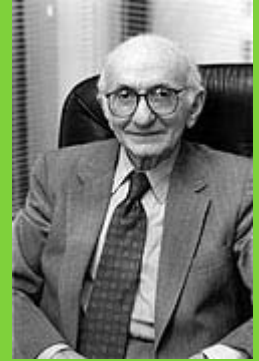


RIO + 20: WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS TWO DECADES MADE TO STATE PRACTICE IN THE REGULATION OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES?



“almost all nations observe almost all principles of international law and almost all of their obligations almost all of the time”

Louis
Henkin,

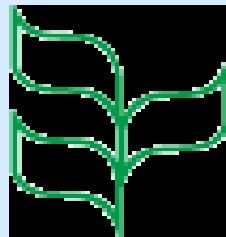


*How
Nations
Behave*

THE INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE IN 1968 DIFFERENT FROM THE PRESENT

■ In 1968 the environmental movement still lay in the future

■ Proliferation of treaty regimes from latter part of 20th century.



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



International Plant Protection Convention
Protecting the world's plant resources from pests

**1. STATES' OBLIGATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INVASIVE ALIEN
SPECIES**

**2. WHETHER, AND HOW,
STATES HAVE COMPLIED WITH
THEIR OBLIGATIONS**



**Invasive Alien
Species (IAS) are
alien species that
threaten ecosystems,
habitats or other
species**





Japanese
star fish



Zebra
mussel



Mongoose

- prevent the introduction of or control or eradicate those alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species
- 15 principles designed to improve and harmonize state practice
 - Cornerstones are the ecosystem approach and precautionary approach.
 - Three-tiered approach that emphasizes preventing introductions, followed by eradication and control measures

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CBD
Guiding
Principles
(adopted
by COPs
2002)

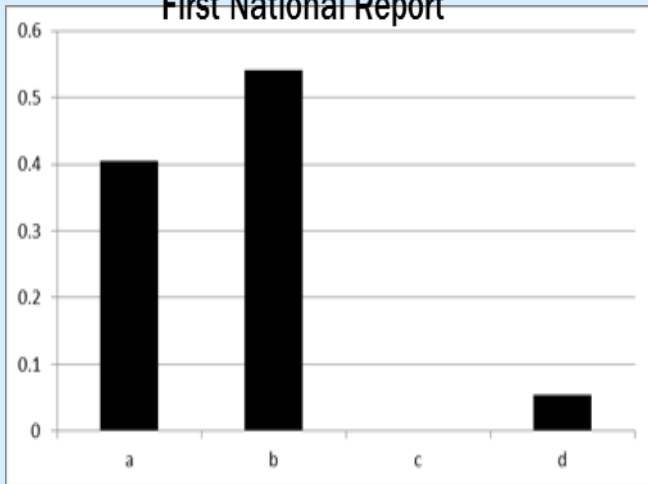
- Parties prepare and file reports at intervals determined by the COPs.
- To date four National Reports, due:
 - First National Report 1997
 - Second National Report 2001
 - Third National Report 2005
 - Fourth National Report 2009

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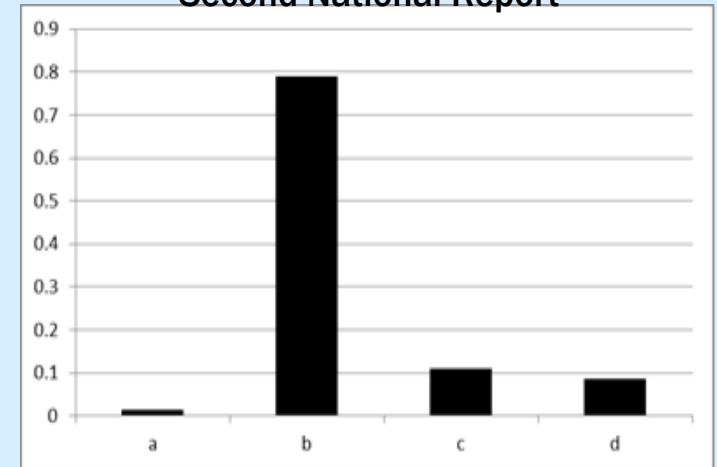


