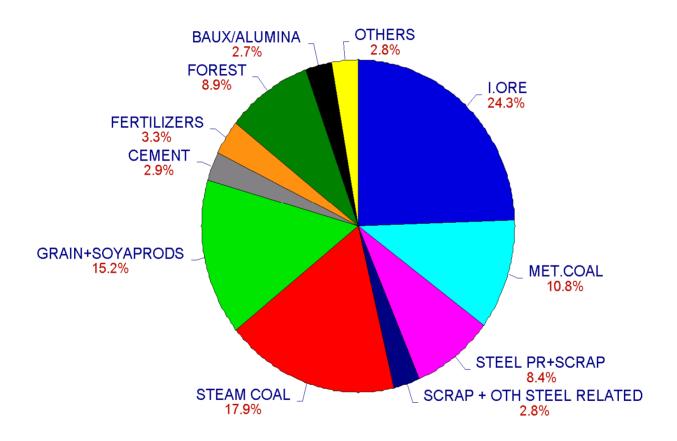


The Outlook for Dry Bulk Shipping

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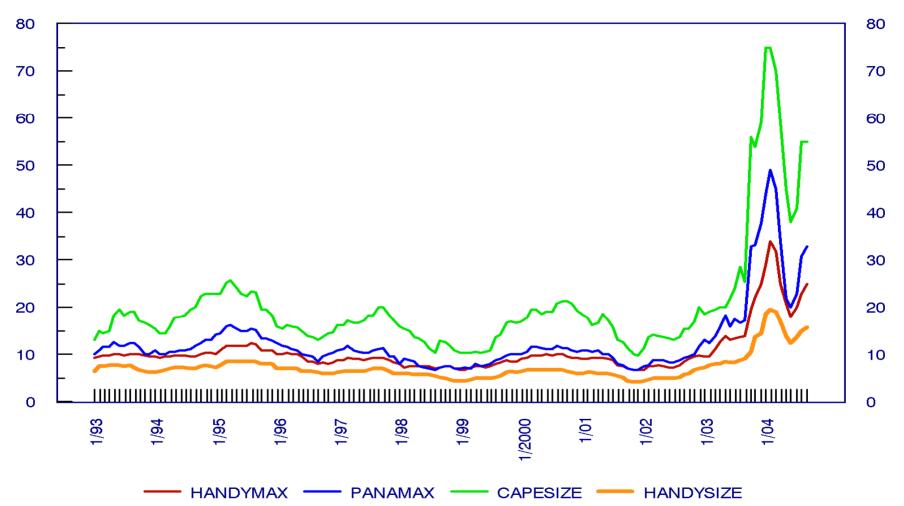
ESTIMATED WORLD SEABORNE TRADE IN 2003



