



# Trends in Resource Consumption in the Asia Pacific: Introducing the REEO Report

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# Outline

1. The REEO Study
2. Selected Findings for Asia and the Pacific
3. Selected Findings for Indonesia

# PART 1

## **The REEO Study**

# Resource Efficiency: Economics and Outlook for Asia and the Pacific (REEO)

- A UNEP initiative
- Conducted by CSIRO (Australia) in collaboration with Chinese Academy of Sciences, TERI (India) and IGES (Japan)
- Scope:
  - The history, current condition and future of natural resource use in Asia and the Pacific
  - Materials and waste
  - Energy and emissions
  - Water and Land
  - Resource Efficiency
  - Modeling future resource use scenarios
  - Policies to guide sustainable use of natural resources in Asia and the Pacific countries and the region

# One of the Outcomes: A Unique Database

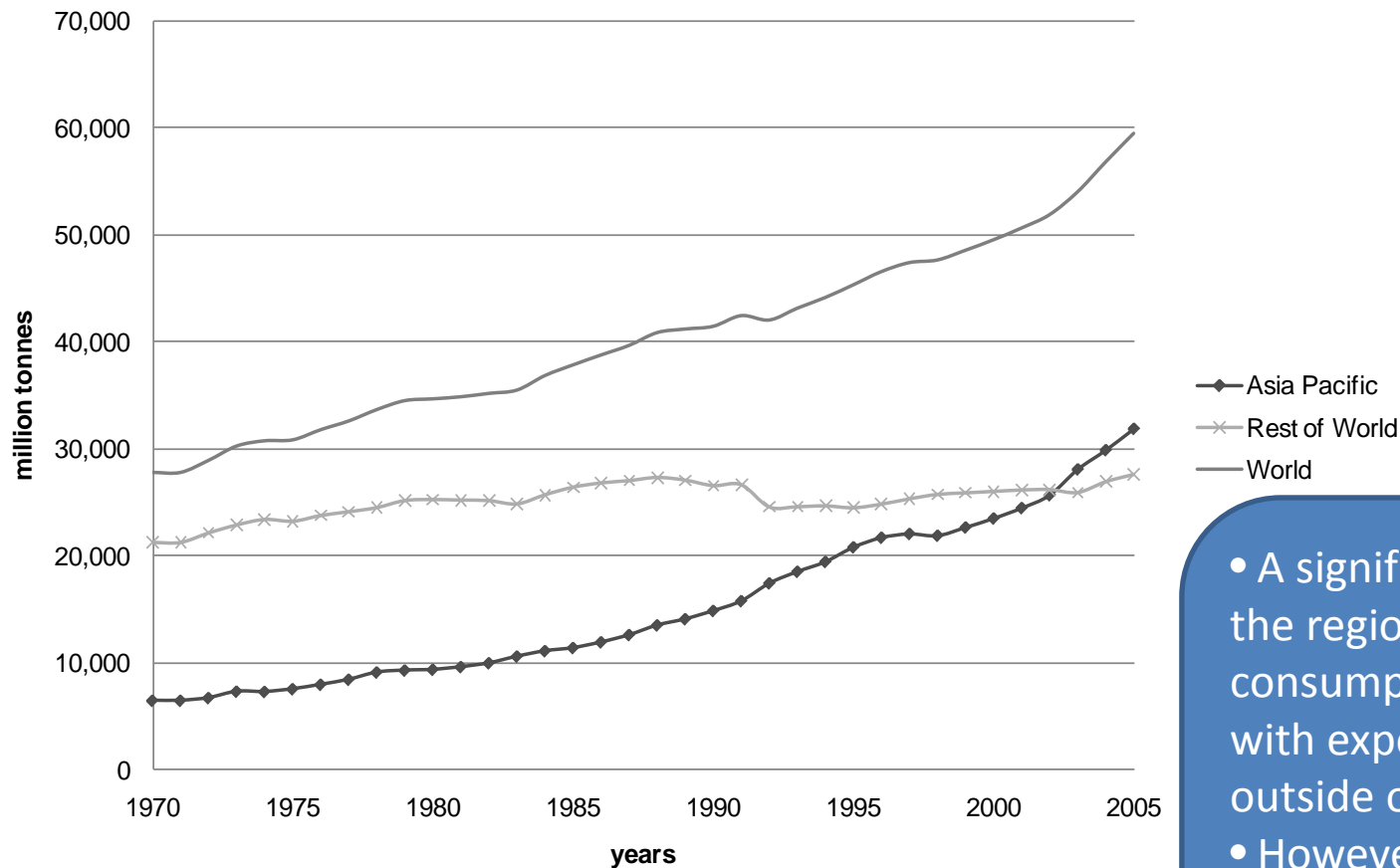
- Comprehensive data on material flows for 1970 – 2005
- Most Asian and Pacific countries covered
- Data presented for biomass, fossil fuels, metal ores and industrial minerals, and construction minerals
- The data covers domestic extraction, physical trade balance (imports minus exports, measured in tonnes), and domestic material consumption
- The dataset was endorsed by ADB, UNESCAP and UNEP
- Sources and methodologies as well as the full dataset are available at

[www.csiro.au/AsiaPacificMaterialFlows](http://www.csiro.au/AsiaPacificMaterialFlows)

