

# SARGCOOP

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07 APRIL 2022 WEBINAR :  
 « COLLECTION AND VALORIZATION OF SARGASSUM IN THE  
 CARIBBEAN : ISSUES AND PROSPECTS »

The Role of Digital Technologies in Creating Sustainable  
 Value Chains for Sargassum  
 Presenter: Dr. Shelly-Ann Cox





## SUSTAINABLE SARGASSUM VALUE CHAINS

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Overview of a generic sargassum value chain, considerations for building resilience at each stage and the importance of cross-cutting activities

## INTEGRATION OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

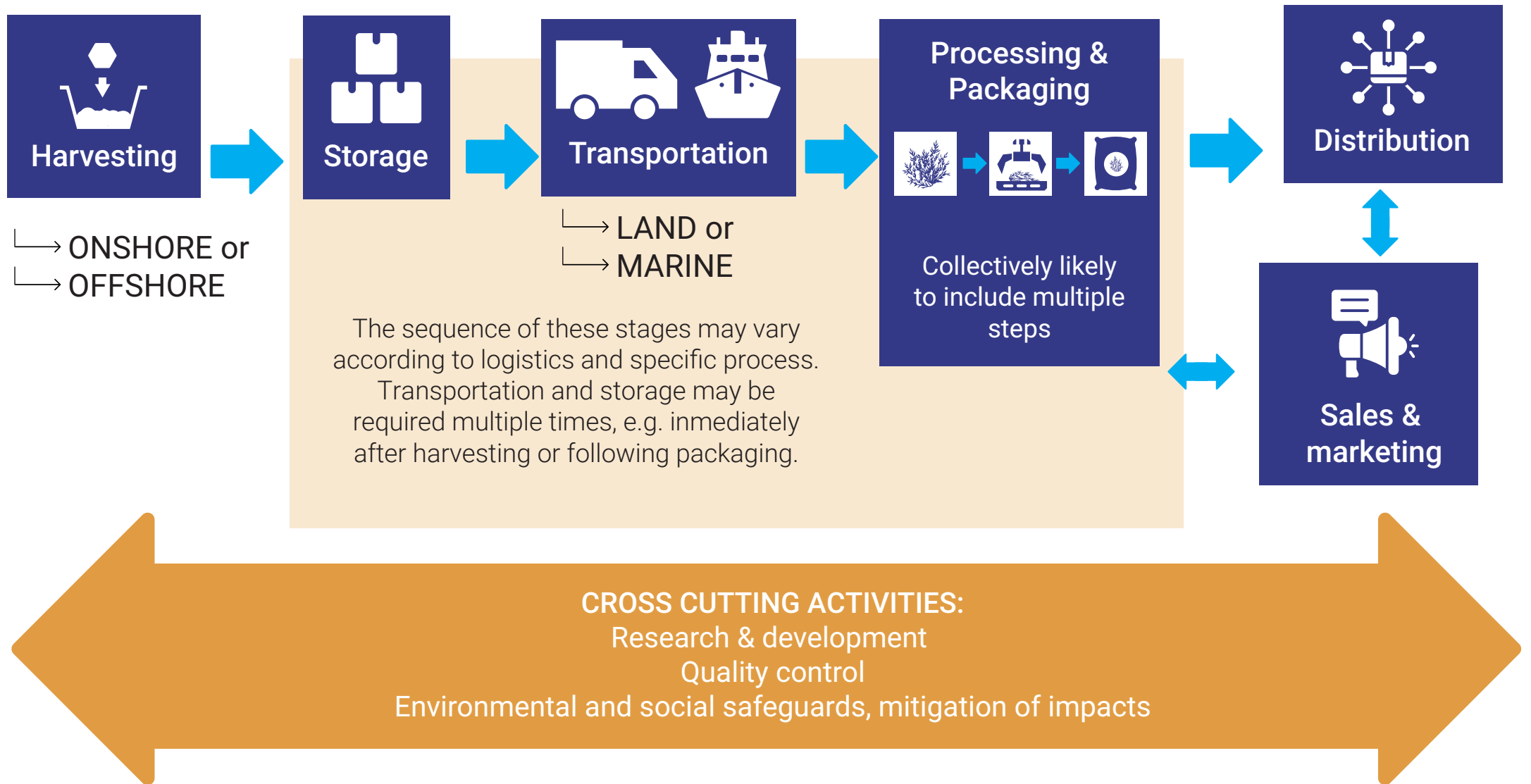
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The promise of block chain, IoT devices, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning and Deep learning in sargassum management and governance