PLEASE NOTE THIS IS PRELIMINARY FIGURES

12 MONTHS T/C RATES FOR BULK CARRIERS

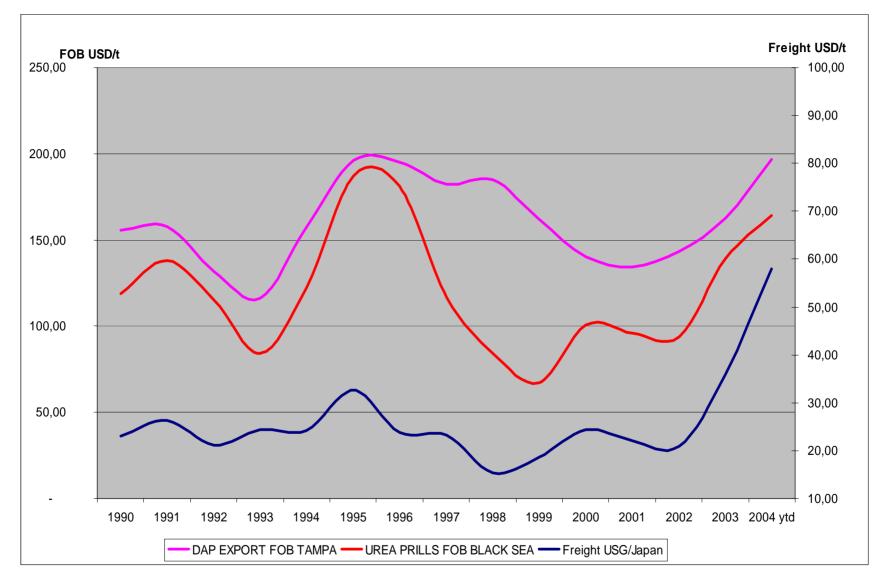
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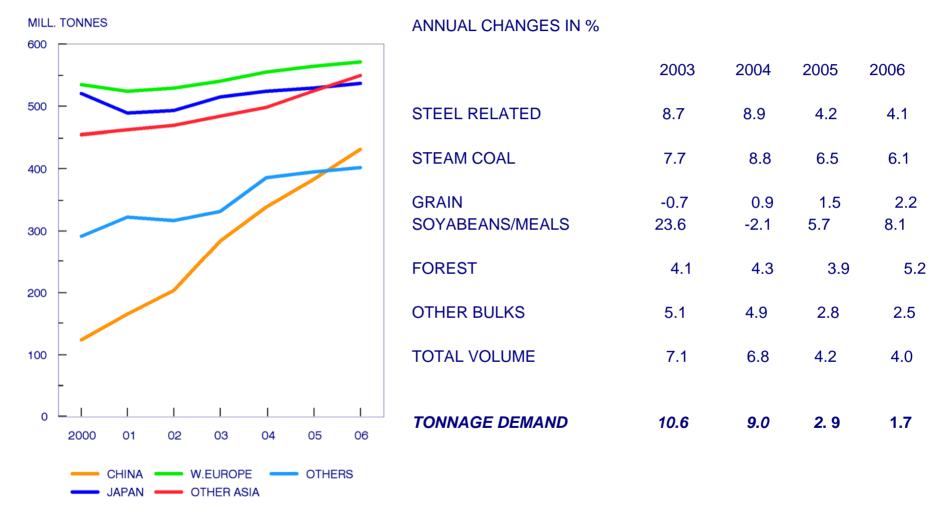
Freight versus FOB prices





ESTIMATED CHANGES IN SEABORNE TRADE

REGIONAL IMPORTS





ECONOMIC GROWTH FORECASTS

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	
US	+3.0	+4.3	+3.6	
EU	+0.9	+2.2	+2.3	
JAPAN	+2.5	+4.2	+1.8	
CHINA	+9.1	+9.0	+7.8	
KOREA	+3.1	+5.4	+5.0	
SE ASIA	+4.5	+5.9	+5.1	
L AMERICA	+1.6	+4.9	+3.5	
WORLD	+3.9	+4.6	+4.1	
-(IMF 4/04)	+3.9	+4.6	+4.4	

