UNCTAD’s work in maritime transport

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Most trade is seaborne
► Over 80% of volume of global trade
► Even higher for most developing countries
► Seaports, transport costs and shipping connectivity are key for developing countries’ participation in global trade

Review of Maritime Transport
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► Technical Cooperation

UNCTAD’s oldest Flag-Ship

Developing countries as suppliers

Largest ship scrapping countries
Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and China accounted for
95% of ship scrapping gross tonnage

Largest shipbuilding countries
China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, accounted for
91.4% of gross tonnage built

Top 5 largest shipowning countries
- Greece
- Japan
- China
- Germany
- Singapore

Together, these countries control over half of the world tonnage
A challenge for developing countries: Ships get bigger & markets more concentrated

Our data also shows the slow-down

14 of the top 20 ports located in China

http://UNCTAD.org/RMT

http://STATS.UNCTAD.org/MARITIME

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- National fleet
- Ship owning
- Ship building
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- Liner shipping connectivity
- Port traffic

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