

# State and Trends of the Carbon Market 2006

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Based on World Bank-International Emissions  
Trading Association study

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# Methodology

This study is based on the following:

- Analysis of the **World Bank's confidential project database**,
- **IETA-led Survey of key market analysts**,
- **Interviews** with market players, and,
- A **review** of published literature.

Project database includes:

- **More than 750 project-based transactions** (ERPAs signed)
- Completeness of information >90% in all fields except on exact terms and price of transaction >60%

Aggregate data on allowance markets

- From **major exchanges and OTC sources**



# Global Climate Change

- Scientists believe that the earth's atmosphere is warming at a faster rate than ever before and that this is partly caused by **human activities that release carbon dioxide and related** warming gases into the atmosphere.
- Emissions from combustion of fossil fuels for **energy, transport and industry, agriculture, land use and forestry**
- Increased concentrations of GHGs and the rate of temperature change are projected to cause **impacts:**
  - Changing precipitation patterns affect **water, agricultural output**
  - Higher sea levels affecting **coastal zone development**
  - Warmer oceans impacting **fisheries, coral reefs and tourism**
  - More frequent occurrence of **extreme weather events**
  - Higher likelihood of spread of **vector-borne diseases** (malaria)

# Response to Climate Change



- Countries, including the U.S., signed and ratified the 1992 Rio Climate Convention (UNFCCC) with objective to reduce concentrations of GhGs to a level required to prevent “dangerous” warming
- As a First step to meet the above objective, the Kyoto Protocol requires industrialized countries to reduce their overall GhG emissions by an average of 5.2% from 1990 levels in 2008-2012. No specific obligation on developing countries



# Carbon Finance: Concept

- Industrialized country obligations:
  - In some countries, emissions are up by 30% since 1990.
  - How would such countries reduce emissions **by more than 1/3 by 2012**
    - **Shut down production** by 1/3?
    - Mandatory energy efficiency **at any cost?**
    - **Off-shore industrial jobs?**
    - **Tax** all energy consumption?
  - In a globalized world economy this becomes an issue of **trade competitiveness**, especially for industrial sectors
- The KP allows “Flexible Mechanisms” for Compliance
  - OECD countries and companies regulated by them can meet **part** of obligations by **“purchasing” carbon credits** from projects overseas
  - This creates an opportunity for **resources to flow** from OECD sources to support clean and sustainable projects in Niger and elsewhere
  - Eligible Projects receive a multi-year hard currency revenue stream --- **CARBON FINANCE – for verifiably reducing emissions**
- Currently carbon finance buys credits until 2012 or so. **The sooner projects can be identified, the more years of revenue they can earn**