## **PART 2**

# **Selected Findings for Asia and the Pacific**

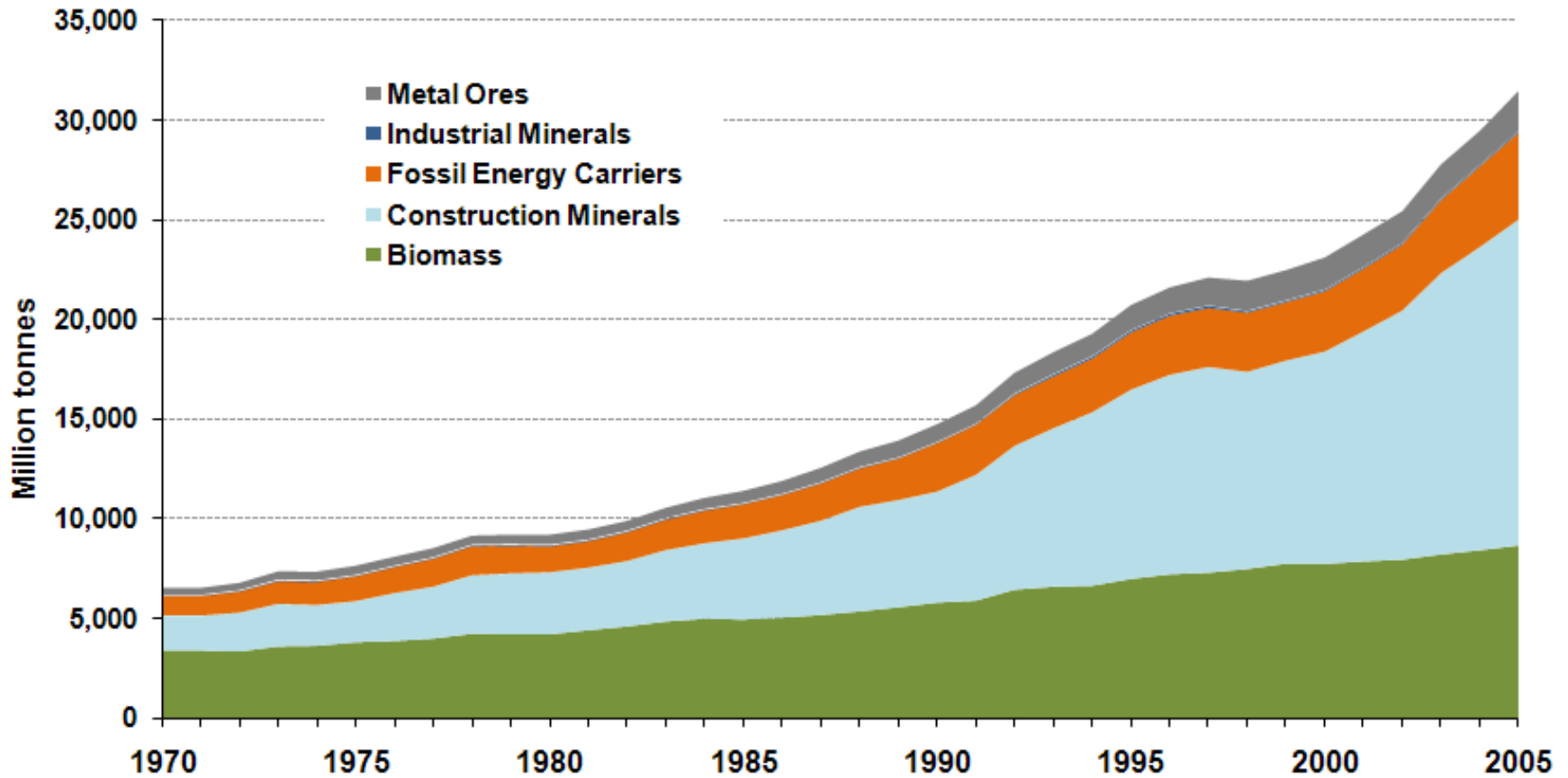
# At the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century Asia-Pacific become the world's largest resource user



Domestic Material Consumption (DMC) in Asia-Pacific, the world and the rest of the world, 1970 -2005, million tonnes

- A significant share of the region's resource consumption is related with export to countries outside of the region
- However, most of the resources are used for end-consumption in the region

