Growth of renewable energy contribution to Vanuatu's main islands' energy mix



... in the last decade UNELCO has pioneered Coco-2-Electricity, constantly pushing the technical and logistical boundaries, while also developing a well diversified mix of other renewable energies ...



... coconut oil should clearly become an increasingly important energy source for Vanuatu and its development will further environmental objectives and increase energy independence ...



VOLUME

CURRENT

Vanuatu currently grows enough copra to produce **20 M litres of oil per year**

UNELCO consumes 3 M litres of oil per year



NEXT 10-years

Vanuatu could double copra and oil production

UNELCO could consume more than 10 M litres of oil per year

PRICE

Refined oil costs between **1 and 1.1 USD/litre** (depending on market prices)

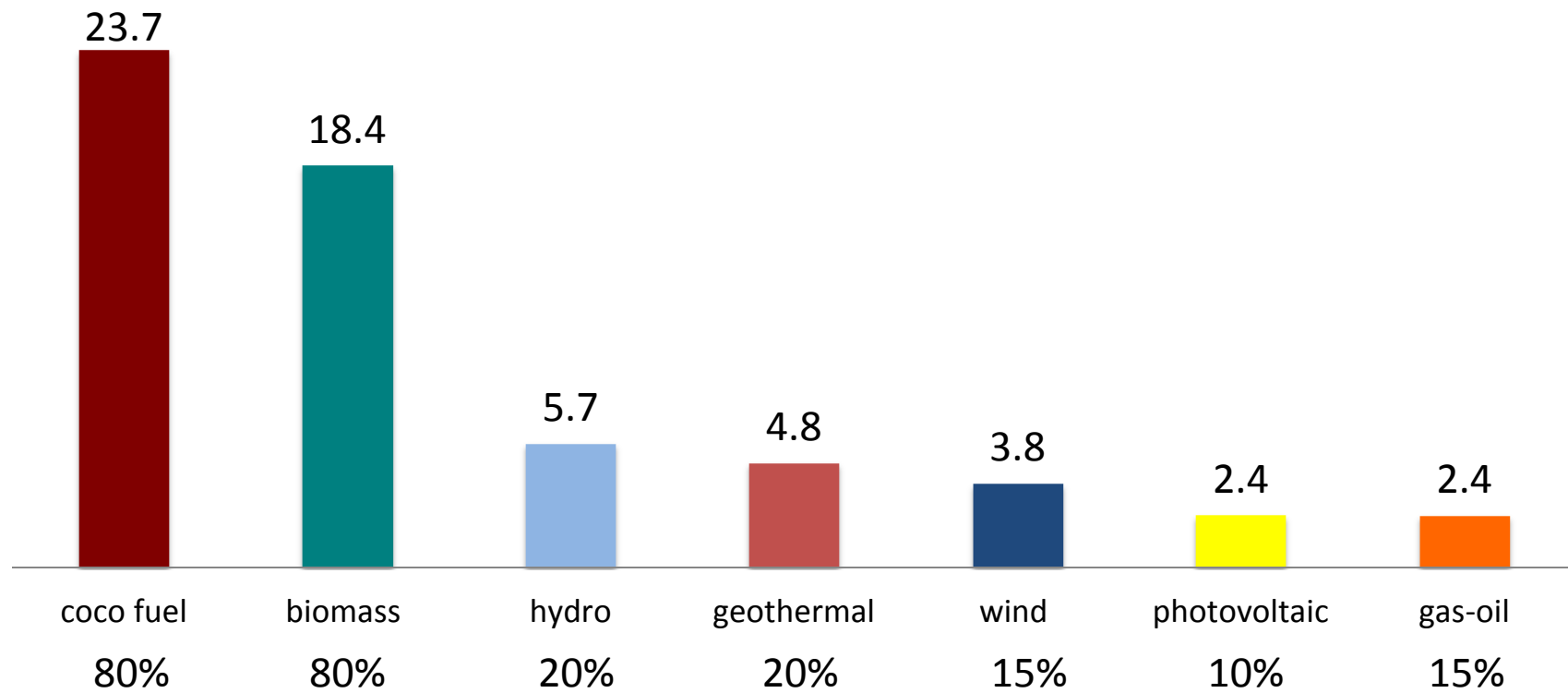


Process and procurement improvements could **decrease oil prices 10 to 20%** (all things being equal)

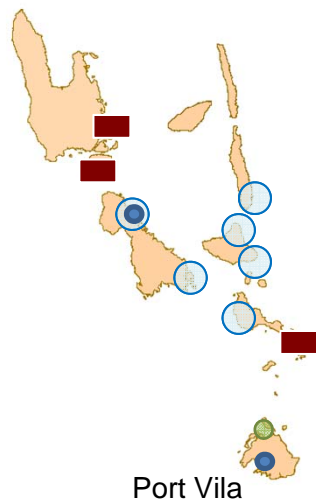
... but also provide important economic and social benefits as 80% of its cost is actually recycled into the local economy, with a multiplier effect, and coconut farming and oil extraction employ traditional skills ...



