

OECD Workshop on Regional Trade Agreements and the Environment

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The Environment

- Countries are being more concerned about environmental rules because having a good environment is an important asset for international trade

Rankings Ambientales

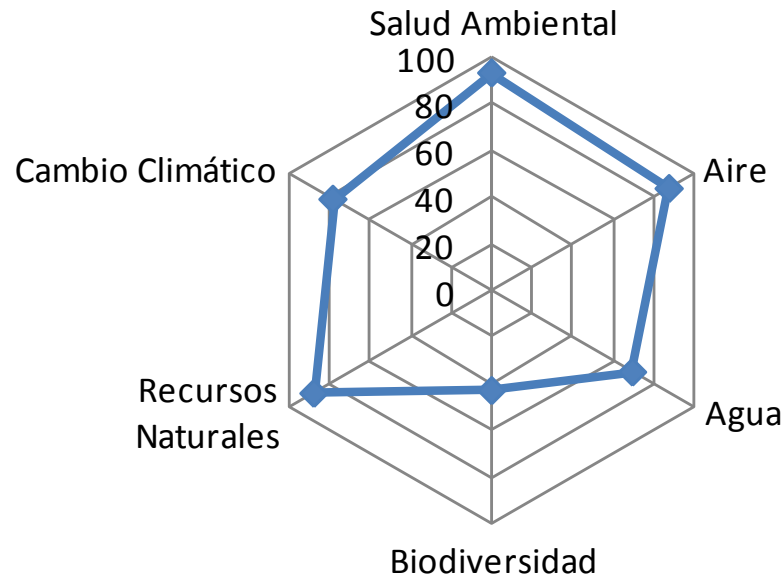
ESI 2005		EPI 2006		EPI 2008	
Pais	N°	Pais	N°	Pais	N°
Finlandia	1	Nueva Zelanda	1	Suiza	1
Noruega	2	Suecia	2	Suecia	2
Suecia	3	Finlandia	3	Noruega	3
Chile	42	Chile	26	Chile	29
Total	146		133		149

Fuente: Yale University.

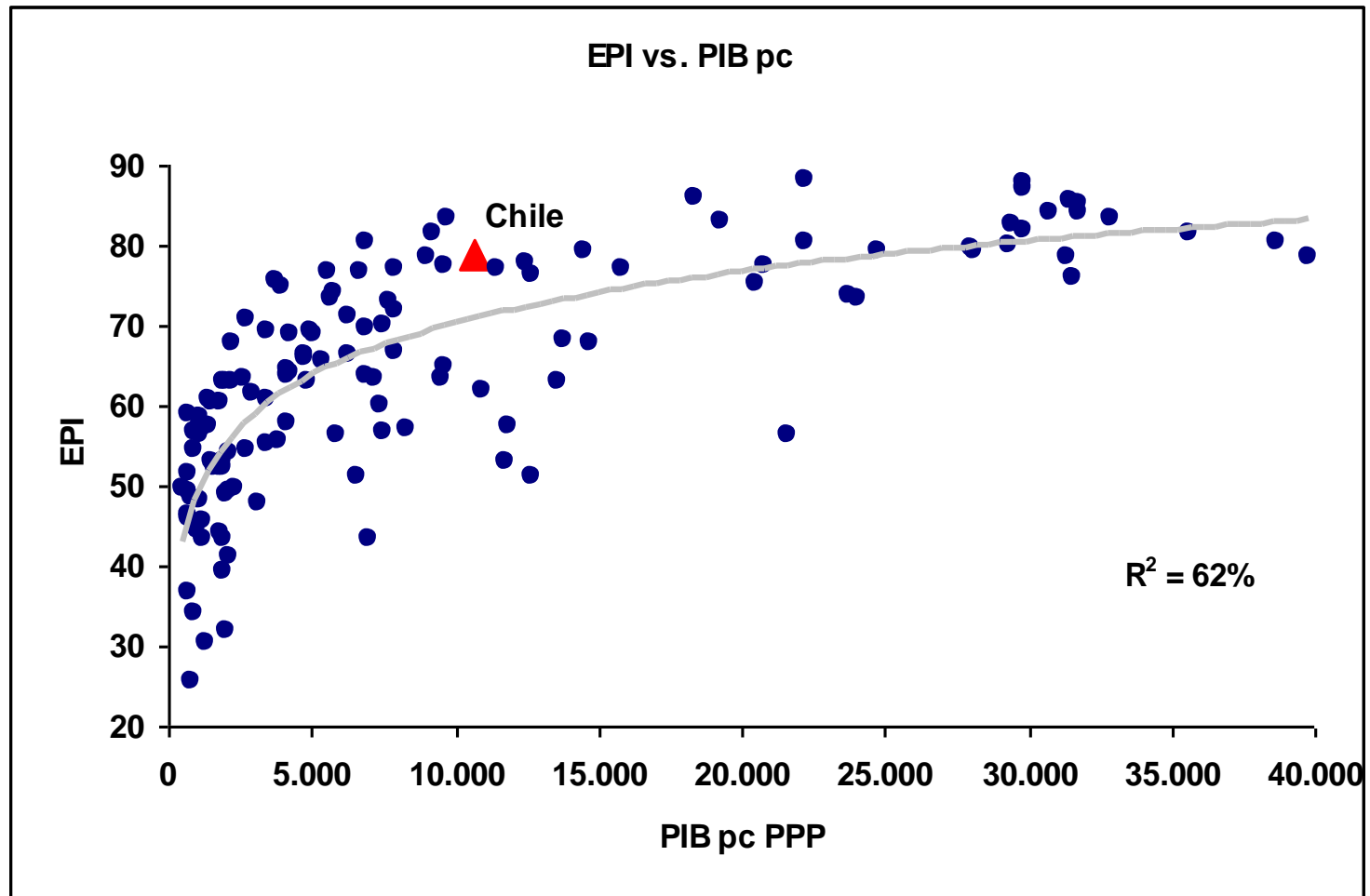
Local Environment

- Chile has improved in the last 10 years, but we still have some pending issues

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- We have a more than expected result considering our per capita GDP



Trade Agreements

- Since 2000 Chile has considered the environmental dimension in almost all the signed trade agreements
- TLC with US, Canada and EU all has environmental provisions
- The main considerations are the respect of national legislation, and provisions not to relax environmental protection in favor of specific activities

Environmental cooperation

- TLC with USA we agree in 8 specific cooperation projects. 4 of them has been implemented in the first 2 years
 - Public register for emission and transfer of pollutants
 - Workshop on environmental legislation and conflicts resolution
 - Good practices in agriculture
 - Alternatives methods to methyl Bromide (CH₃Br)
- TLC with EU
 - Sustainability studies in commerce activities

Main Conclusions

- We have a good performance
- Good legal framework
- FTA and Environmental Cooperation has been very good Instruments to improve our position
- **But, most important FTA as an instrument to open more the markets and improvement of competition. This obliges the producers to improve products and processes in order to attract more sophisticated consumers and be successful in the market, and this allows for technology transfer**

Environmental Cooperation

- Where do we need to improve
 - Quality Standards (water)
 - Natural resources protection standards
 - Market related instruments (pollution rights)
 - Environmental courts
- Where we can help
 - Greenhouse gases trading using CDM from Kyoto Protocol