## EXISTING AND POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGIES

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Examples of existing and potential applications of digital technologies. Future applications for a sustainable future



Source: UNEP-CEP Sargassum White Paper 2021

# MANAGE, MEASURE AND CREATE INSIGHT



Create business value



Understand the strategic value of technology



Drive business innovation



Provide holistic optimization



Transform into a service broker



Engage and deliver services

SERVICE ORIENTATION

DIGITAL ORIENTATION

PROVIDE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

DELIVER CONTINUAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

- EFFICIENCY
- TRACEABILITY
- CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
- PROFITABILITY

**SUPPORT  
ACTIVITIES**

**PRIMARY  
ACTIVITIES**

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Satellite monitoring, Mobile applications, Information Communication Technology (ICTs)  
Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), AI, Machine learning and Deep learning

### QUALITY CONTROL

Blockchain powered traceability platforms, Internet of Things (IoT) sensors and devices  
e.g. heavy metal testing

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

Internet of Things (IoT) sensors and devices e.g. CAIRNET Micro Sensors (H<sub>2</sub>S and NH<sub>3</sub>)

### MITIGATION OF IMPACTS

Geographic Information Systems (Sargassum hazard and exposure mapping), Decision Support Systems

#### Harvesting

UAV and underwater robots to estimate volumes & types  
Semi-autonomous aqua drones for harvesting at sea

#### Storage/Transportation

IoT devices and sensors to support ideal storage practices  
Vessel monitoring systems (sea) | GPS tracking systems (land).  
Data verification and analytics to support efficient operations

#### Processing and packaging

IoT devices and sensors to support efficient operations  
E.g. Smart scales, solar-powered autonomous processor, 3D printers

#### Distribution

Supply chain insight platforms powered by blockchain and AI  
Vessel Monitoring Systems (sea) | GPS tracking systems (land)

#### Sales and Marketing

Online sales and marketing platforms powered by blockchain and AI  
Social media marketing and AI-powered insights

**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

# Harvesting

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) e.g. drones and semi-autonomous underwater robots can be used to estimate sargassum volumes & species types
- Monitoring and mapping sargassum influxes using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and evolving technologies can support response planning
- Machine learning algorithms to classify, batch and compress labelled datasets
- Semi-autonomous aquadrones for harvesting sargassum at sea





# Storage/Transportation

## STORAGE

- Internet of things (IoT) devices and sensors to support ideal storage practices