**Estimate of the Amount Reinjecting into the Vanuatu Economy
(US cents per KWh and % of cost reinjected into local economy)**



... challenges remain, in particular price volatility and supply disruptions but acknowledgement of the importance of coco-fuel for Vanuatu and adoption of a common vision should lead to increased coco-fuel usage in the next several years...



- Copra suppliers
- Third party oil
- Own oil refinery
- Own Plantation

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Multiplying and diversifying resource supply sources

- Rehabilitation and development of local coconut farms
- Procure at **different stages of transformation**
- **Procure from many islands**
- **Entering into the value chain** to hedge against third party risk: own plantation, own oil transformation, ...

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Entering into enforceable long term supply contracts

- Choosing and promoting the emergence of **reliable counterparts**
- Providing **appropriate incentives** to suppliers

... and we will be working both on our own capacity and partnering with the government to align trade and fiscal policies with the best social and economic interest of Vanuatu ...



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**Increasing our oil storage
and refining capacity** to
decrease exposure to price
volatility and temporary
supply disruptions



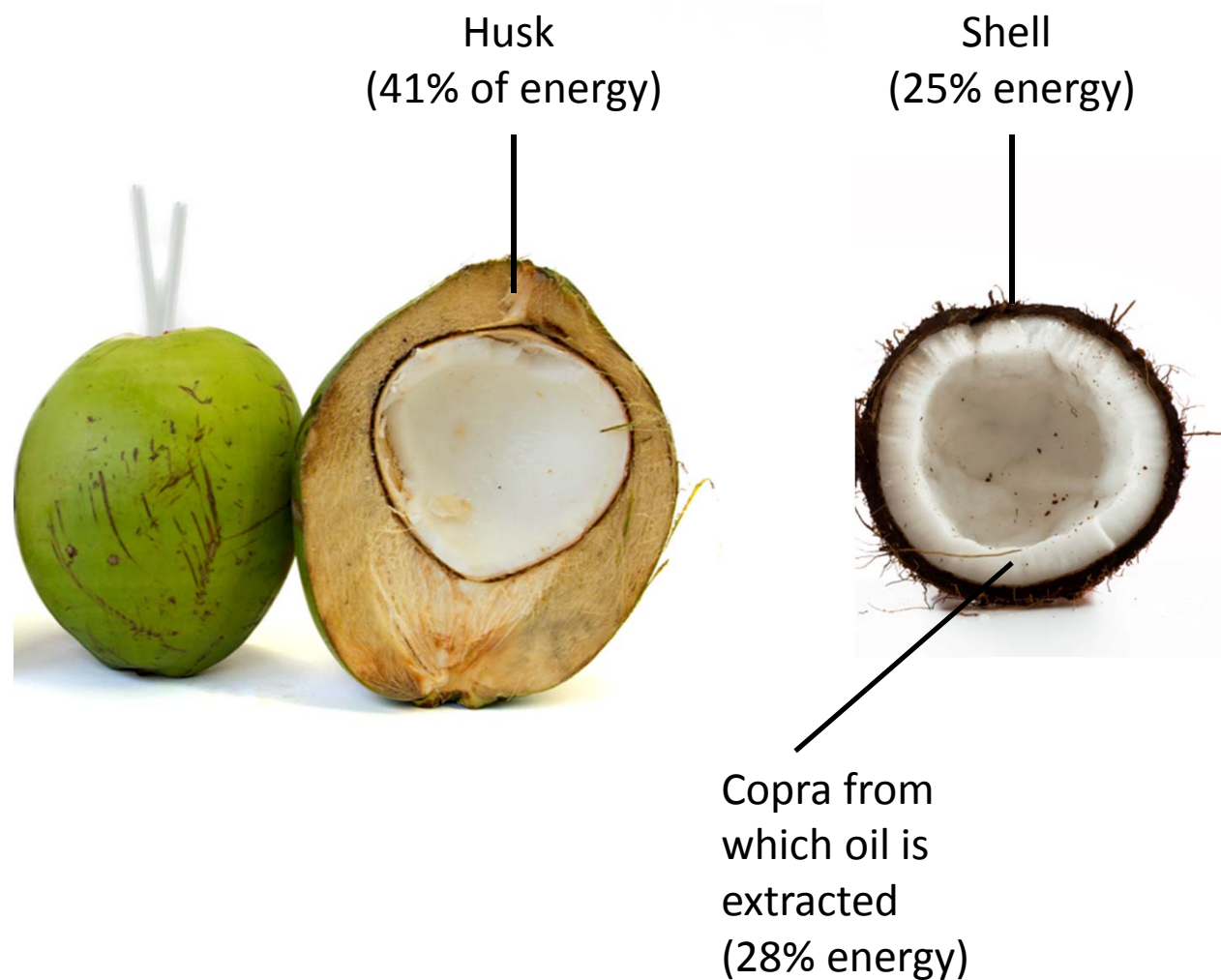
214 000 l storage capacity

700 000 l/m refining capacity

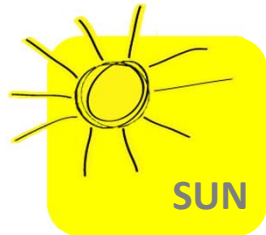
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**Working with the Government of
Vanuatu to align economic and
fiscal policy with long term
interests of Vanuatu**

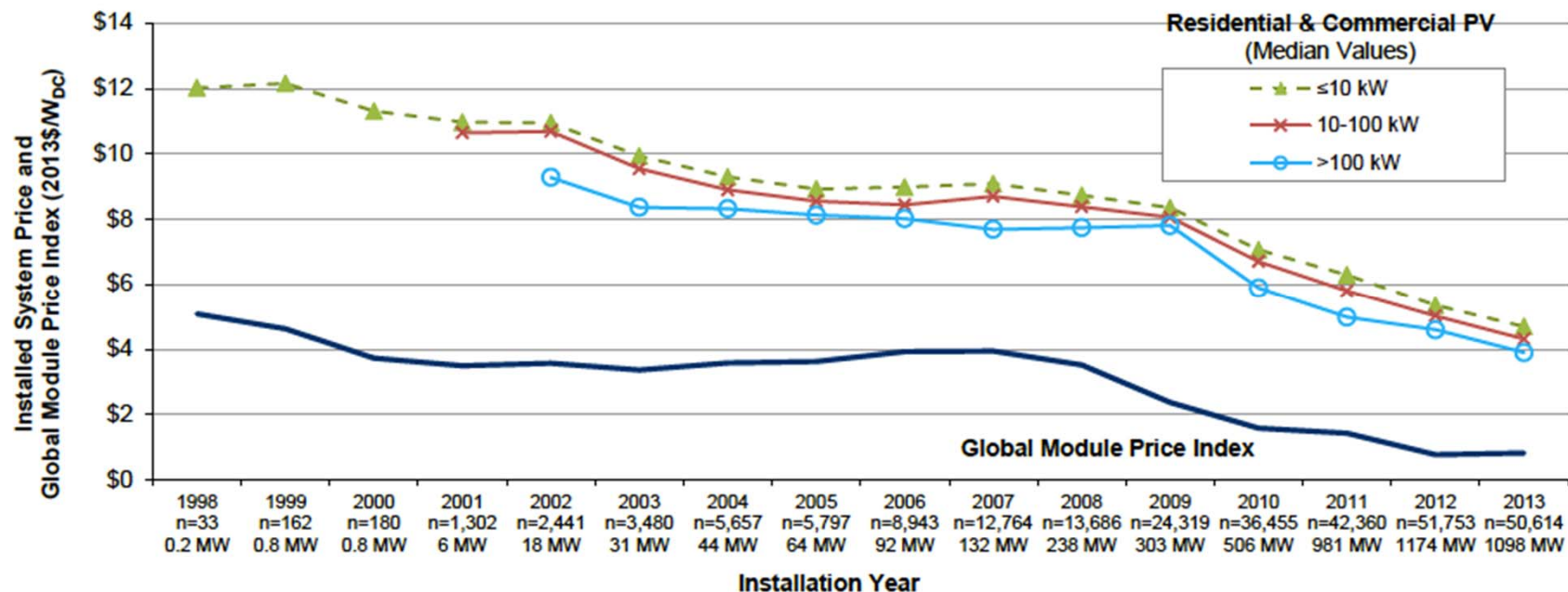
... streamlining the conversion process and increasing energy recovery from coconuts also offers the opportunity develop electricity production from biomass to further improve the business and environmental case ...



