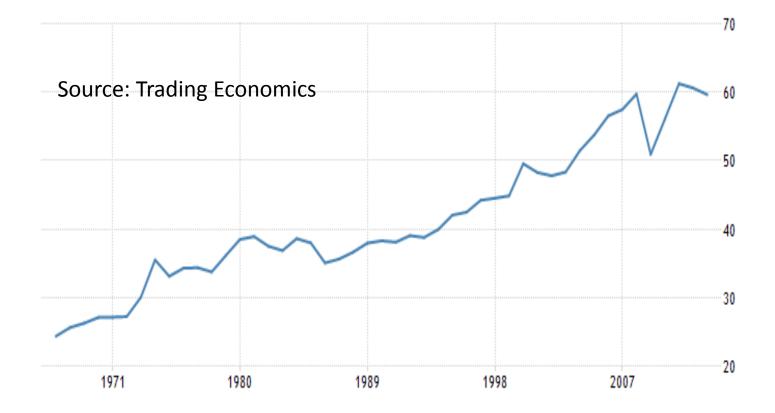
# Environmental and Safety Concerns: Ports and Shipping

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## Global Trade/Global Product



# Most International Trade Carried by International Shipping

- Estimated 90 percent by value of global trade goes by ship
- Estimated 50,000 merchant vessels registered by 150 nations
- Aside from goods trade, expanding international ferry and cruise ship business
- Aside from international activities, much domestic trade and travel by ship

## Importance of Ports

- International trade shipped must go through ports at least twice, and perhaps several times
- Port cities have traditionally been hubs of commerce and related services as well as industry. They are often among the world's largest cities: Tokyo, Shanghai, New York, London, Mumbai, and Istanbul, for example.
- By their nature, port cities have a large environmental impact

### **Big Container Ports**



# Environmental Impacts at Construction Stage

- Destruction of coastal habitats
- Land reclamation activities
- Dredging operations
- Building and road construction (noise, lime dust, fumes, etc)

## Environmental Impacts During Operations

- Air pollutants (sulfur, oil and exhaust gases, chemical fumes, dust, e.g.)
- Water pollutants (oil and grease run-off effluent, bilge oil, ballast water)
- Solid waste
- Redredging operations
- Noise, social impacts
- Indirect GHG emissions from power usage

# Port Safety and Security Concerns

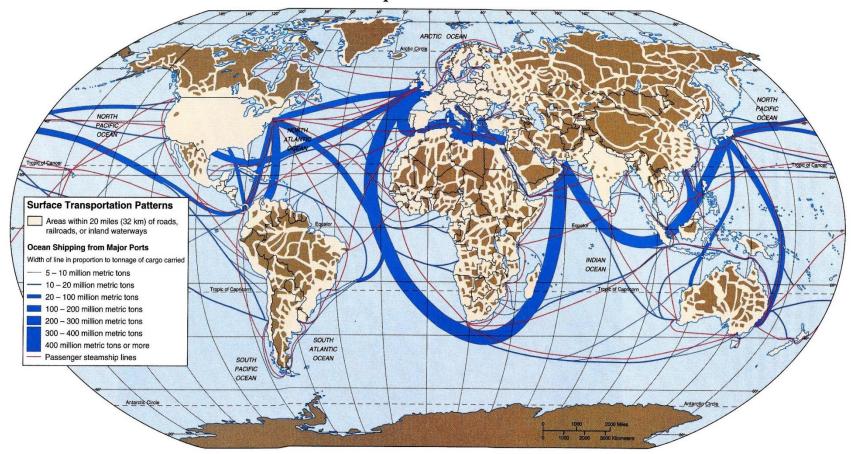
- Accidents: concentration of many ships and other transport vehicles in a small area
- Fires or explosions from improperly stored chemicals
- Impacts on industrial, commercial, and residential populations in vicinity of the port
- Theft and crime, including piracy in ports
- Targets for terrorists
- Climate-related events such as storm surges, tsunamis, and sea level rise (new estimates dramatically increase the potential challenges of sea level rise)

# Port Design/Redesign

- Nature of international shipping coming into the port
- Integrated transport system: transfer to trucks, rail, inland or coastal shipping
- Port industries and functions
- Environmental impact mitigation in all operations
- Port community relationships: urban design