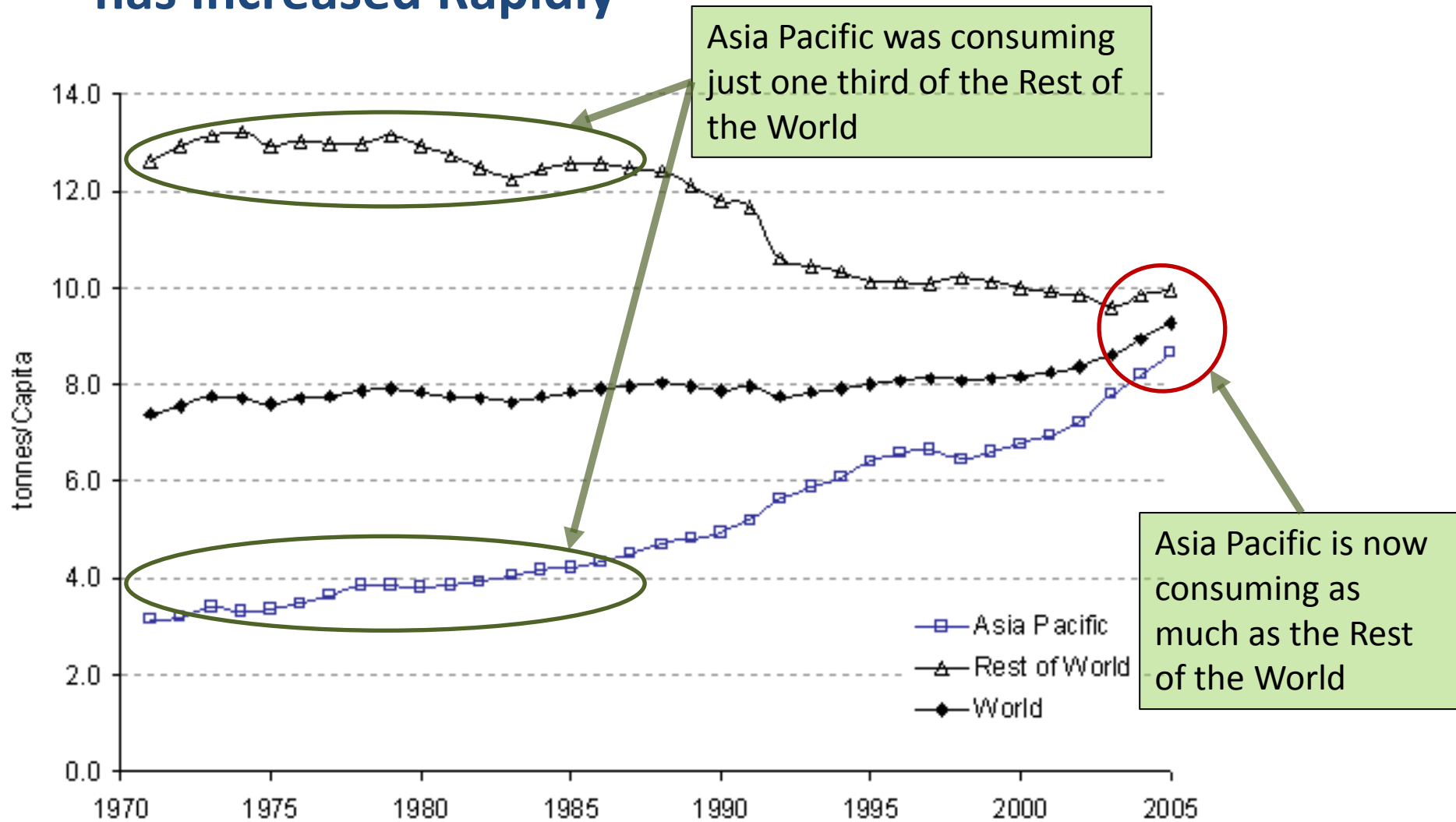
# A doubling of the use of biomass – a six time increase in the use of non-renewable resources



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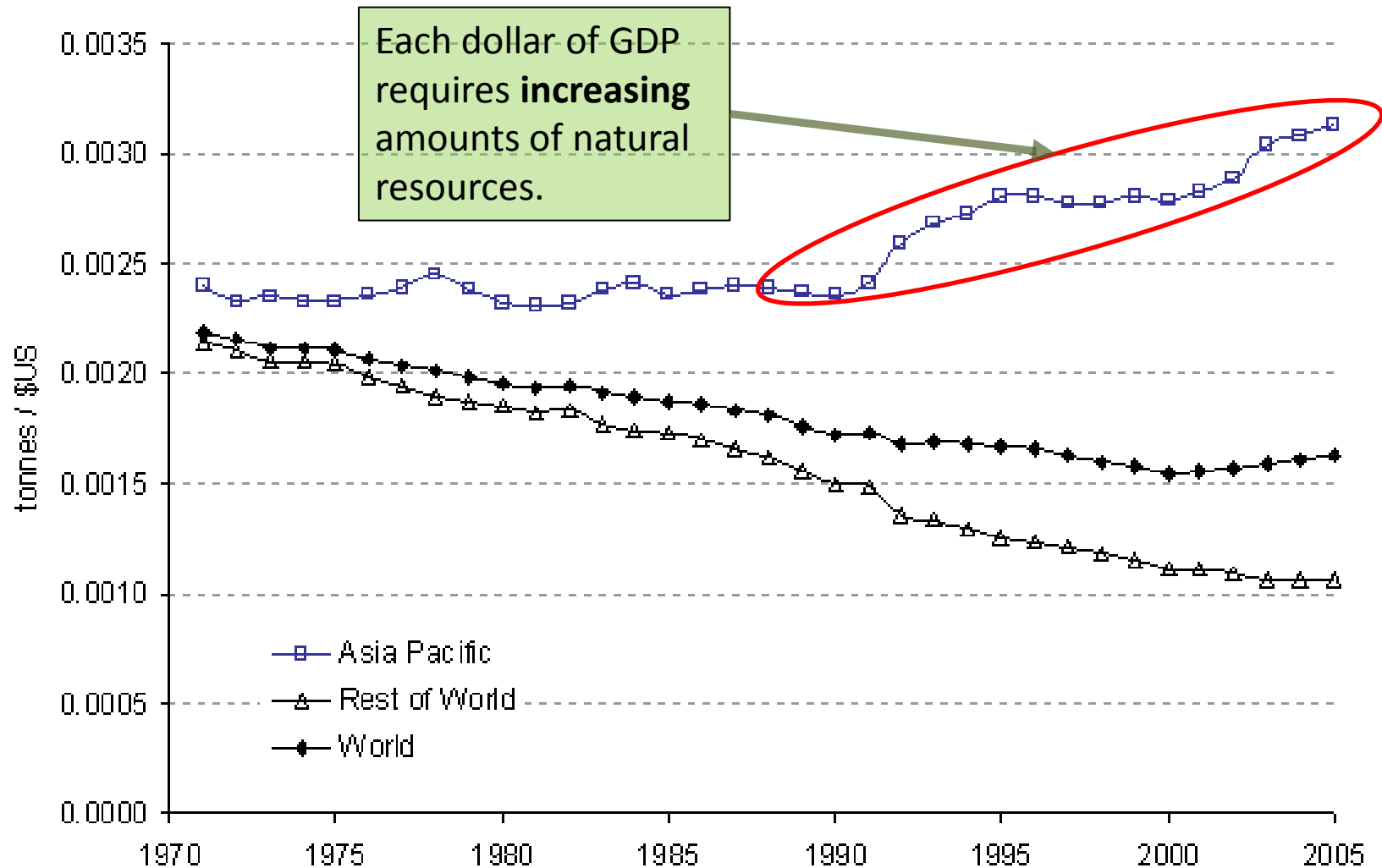