... PV solar has become a no brainer, the only real question is how much can our small insular grid absorb and how long until storage capacity is truly “in the money” so we can deploy a second stage of projects ...

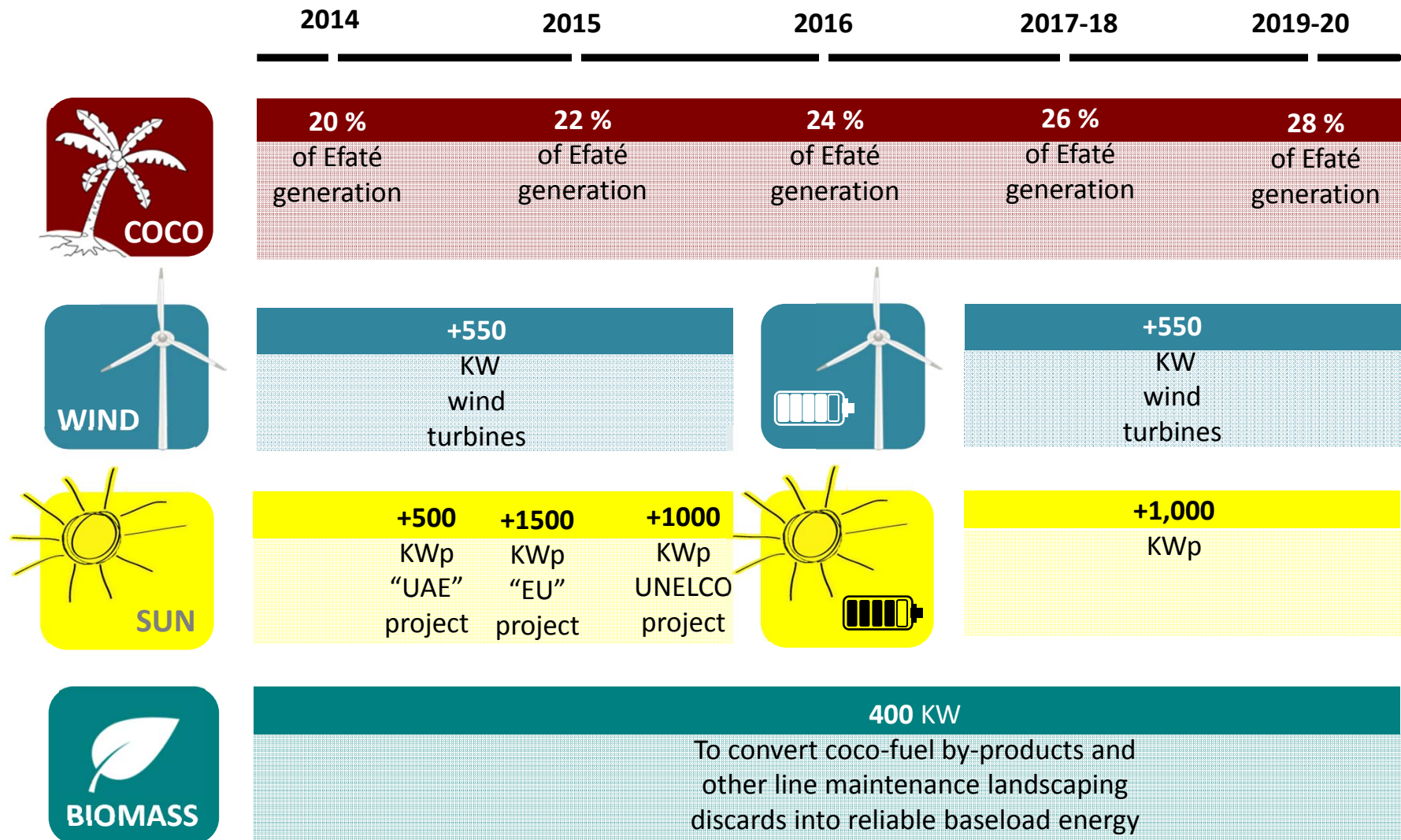


The significant and continued drop in PV prices

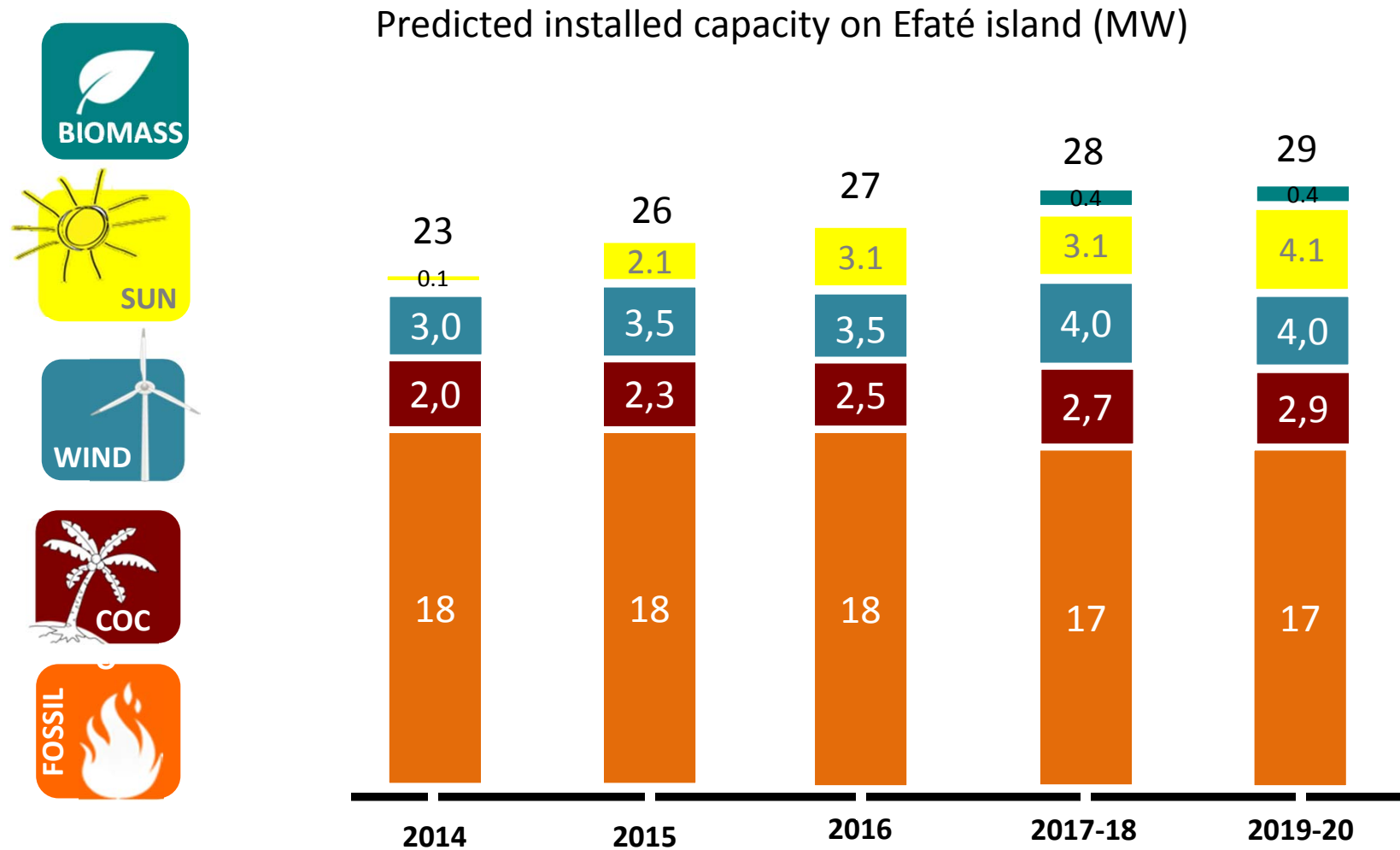


Source: “Photovoltaic System Pricing Trends”, Sunshot Initiative, Department of Energy, September 2014

... UNELCO has an ambitious renewable development plan going forward, that will take advantage of solar and storage price drops, as well as the wide ranging benefits of coco-fuel development coupled with biomass ...