#### **Global Transportation Patterns**

World Transportation Patterns



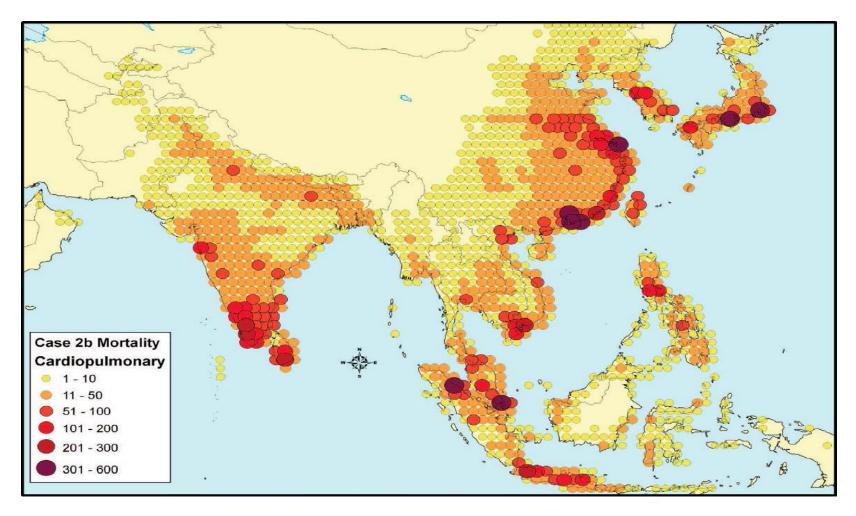
# Shipping Concerns

- Pollutants and chemicals from operation of ship, such as NOx and SOx
- Noise and other impacts on human populations near port areas
- Cargo contaminants
- Ballast water micro-organisms
- Accidents, such as spills or sinkings, especially in heavily-used shipping lanes or from negligence
- Hijacking, kidnapping, piracy on seas, or terrorism

## Shipping Accounts for About 3 Percent of Global Carbon Dioxide Emissions



### Shipping Directly Related to Human Health



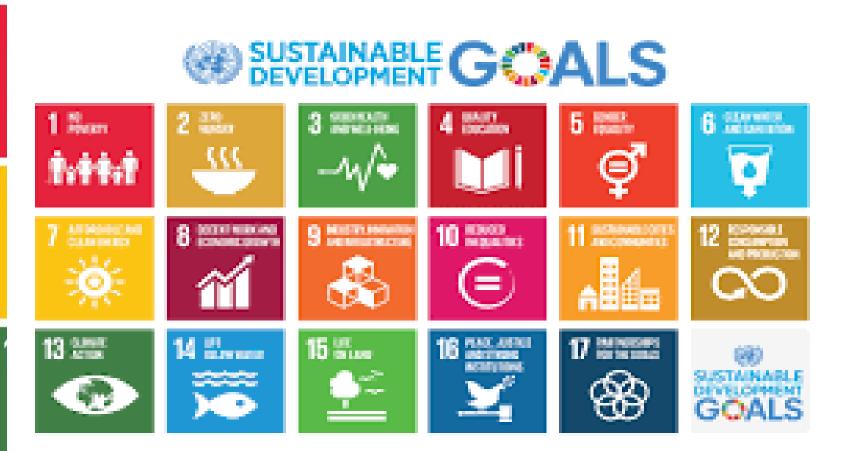
Source: Fred Fung, International Council for Clean Transportation

New Global Goals Framing Our Agenda for Ports and Shipping

• U.N. Sustainable Development Goals

• Paris Agreement on Climate Change

## Sustainable Development Goals



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## Paris Agreement

#### We will always have Paris

Paris Agreement sets framework for concerted global action to tackle climate change through a low carbon pathway addressing various stakeholder concerns



1884

1950

2014

NASA Time series shows 5-year mean variation of surface temperatures from 1884 to 2014. Dark blue indicates areas cooler than mean. Dark red: warmer than mean

We are happy that India's concerns have been taken care of in the final climate draft of the negotiating text... It is a balanced text

and is a way forward for the world

- Prakash Javadekar



#### Salient points

**DIFFERENTIATION** Common But Differentiated Responsibilities ensuring equity to provide developing countries a cushion

TARGET Sets a binding target of well below 2 degrees for rise in temperature. Also endeavours to keep rise to 1.5 degrees. Nations will regularly provide a national inventory of greenhouse gas emissions

#### FINANCING

Developed countries to raise more funds over time to help developing countries and strike balance between need to adapt to climate change and cut their emissions

# **Goals of This Meeting**

- Build networks of interested partners
- Share experiences and learn from each other
- Anticipate problems before they happen
- Continue to collaborate and work toward solutions
- Develop action proposals that can be brought to regional and global bodies

# What Should Our Agenda Be?

- Local Level
- National Level
- Asia-Pacific Level
- Global Level