# Per Capita Resource Consumption in Asia Pacific has Increased Rapidly



Per Capita Resource Use for the Asia-Pacific, Rest of World and World, for the years 1971 – 2005.  
(Total Domestic Material Consumption)

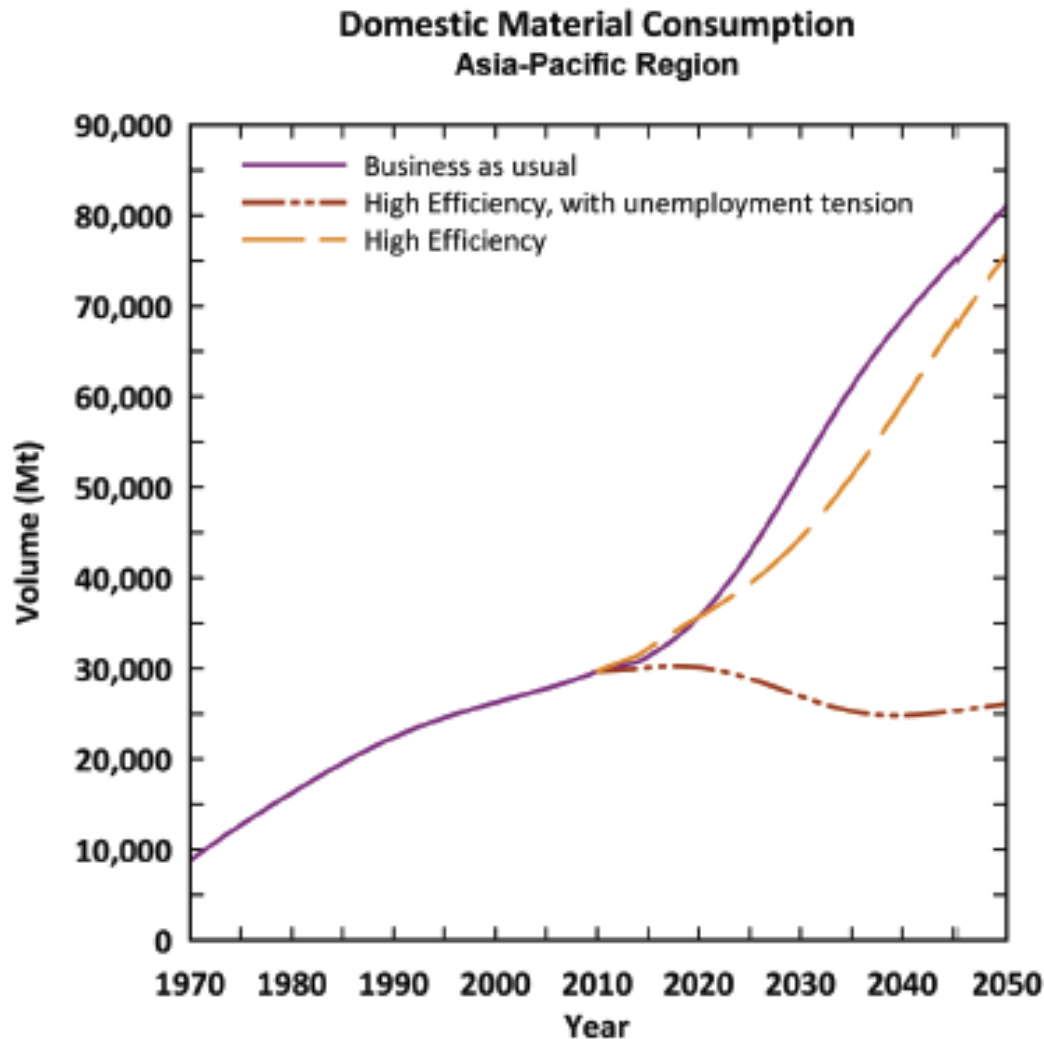
# No Sign of Decoupling in the Region



Material Intensity for the Asia-Pacific, Rest of World and World, for the years 1971 – 2005.