HAS YOUR COUNTRY IDENTIFIED ALIEN SPECIES INTRODUCED? (Q 88)

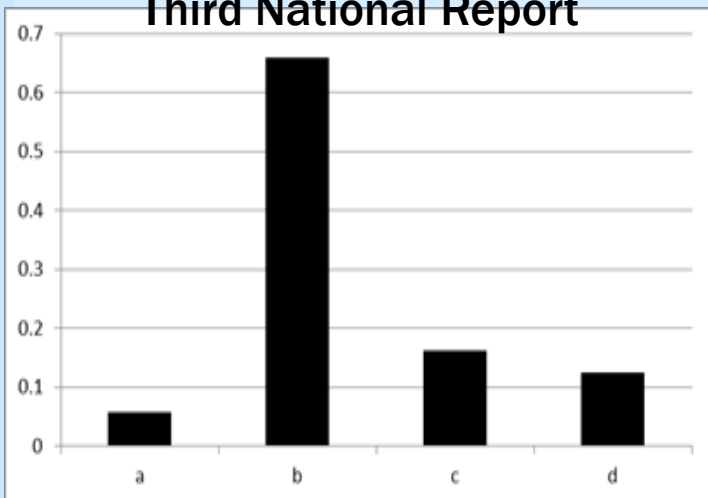
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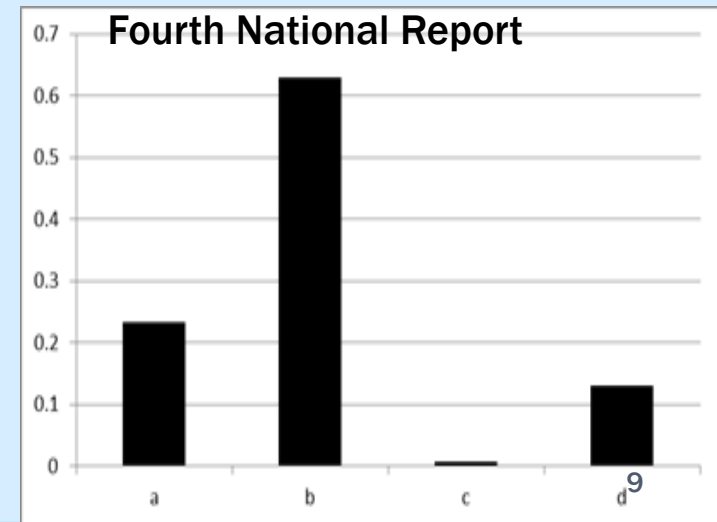