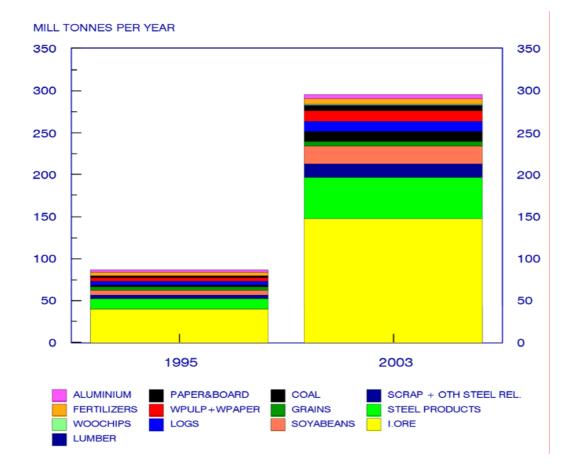
Forecasts are mainly based on Sep 04

Consensus Forecasts





CHINAS DRY BULK IMPORTS



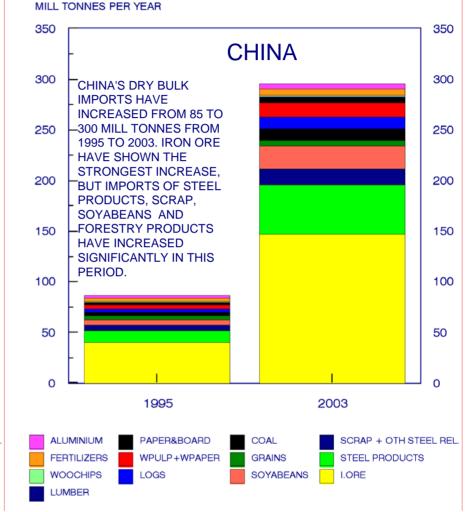
CHINA'S DRY BULK IMPORTS HAVE INCREASED FROM 85 TO 300 MILL TONNES FROM 1995 TO 2003. IRON ORE HAVE SHOWN THE STRONGEST INCREASE, BUT IMPORTS OF STEEL PRODUCTS, SCRAP, SOYABEANS AND FORESTRY PRODUCTS HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THIS PERIOD.



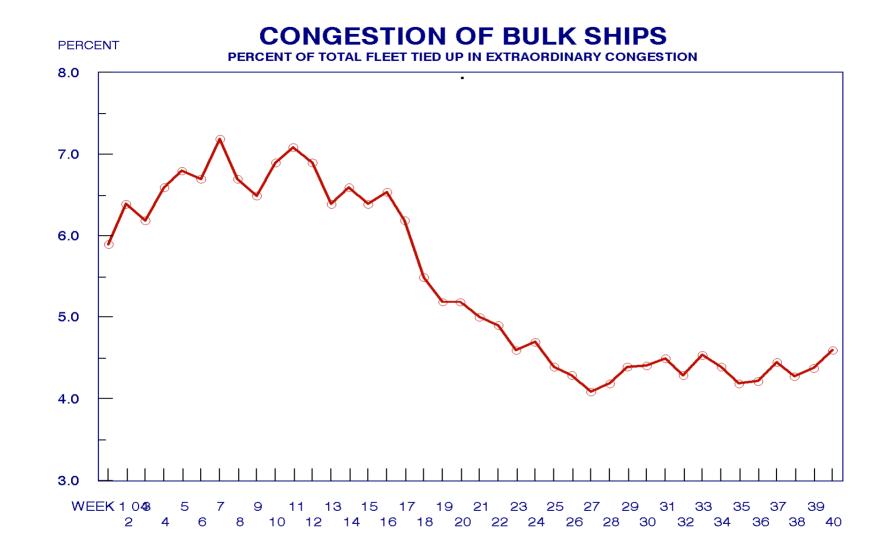


INDIA VS CHINA IN DRY BULK IMPORTS

MILL TONNES PER YEAR 350 350 **INDIA** 300 300 INDIA'S DRY BULK IMPORTS HAVE INCREASED FROM 24 250 TO 48 MILL TONNES FROM 250 1995 TO 2003, COAL IMPORTS HAVE INCREASED FROM 10 TO 26 MILL TONNES, WHILE 200 200 OTHER COMMODITIES HAVE SHOWN ONLY MODERATE INCREASES, INDIA IS TO A 150 LARGE EXTENT BEEN 150 SELFSUFFICIENT IN DRY BULK RAW MATERIALS. 100 100 50 50 0 0 1995 2003 SCRAP + OTH STEEL REL ALUMINIUM PAPER&BOARD COAL FERTILIZERS WPULP+WPAPER GRAINS STEEL PRODUCTS SOYABEANS I.ORE WOOCHIPS LOGS LUMBER