(Materials are Total Domestic Material Consumption, dollars are constant year 2000 \$US, exchange rate based)

# Possible Future Scenarios



## The REEO scenario

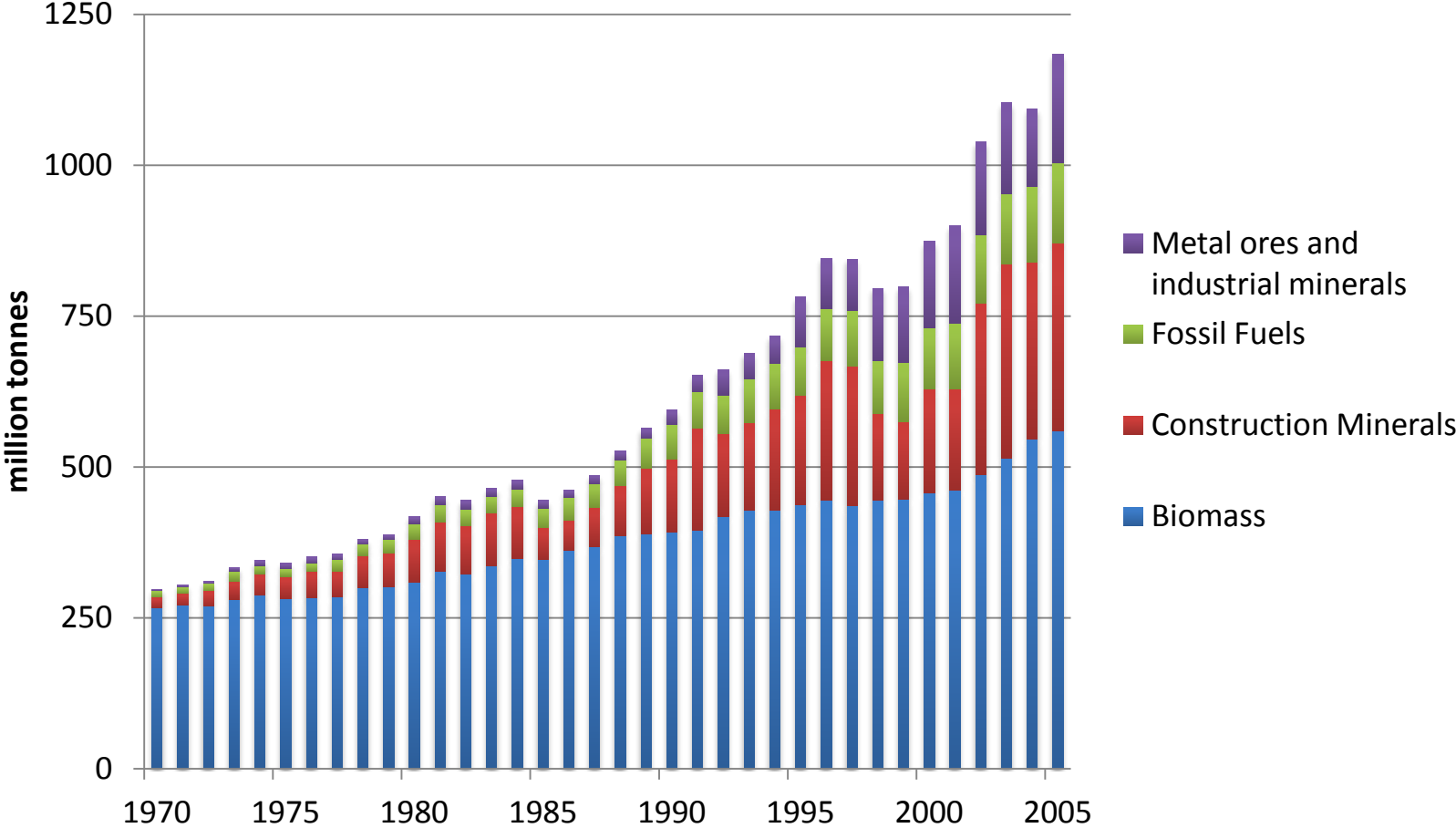
**modeling suggests that:**

- Resource consumption would triple until 2050 under a business-as-usual scenario
- Even with efficiency improvements of 50% in key economic sectors, resource consumption would still increase drastically
- Large changes in how we live, eat, work and move around are needed