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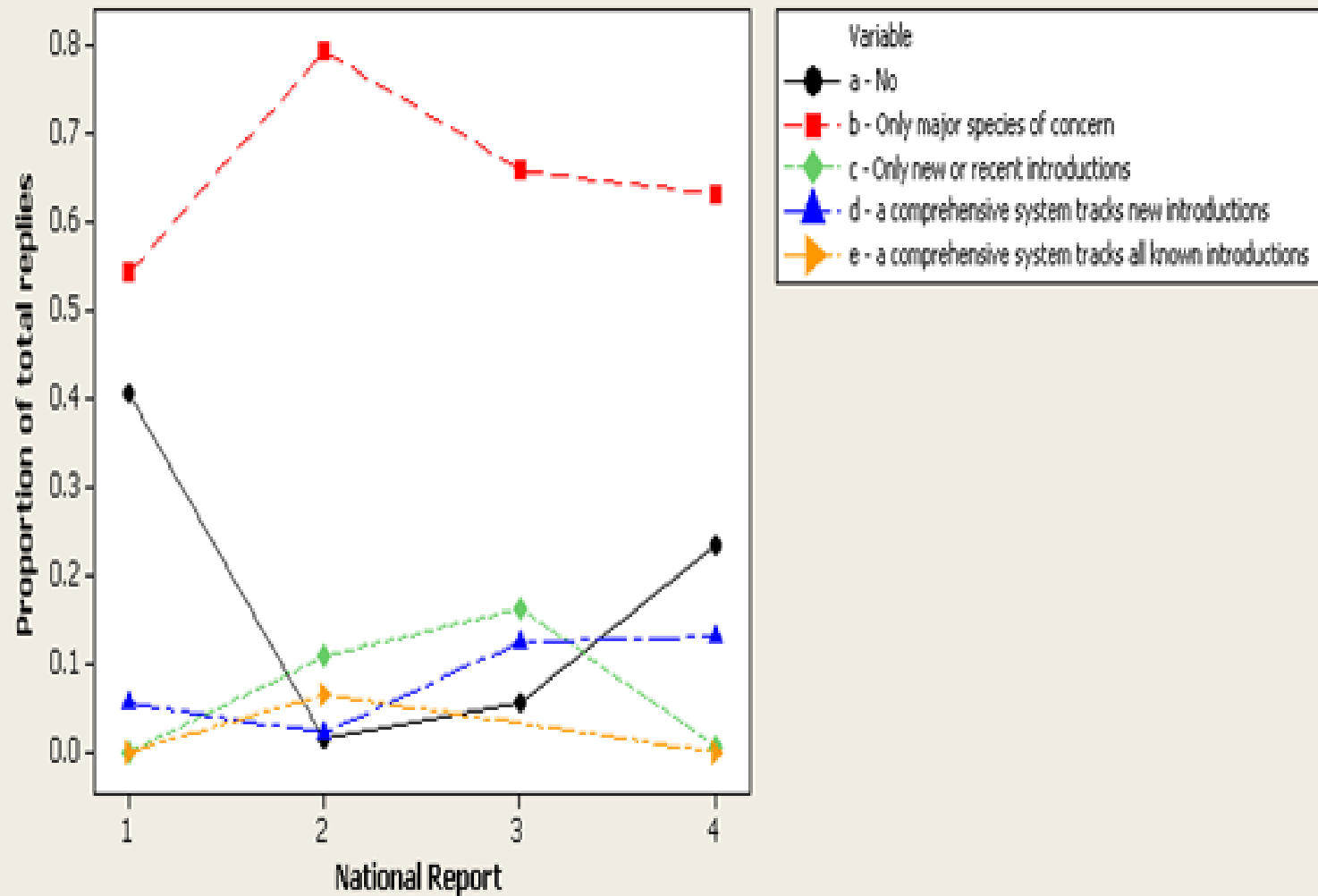
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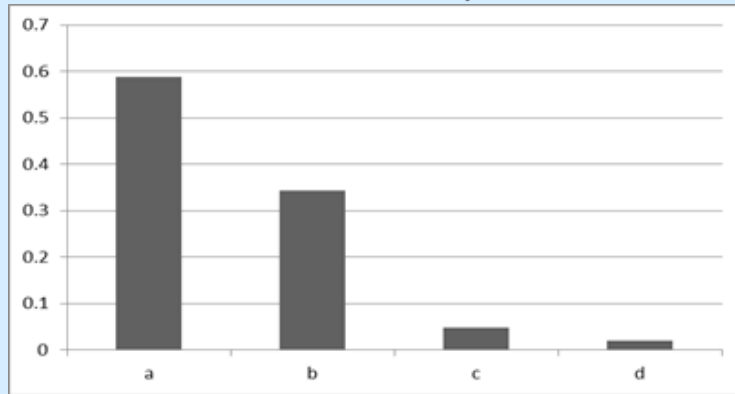