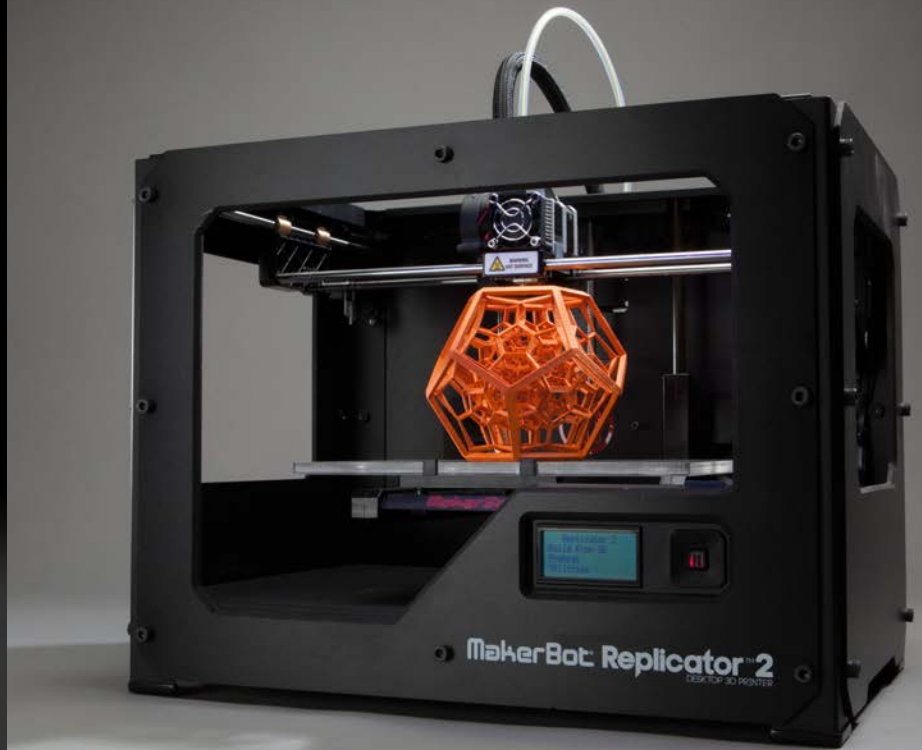
## TRANSPORTATION

- Vessel monitoring systems (sea)
- GPS tracking systems (land)
- Data verification and analytics to support efficient operations



# Processing and packaging

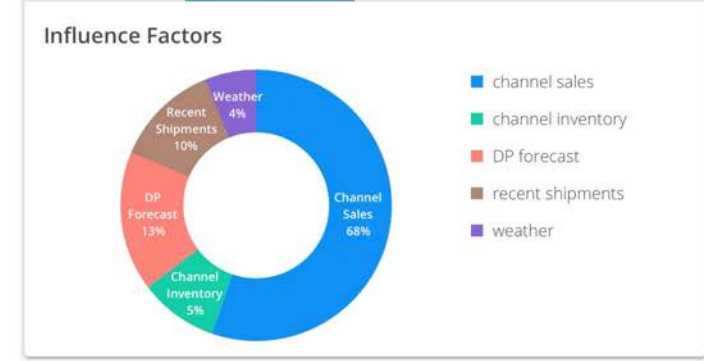
- IoT devices and sensors to support efficient operations
- Smart scales can be used to determine weights and support image processing. Data is uploaded to cloud and can be matched to the harvesting vessel or beach where sargassum was harvested.
- 3D printers can be employed using bioplastic made from sargassum to create environmentally friendly packaging
- Solar-powered autonomous processor turns waste and biomass (sargassum) into green hydrogen, energy and carbonated byproducts



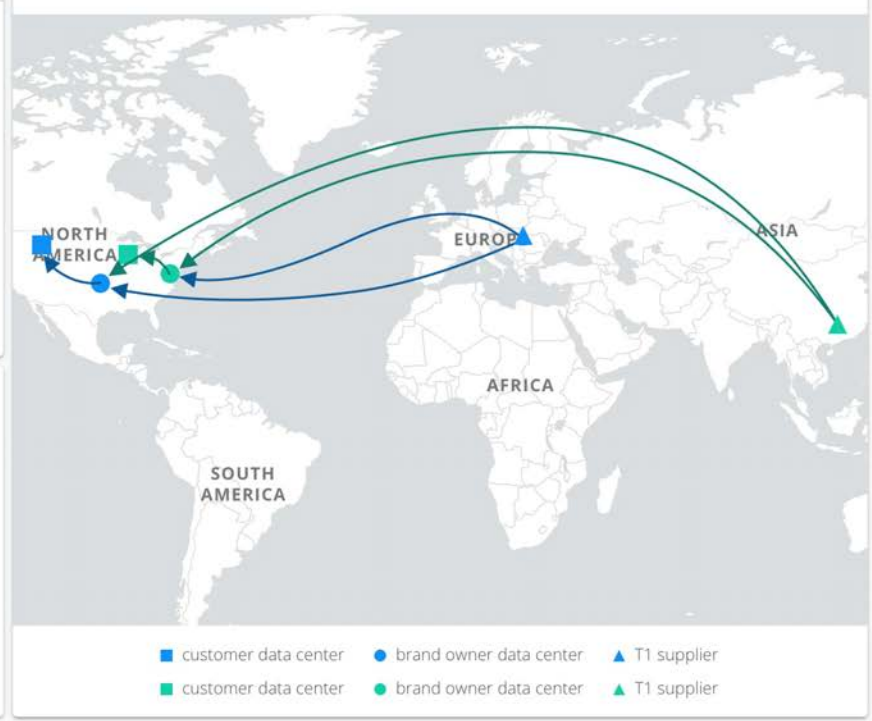
# Distribution

- Supply chain management platforms powered by blockchain and AI can promote resilient distribution plans to handle market changes, including supply disruptions and demand increases
- Vessel Monitoring Systems (sea), GPS tracking systems (land), flight trackers (air) employed to collect location data that can support more efficient distributions plans