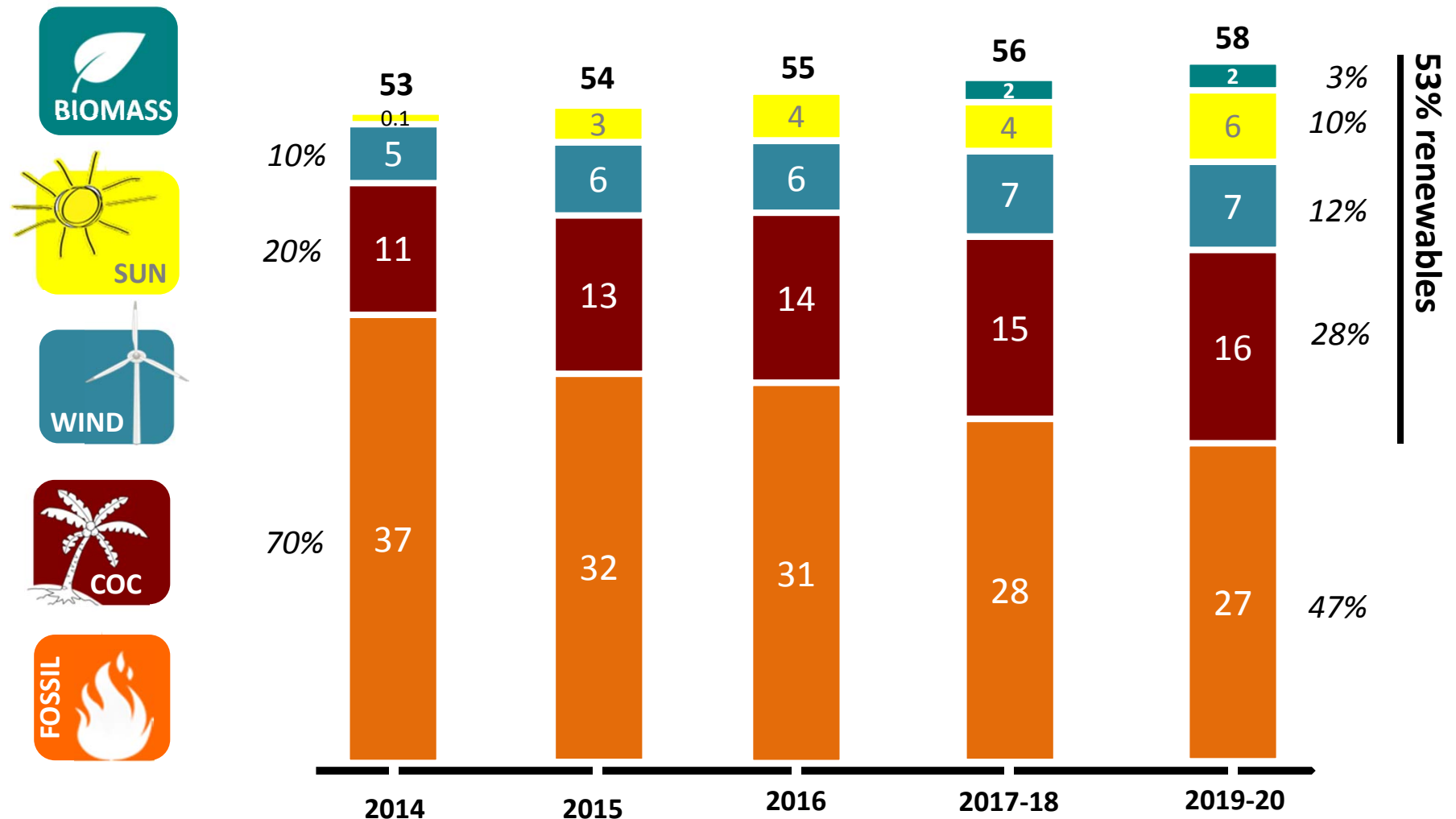


... in the next few years more thermal capacity will be running on 100% coco-fuel allowing the utility to transition towards greener fuel while not creating stranded assets...



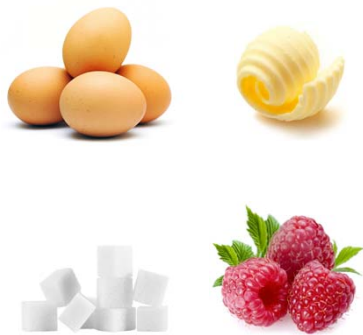
... green energy should represent over 50% of the energy mix on Vanuatu's main island before 2020. The outer lying islands will have the opportunity to directly go from no electricity to mostly green electricity...