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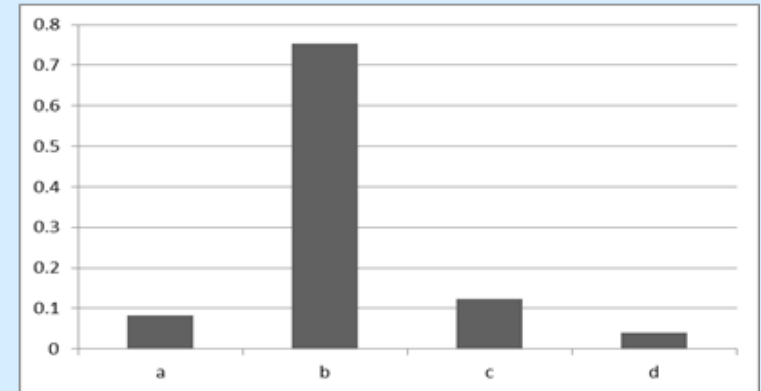


MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO IAS (Q90)

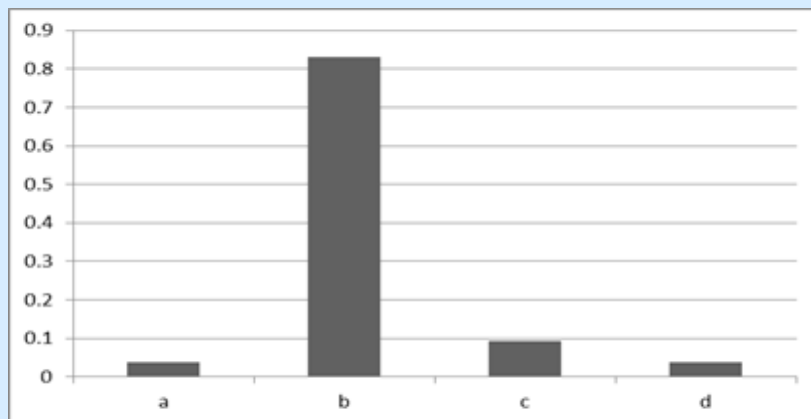
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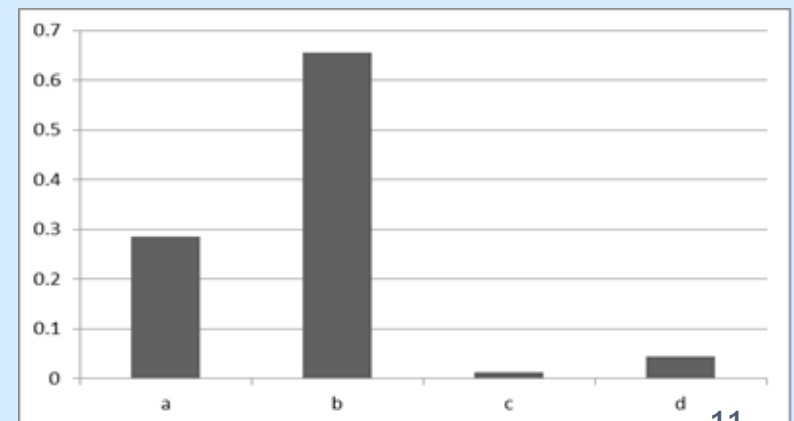
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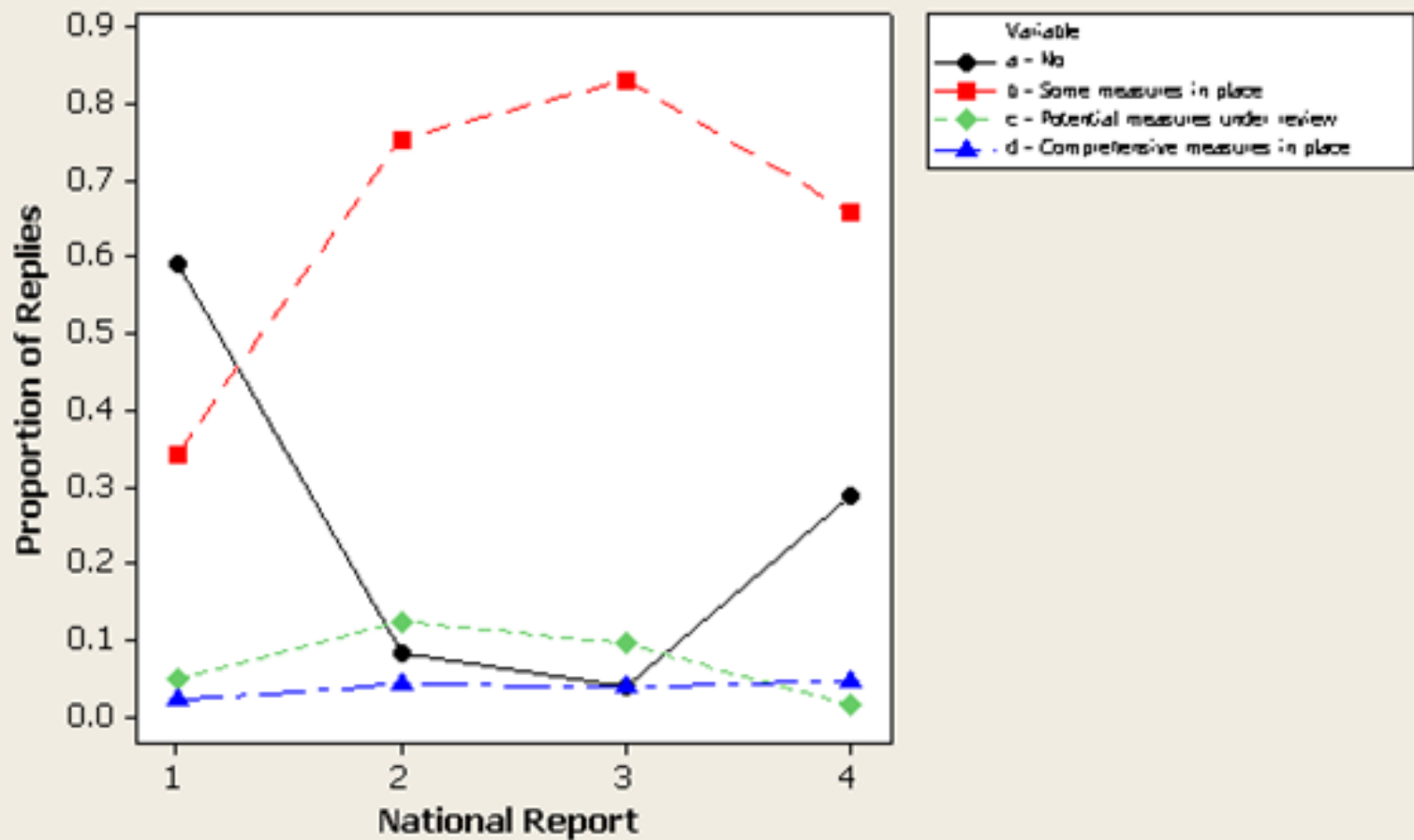
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Prevention, Control and Eradication of IAS