# Mitigation and Sequestration



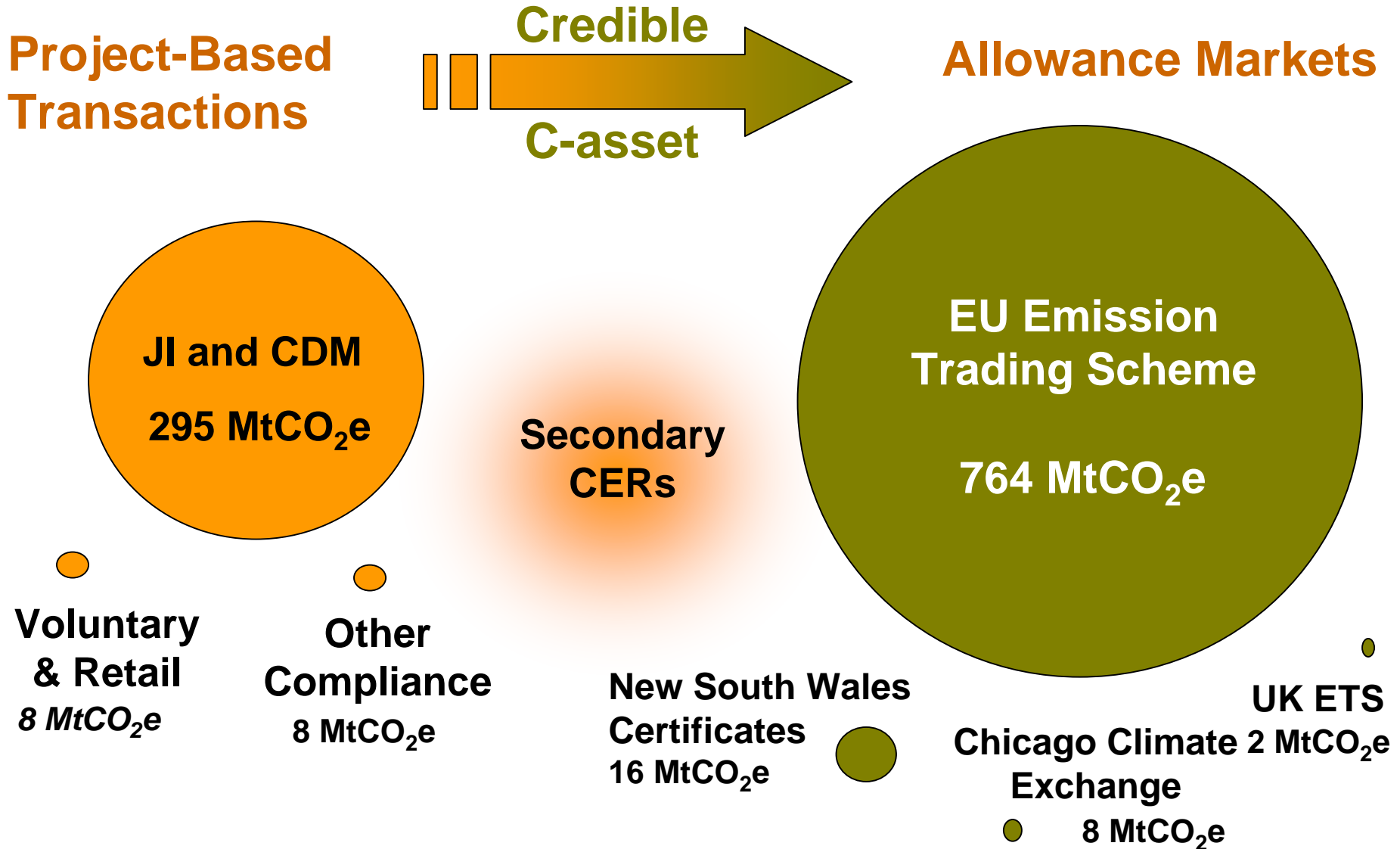
- Carbon projects can EITHER:
  - “Mitigate” climate change or reduce emissions. Examples:
    - Project to generate energy **from bagasse** in the sugar industry for own needs and to displace emissions from expensive **diesel** generators. Surplus electricity to provide energy access for neighboring trading posts, clinics, schools and local communities currently using **diesel, fuelwood or kerosene**
    - Project to demonstrate improved operating performance of utility by **reducing technical losses** and improving service as a precursor to privatization, **OR,**
  - **Sequester carbon** (Kyoto Protocol currently provides credit only for afforestation and reforestation activities). Examples:
    - Communities **planting and protecting trees on degraded lands**, creating carbon assets in Kenya and using carbon revenues to supplement incomes
    - Replanting on slopes of watershed. Carbon revenue helps secure other co-benefits e.g. **reduced siltation and improved hydrology**



# Types of Carbon Projects

- **Hydroelectric** power offsetting the need for coal- or gas-fired generation
- **Extending grid** to reach customers currently using diesel or kerosene
- **Reducing Transmission and Distribution losses** and creating effective capacity that offsets the need for new fossil-based generation
- Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> by and methane ( a potent greenhouse gas) by generating energy and bio-fuels from **sugar industry by-products** -- bagasse and molasses
- Reducing methane by **bio-digesting livestock wastes**
- Extracting methane from **landfills**
- Extracting methane from composting organic waste in **urban dumpsites**
- Extracting methane from **disposal of sewage sludge**
- Capturing methane leaks from **gas pipelines, tankers, coal mines**
- Capturing N<sub>2</sub>O, a powerful greenhouse gas, from **fertilizer production**
- Sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> by **tree planting, small plantations, land restoration**

# Structure of the Market 2006





# Carbon price signal emerges



- Constraint on carbon emissions under Kyoto and under the EU-ETS where regulated companies can no longer emit unlimited into the atmosphere
- Price signal from EU-ETS creates an incentive worldwide to innovate and compete to reduce emissions through clean development projects

# Market Doubles to \$22 billion



## EUA transactions of US\$19 billion recorded in 2006

- **US\$22 billion (2006 ytd) > US\$11 billion (2005) mainly from EUAs**  
EUAs physically exist already – minimal risk
- Trade goes **well beyond physical trade** of EUAs. Market value arises from trading **EUAs: sale, re-sale for hedging, arbitrage + compliance**
- **EUA price signal (from EU compliance caps, interplay with European energy markets, regional weather) influences price of project-based**
- **Highly volatile market**

