Comments on Principles of Biosecurity: Global Health and the Industrial Revolution

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Background on Paper

- Provides an overview of the concept of biosecurity
  - multidisciplinary
  - early warning systems
  - industrial revolution

Contribution

Illustrations/examples

Lessons

Biological catastrophes

Industrial revolution

Comments

- There is an intimate and close link between biosecurity and economics.
- Biosecurity is largely about managing risk and uncertainty (Heikkila, 2010).
  - these are issues that economic tools can be used to model

Comments

Significant costs of invasive species

Risk and uncertainty

Economic approaches

Comments

- Economics of Invasive Species Control
  - control is defined as reducing the size of the invasion by chemical, biological, mechanical, manual or other means
  - recent studies on biological control have largely focused on calculating the benefits versus the costs of biological control programmes
  - Most of these studies have found benefit cost ratios ranging from 2:1 to 24:1.

Comments

Economics of Invasive Species Prevention

- Public goods
- Commodity levies vs general taxes
- Prevention vs eradication costs

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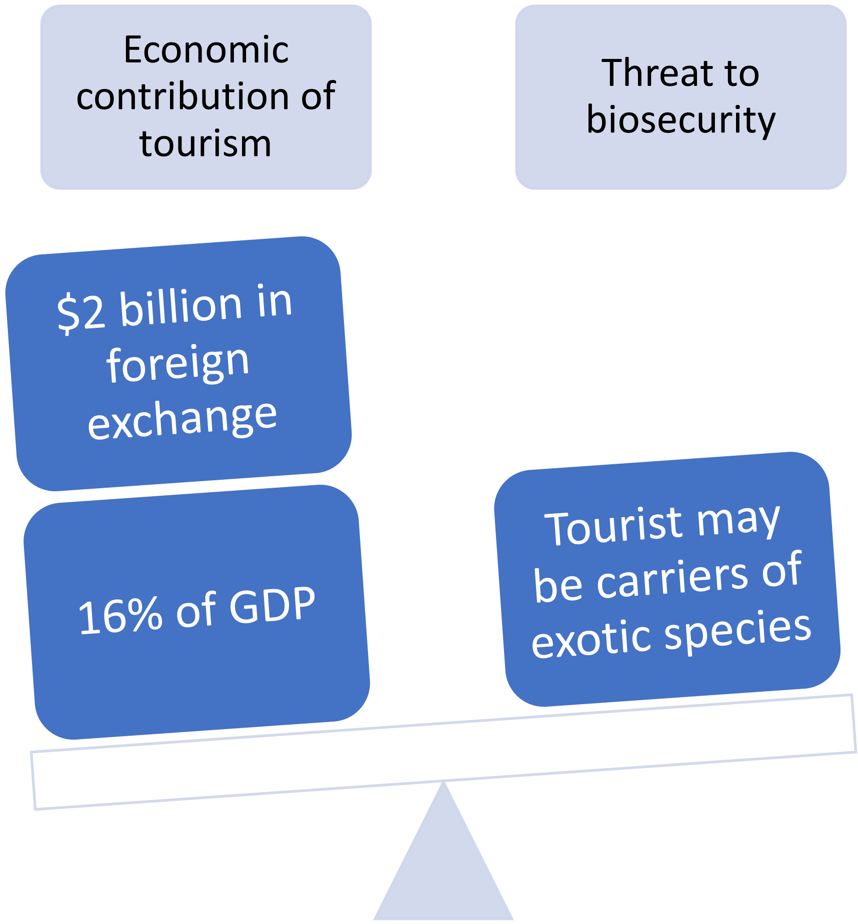
Economic contribution of tourism
Threat to biosecurity
$2 billion in foreign exchange
16% of GDP
Tourist may be carriers of exotic species