USE OF CBD GUIDING PRINCIPLES

3RD NATIONAL REPORT

Question 52: Has your country reviewed relevant policies, legislation and institutions in the light of the Guiding Principles, and adjusted or developed policies, legislation and institutions? (Decision VI/23):

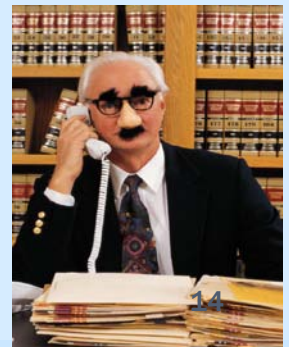
a No	b No, but review under way.	c Yes, review completed and adjustment proposed.	d Yes, adjustment and development ongoing.	e Yes, some adjustment and development completed.	Total responses to this question	Not addressed/no response
43	30	11	15	6	105	9
41%	28.5%	10.5%	14.3%	5.7	100%	

WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS RIO + 20 MADE?

- Most states complying to some extent.
- By 4th National Report only 7 states had comprehensive measures.

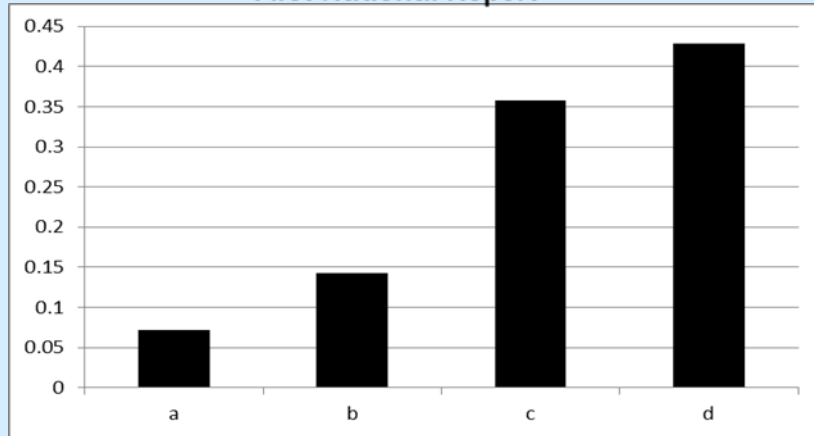
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- RESOURCING
- POLITICAL WILL