Energy mix in final energy consumption (GWh)



... in closing, energy transition could be assimilated to a recipe ...

Good Ingredients



Right Equipment



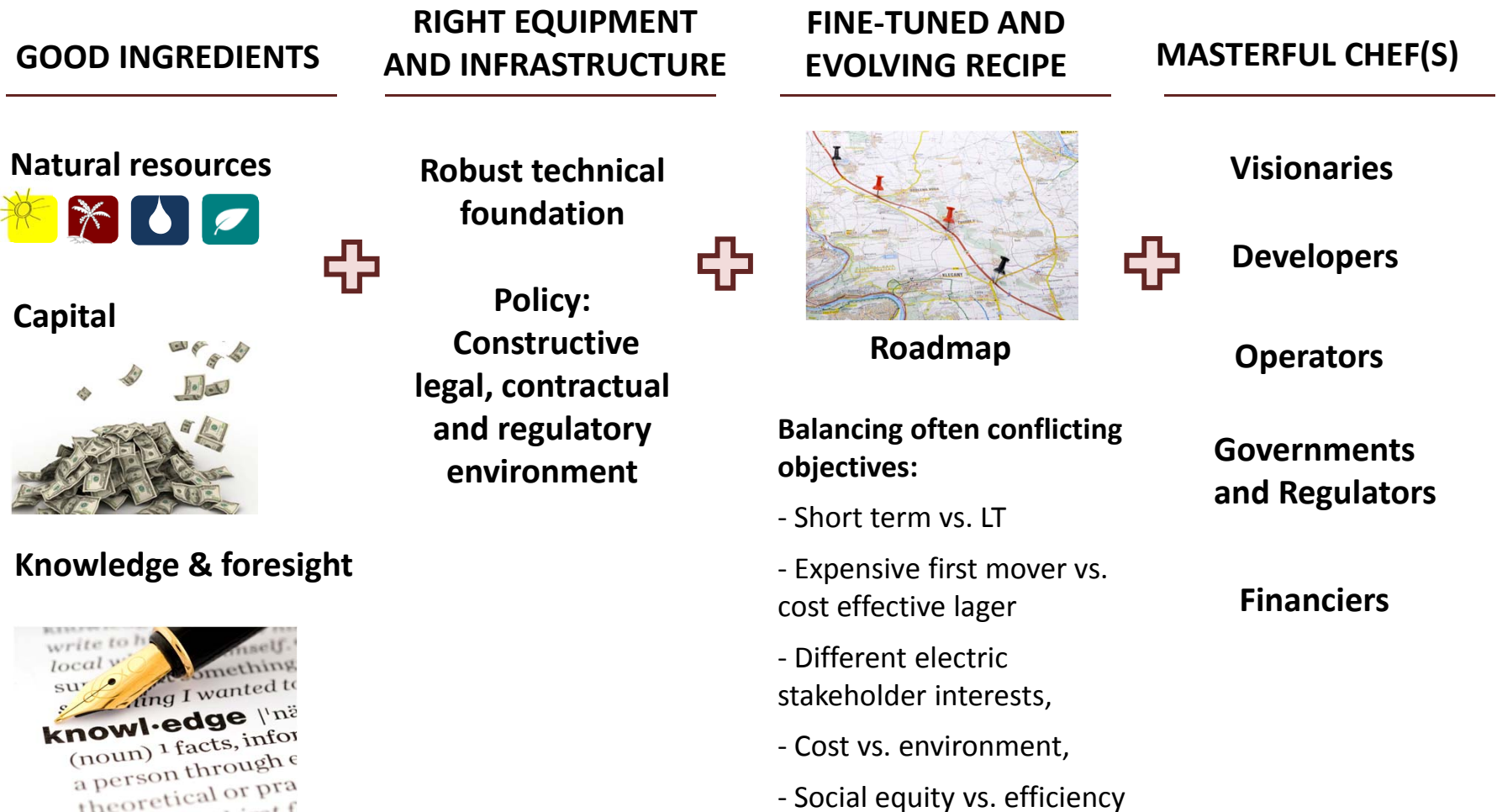
Fine-tuned recipe



Masterful chef(s)



... it is as much an art as a science, it is an ever evolving, multi-stakeholder process that requires good ingredients, the right equipment and infrastructure, evolving recipes and the collaboration of several masterful chefs.



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Thank you for your attention