Forecast & Sales Influence Factors

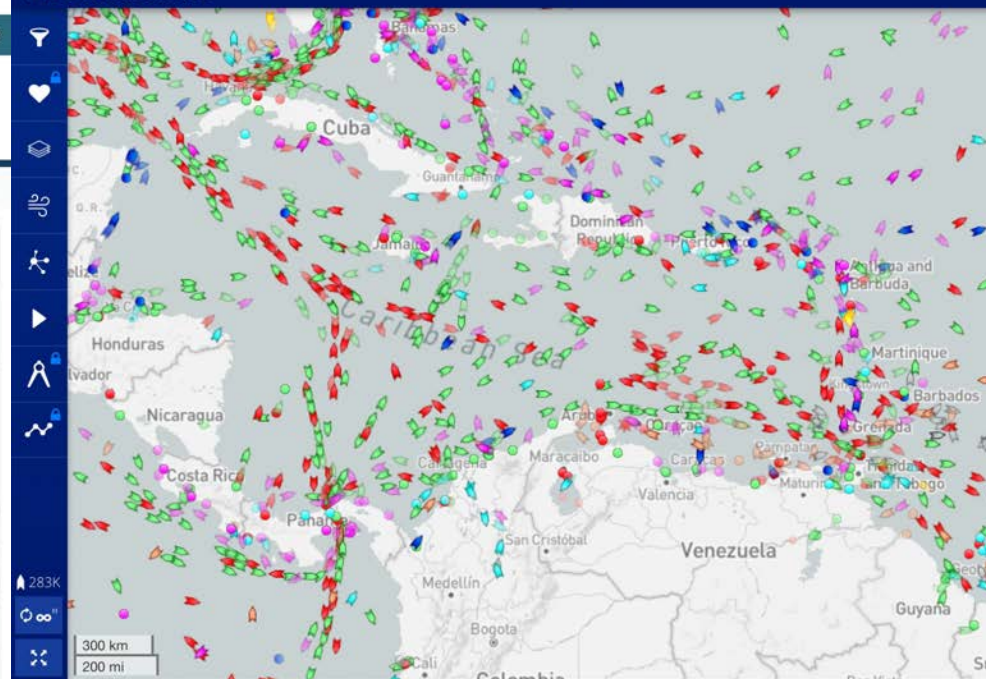


### Global Supply



### Resolution Scenarios

Resolution	OTD by Revenue	OTD by Qty	Purchasing Cost	Shipping Cost	Rank Score	Action
Baseline	75.3%	82.7%	\$416,524.00	\$416,524.00	NA	👁️
Expedite from supplier	99.7%	99.7%	\$416,524.00	\$416,524.00	1	👁️ ⏪
Alternate supplier	95.1%	93.5%	\$416,524.00	\$416,524.00	2	👁️ ⏪
Internal material move	99.3%	99.7%	\$416,524.00	\$416,524.00	3	👁️ ⏪
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# Sales and Marketing

- Online sales and marketing platforms powered by Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Social media marketing using platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest, TikTok.  
AI-powered insights
- Social media marketing platforms e.g. Hootsuite
- Branding sargassum products and services as blue growth initiatives



# Streams



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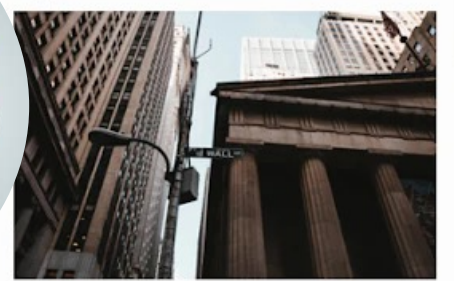
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**Malcolm Williams** Thank you for sharing

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Business and Management Studies student Pippa Donalee is running a series of podcasts called "You Belong" which are about how to get more women into top business positions in the future.

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## NON FUNGIBLE TOKENS

Creatives producing sargassum related art should consider the use of Non Fungible Tokens (NFTs)

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## BLUE BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain powered blue carbon credit trading platforms can be considered in the future

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## TECH STARTUP COLLABORATIONS

Sargassum innovators should explore collaborations with tech startups in the region

# Thank You!

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