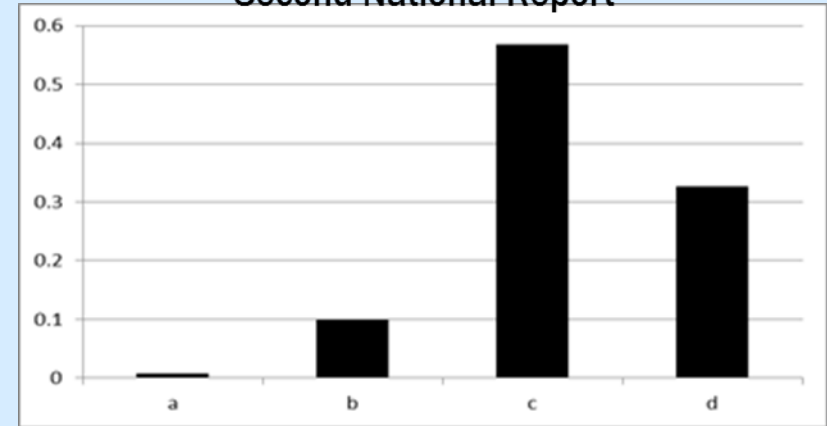


ADEQUACY OF RESOURCING

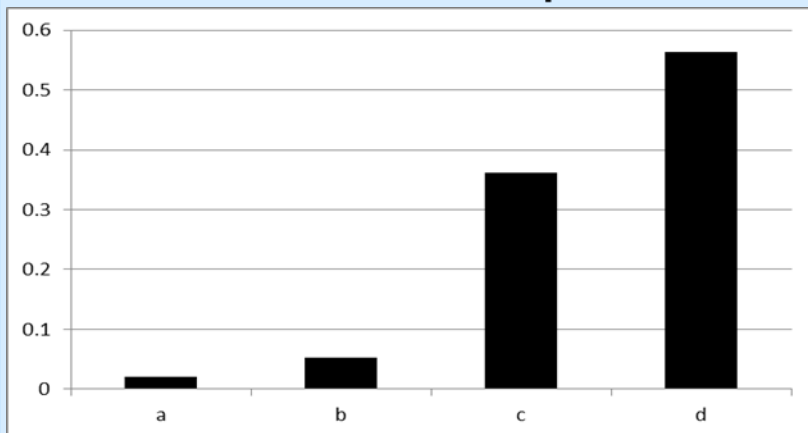
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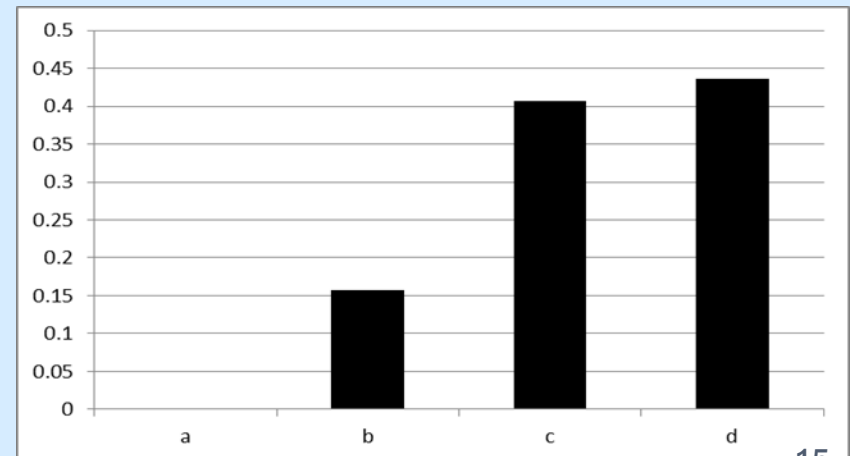
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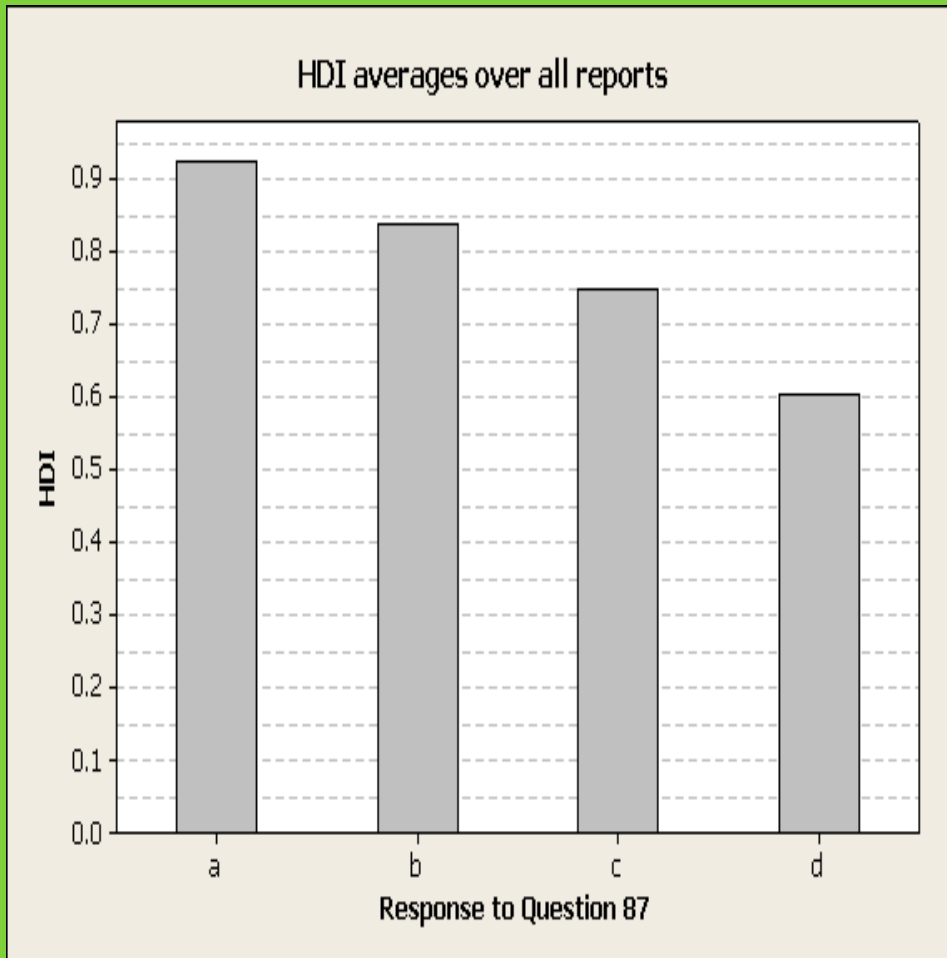
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Resourcing Correlated with the HDI



Resourcing is:

- (a) Good
- (b) Adequate
- (c) Limiting
- (d) Severely Limiting

HDI = Human Development Index



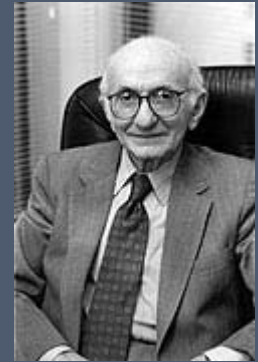
Robyn
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‘The Big Chill:
The WTO and
Multilateral
Environmental
Agreements’



**MORE STATES ARE
WORKING TOWARDS
COMPLIANCE THAN STATES
THAT ARE NOT.**

**GREATER EFFORT,
HOWEVER, IS REQUIRED TO
IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND
EFFECTIVENESS OF IAS
REGIMES.**



CONCLUSION

- IAS is a global issue
- Regime only as strong as weakest link
- Without stronger regulation the mistakes of today may not materialize for several generations, laying the foundation for ever-increasing future problems.