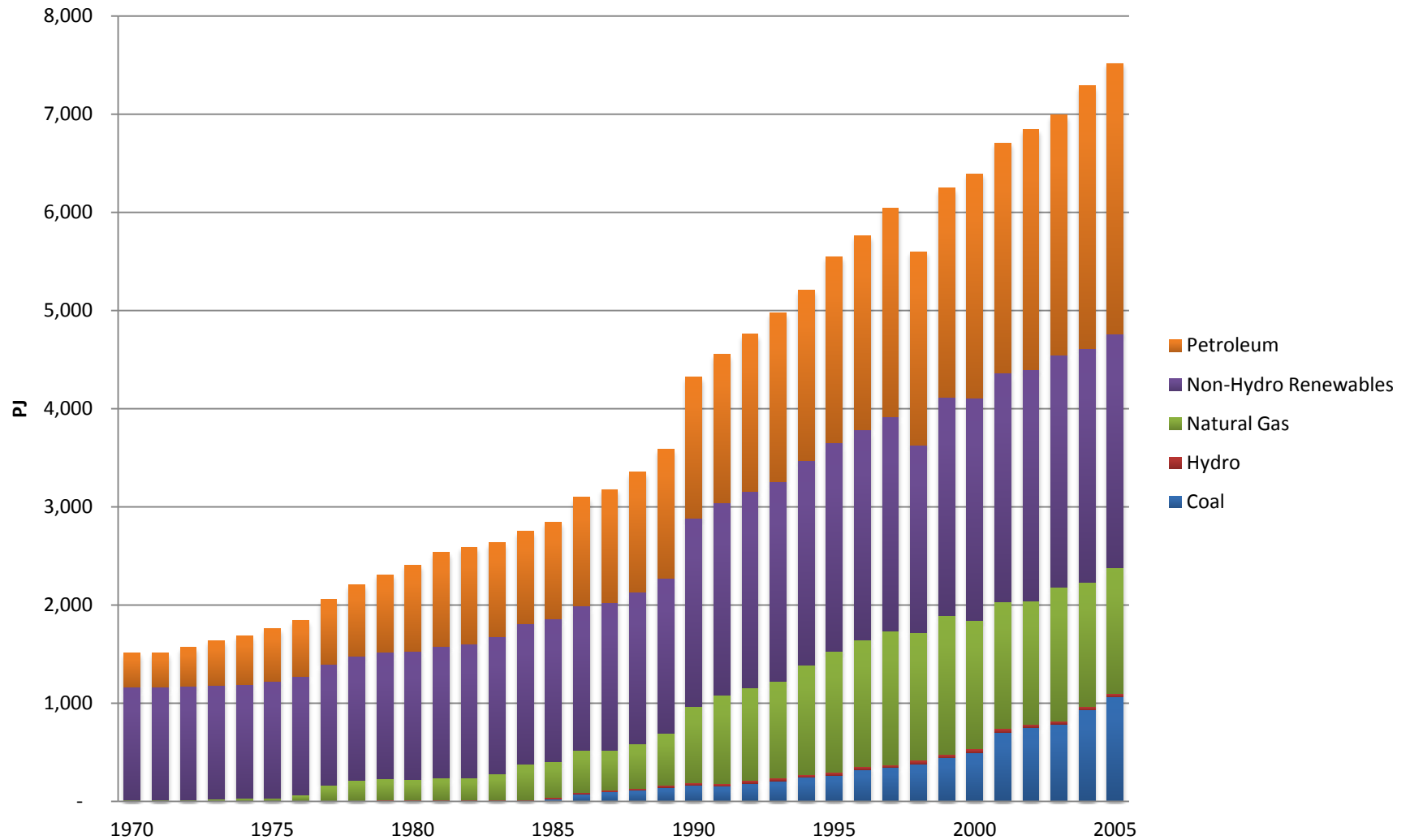
# PART 3

## **Selected Findings for Indonesia**

# Domestic Material Consumption (DMC) for Indonesia, 1970 – 2005, million tonnes



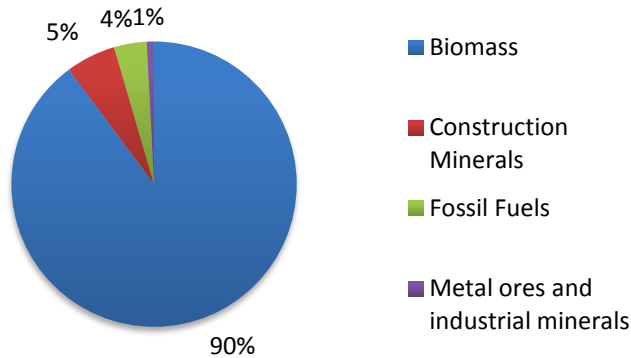
# Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) for Indonesia, 1970 – 2005, Peta Joule



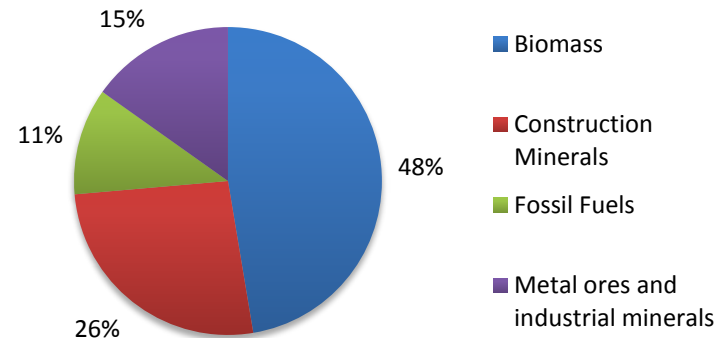
# Transitioning from an agricultural to an industrial society – from biomass and renewable energy to fossil fuels and construction minerals