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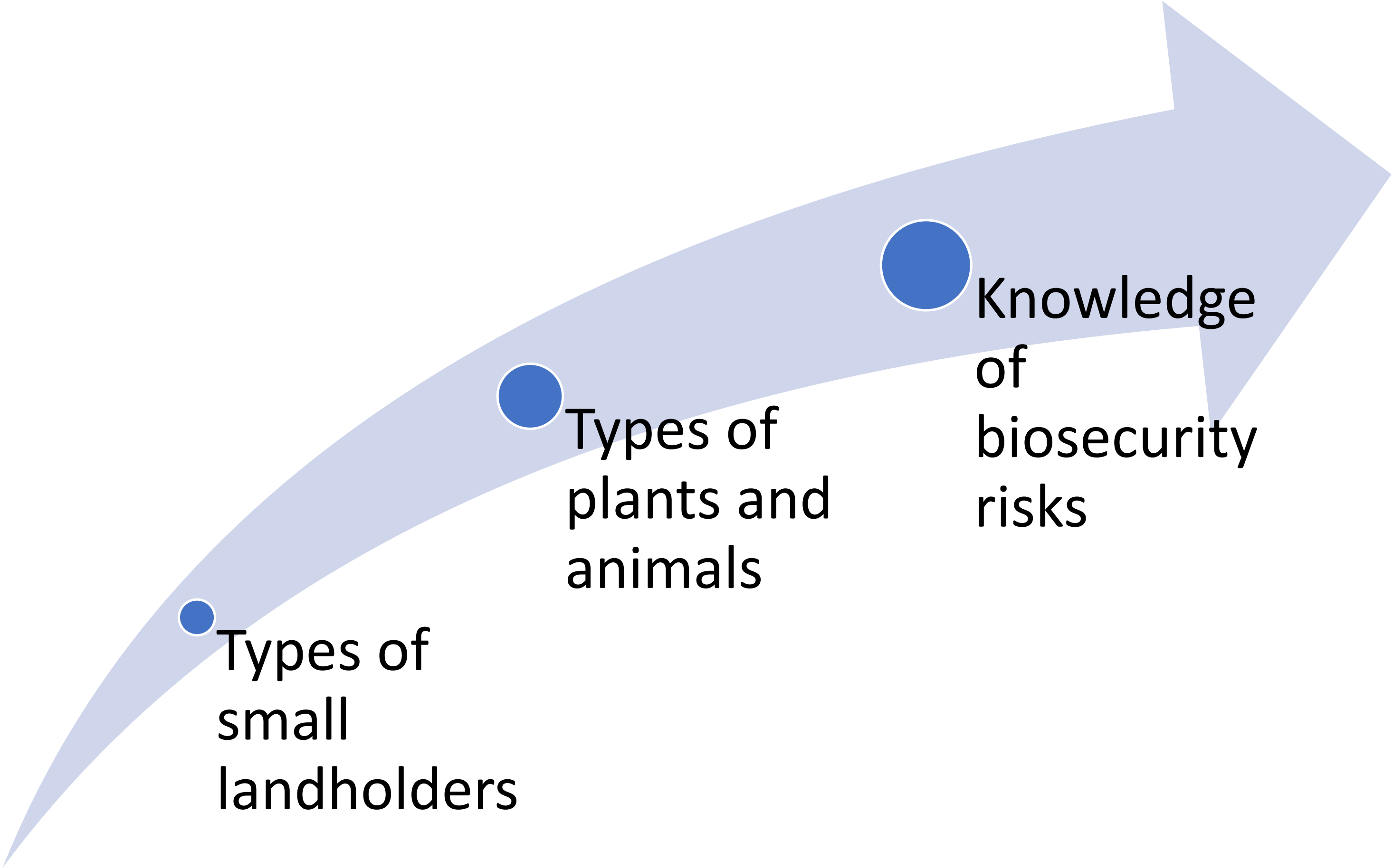
Types of small landholders
Types of plants and animals
Knowledge of biosecurity risks

Comments

- Biosecurity is a key aspect of sustainability
  - Can be supported through the use of economic tools
  - There are tremendous benefits of biological control approaches
  - Tourism poses a risk to the biosecurity of the island
  - Small landowners will need to be bought into the fold