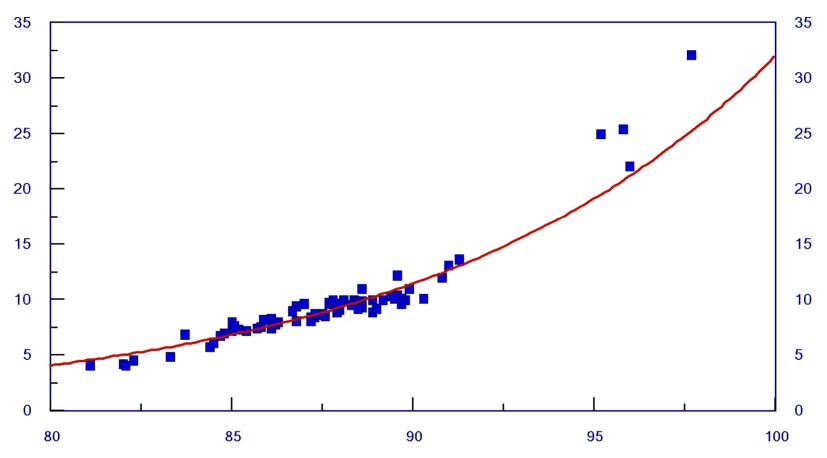






FREIGHT RATES VS UTILIZATION RATE HANDYMAX

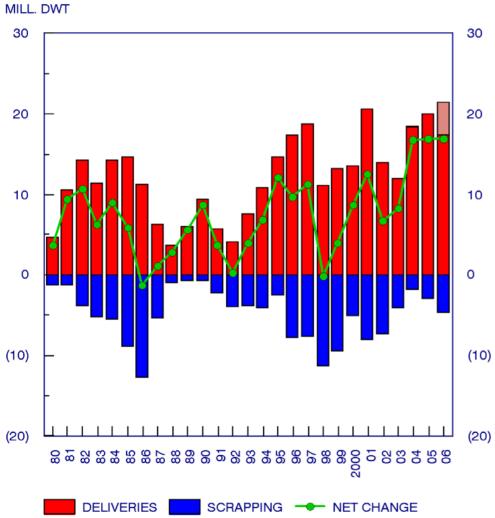
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R-square = 0.889 # pts = 71 y = 0.0011e^0.103x



THE DRY BULK CARRIER FLEET TREND



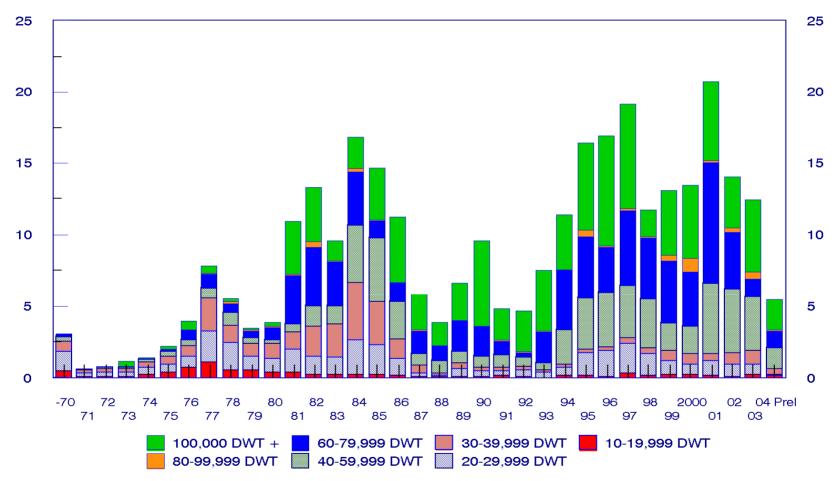
ANNUAL CHANGES IN % (YEARLY AVERAGE):

)		2000	01	02	03	04	05	06
	HANDY	1.1	1.5	2.0	1.9	3.3	4.5	3.3
)	PANAMAX	3.8	6.7	6.0	1.0	2.5	6.0	4.7
	CAPE INC COMB	1.8	5.4	2.4	4.3	7.6	6.5	7.9
	TOTAL	2.0	4.0	3.2	2.4	4.5	5.5	5.2



AGE PROFILE OF BULK CARRIERS AS AT 1.7.2004







SUPPLY, DEMAND AND UTILIZATION RATE DRY BULK FLEET 10.000 DWT +

