

16 years of cooperation with Nha Trang (Fisheries) University

– Experiences, challenges and potential for future collaboration

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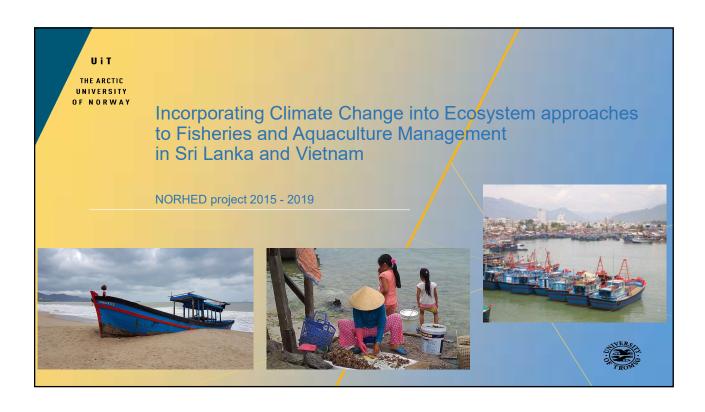


### Collaboration with Nha Trang University, Vietnam

- Long history since early 2000s
- Broad participation from UiT
- Stable partners, but also generational shifts
- Evolved cooperation education, research, admin







#### **Partners**



- Nha Trang University (NTU), Vietnam project coordinator
- Ruhuna University (RU), Sri Lanka
- University of Bergen, Norway Natural Science
- University of Tromsø, The Arctic University of Norway Social Science





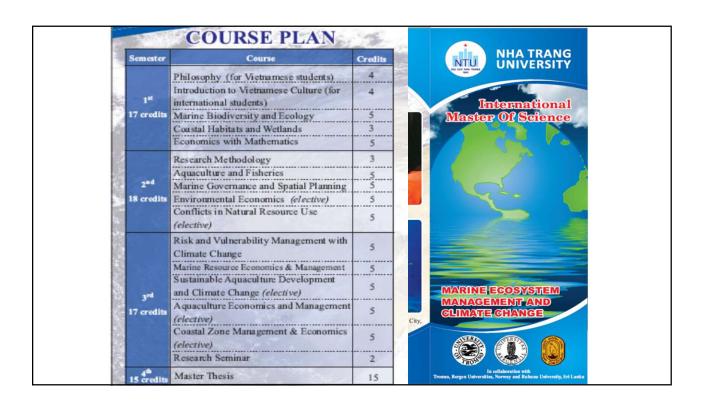


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Master program NTU

• From mostly Asian students

To international



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- Capacity strengthening in research on climate change in the marine at RU and NTU
- 5 PhDs and 5 Post Docs sandwich
- High quality research on climate change effects in the marine ecology, economics and society





# The aims of the research part of the project

- Develop research competence for South institutions
- Establish strong collaborative research teams
- Fill knowledge gaps on coastal climate change issues related to Sri Lanka and Vietnam (natural and social science)
- Gender and marginalised groups focus



# Academic Career Mentoring for women

- Females climbing the academic ladder
- Academic mentoring USA and Norway (minority and gender)
- One-on-one mentoring



# Some challenges



- Students (Language problems, qualifications, economic situation, long distance supervision, demanding family/work situations)
- Research (Lack of solid data, facilities, cohesion of research group)
- Structural/administrative (economic organisation at South universities)
- Cultural challenges translating Norwegian models to the South is demanding
- Climate change!

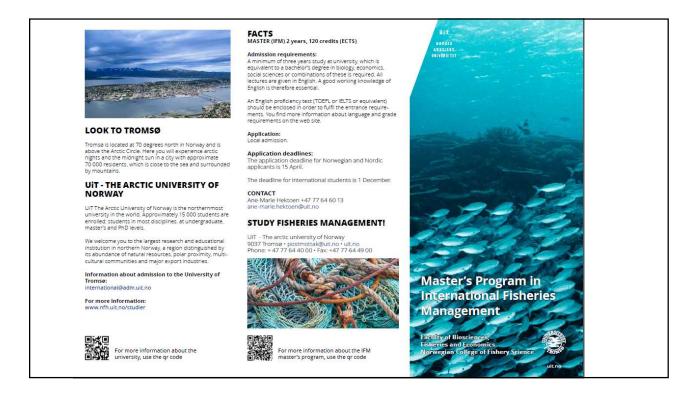
Sustainability of what?!

- The project after-life
- Local acceptance (as no development aid mandate, and limited North funding)

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- Input to North education
- Relevant research topics; Climate change, fisheries and aquaculture, tourism, pollution
- Efficient and cheap data collection
- International students
- Research output







### The future



- Understanding the South to North benefits
  - Include the North university leadership, admin, faculty members and students
- New generations, research issues and methods
- Leading South institutions as hubs for Master and PhD programs
- Inclusion of capacity development in South marine management institutions, not just universities
- Making sure the relationship keeps developing over time