## Domestic Material Consumption (DMC)

1970

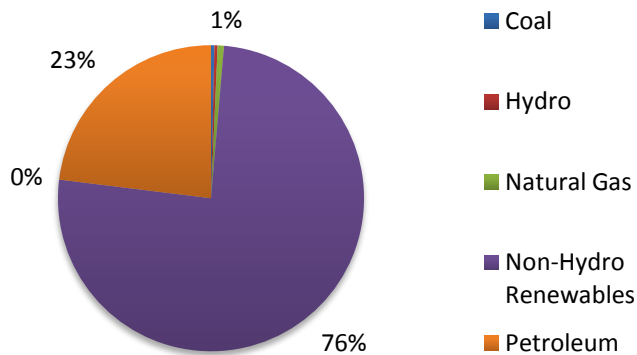


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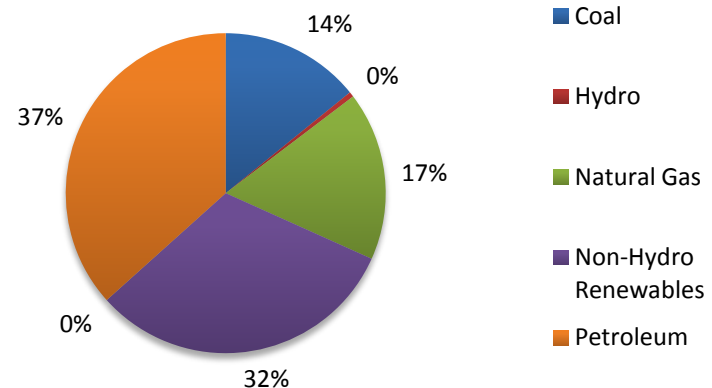


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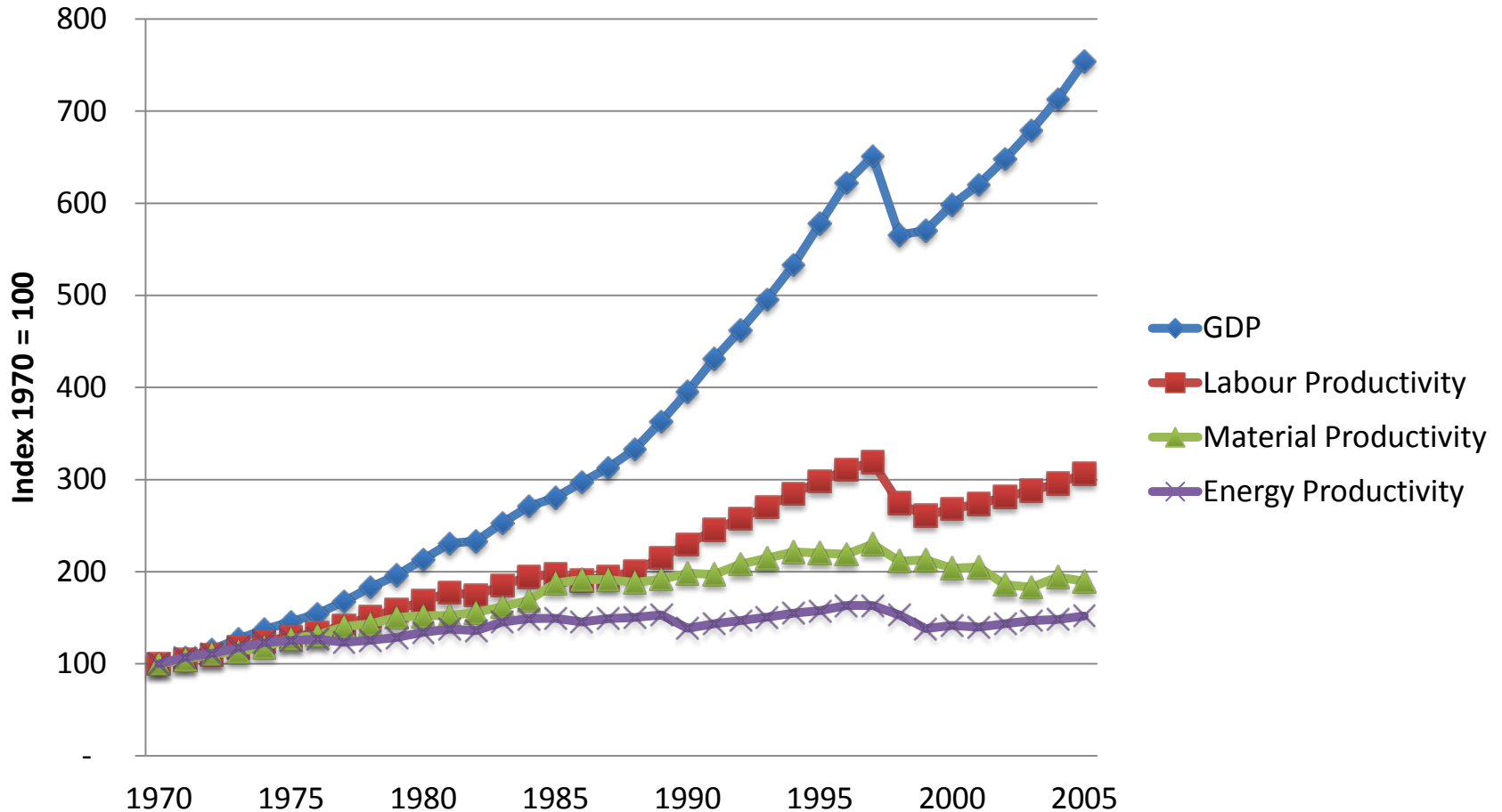
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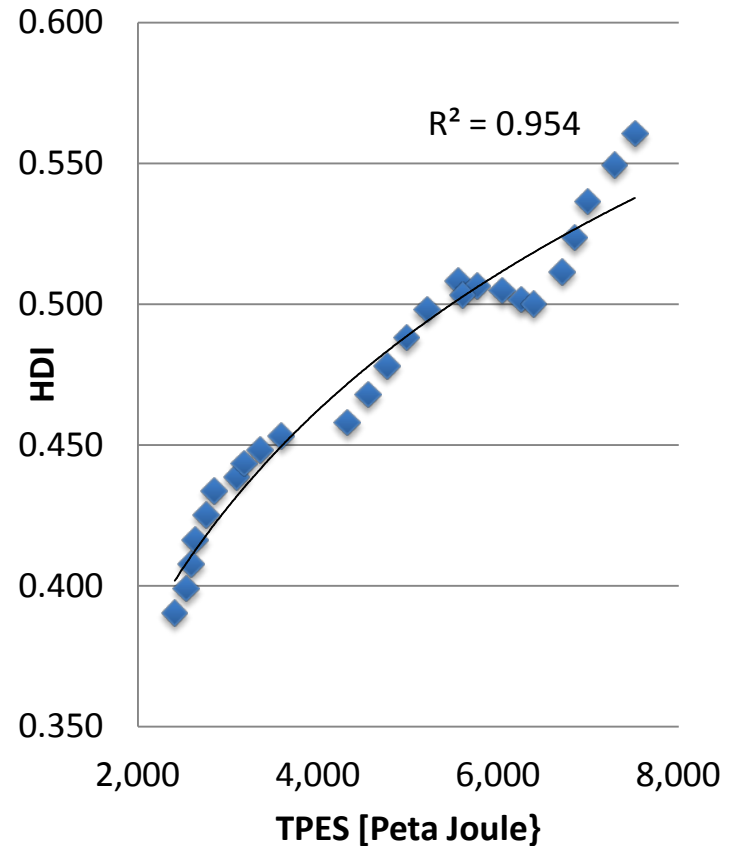
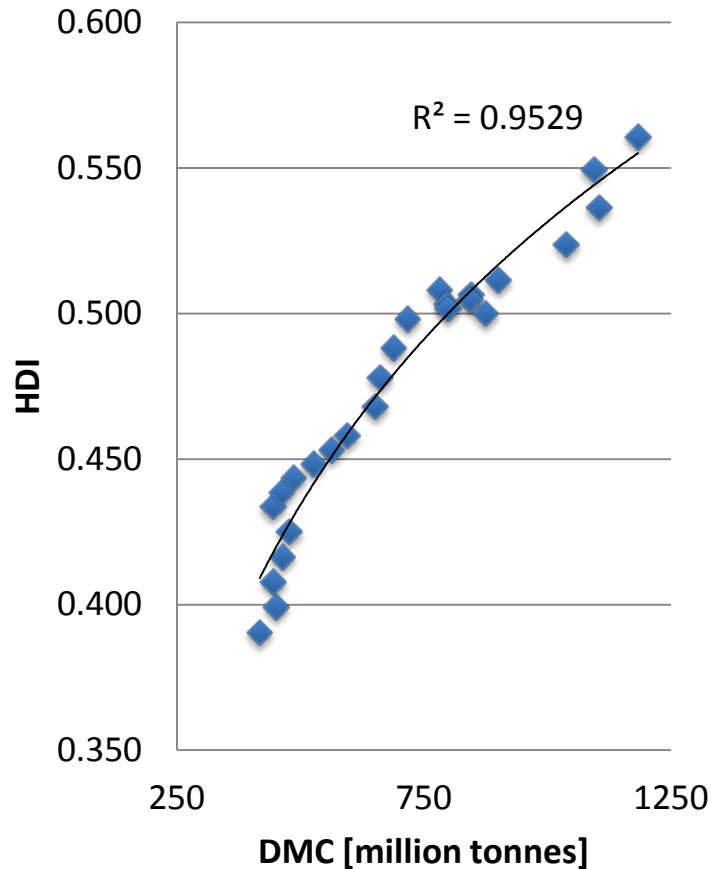
# Evolution of GDP and factor productivities for Indonesia, 1970 – 2005, indexed



Labour Productivity has improved but Material and Energy Productivity are lagging behind



# Material and Energy Cost of Human Development in Indonesia, 1980 - 2005



Human development requires increasing amounts of resources and energy. **Education and literacy** improvements require few resources., increases in **life expectancy** more resources, increases in **GDP/capita** requires large resource inputs

# Summing up

- The region is rapidly transforming from agricultural to industrial, with **soaring resource use**
- Stabilised resource use and reduced environmental damage require **drastic changes** in the way society produces and consumes – the lifestyles and globalised production patterns of **industrialised countries are not viable models** to follow
- The needs for **food, housing, water, energy and transportation** have to be met in much smarter ways than now.
- Such changes require **structural changes**
  - Values and mindsets
  - Business models
  - Balance between paid work and leisure time
  - Political priorities and ways of delivering human wellbeing, for example less emphasis on GDP
  - Stronger and more integrated policies addressing whole value chains from a life-cycle perspective.

**Thank you for your attention**  
**Terima kasih**

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