## Developing countries sell \$3 billion credits in 2006

- **Mainly forward transactions for credits likely be created in the future from projects that have risks**
- **First projects implemented and CERS are issued --- spot and secondary markets emerge**
- **China & India dominate; Africa share doubles**
- **Current and expected transactions likely to equal 2005 volumes**
- **Average contract prices up across all market segments**
- **Pricing so far linked to EUAs – how long will this last?**
- **When will demand from California, U.S. markets emerge?**



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- **Strong enforcement and penalties for non-compliance**
  - EU-ETS has strong rules and Commission says it will enforce them



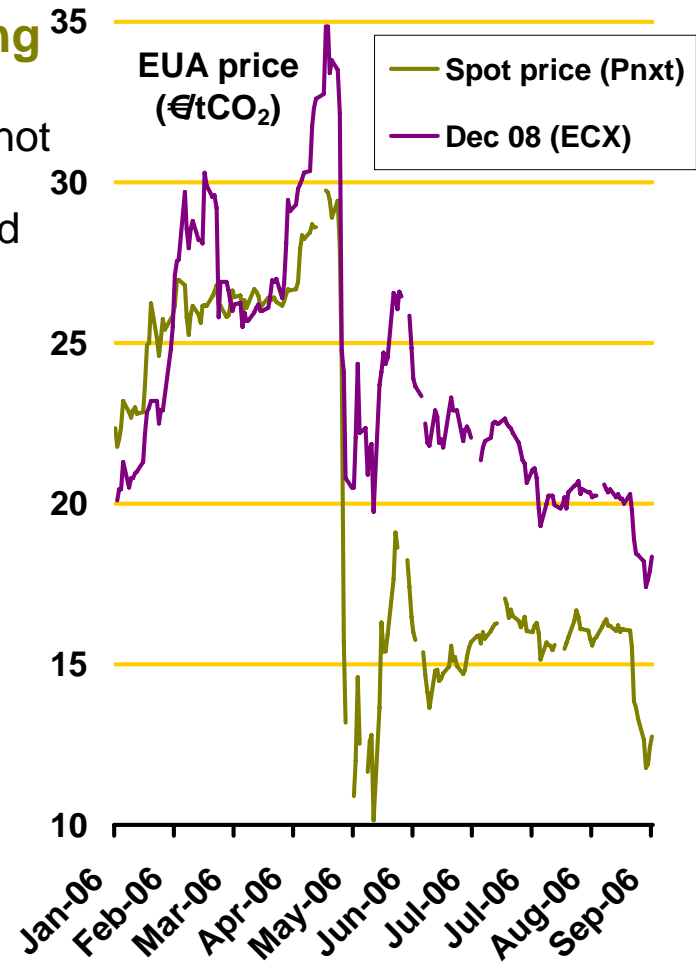
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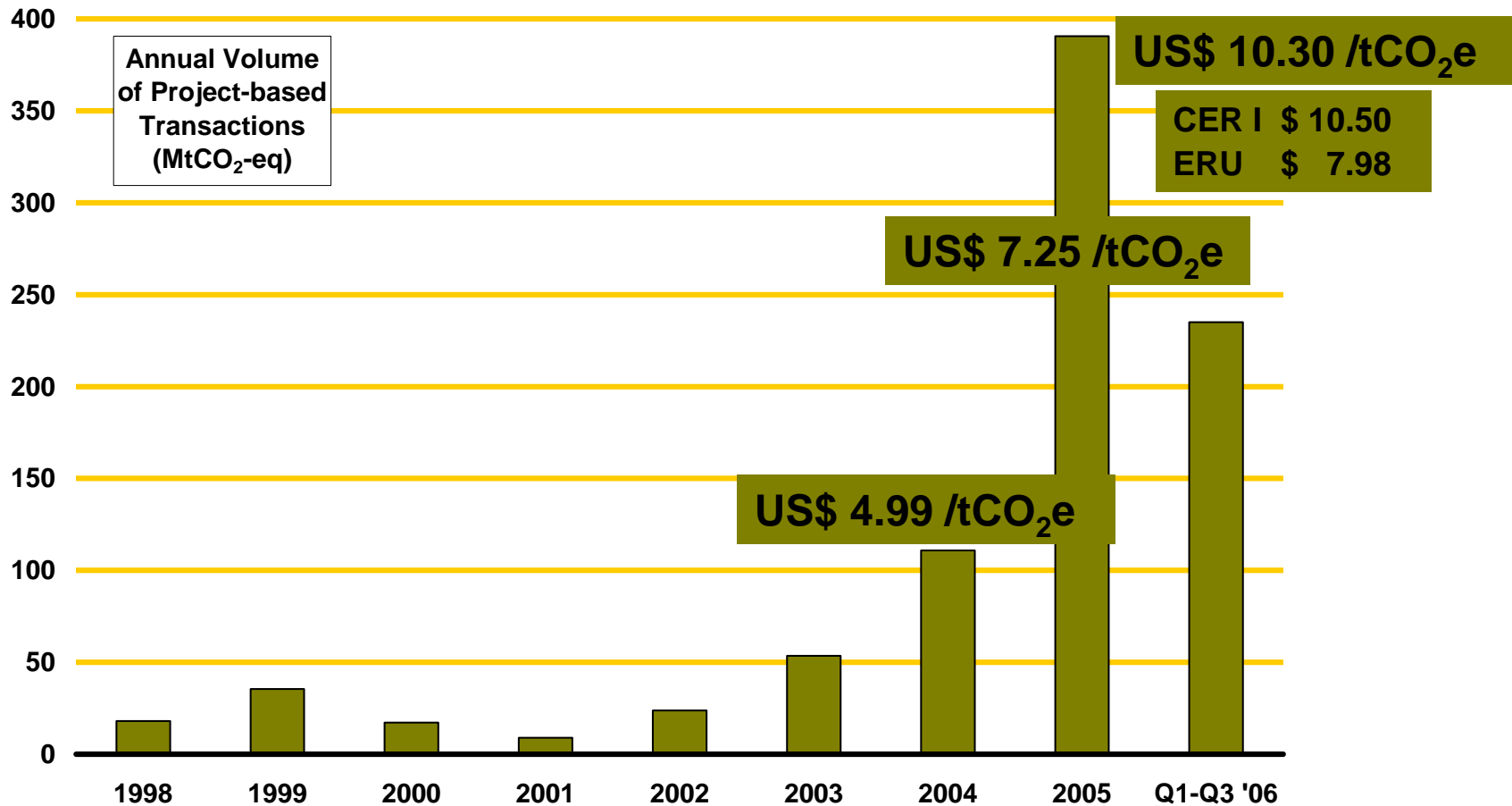
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# Project-based Credits:



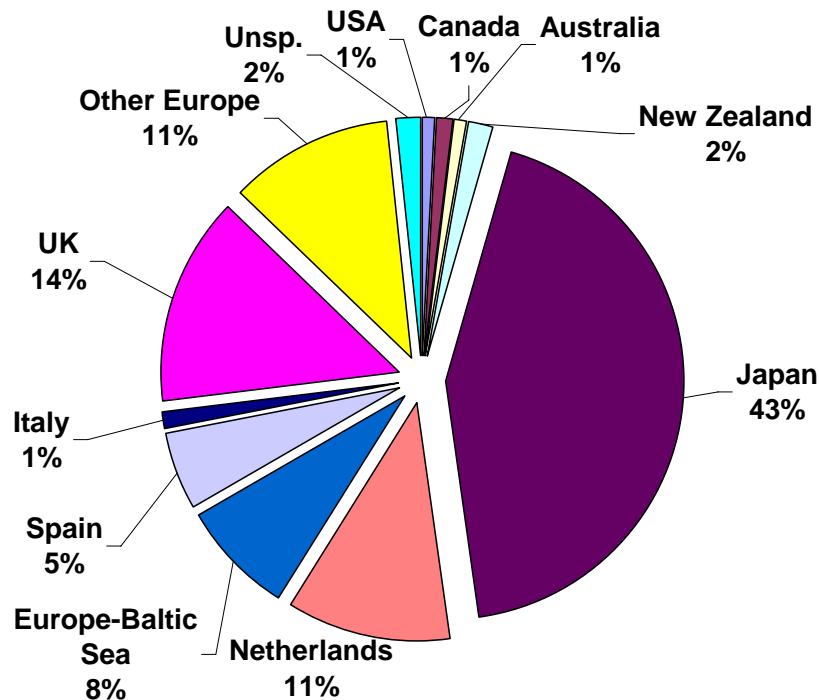
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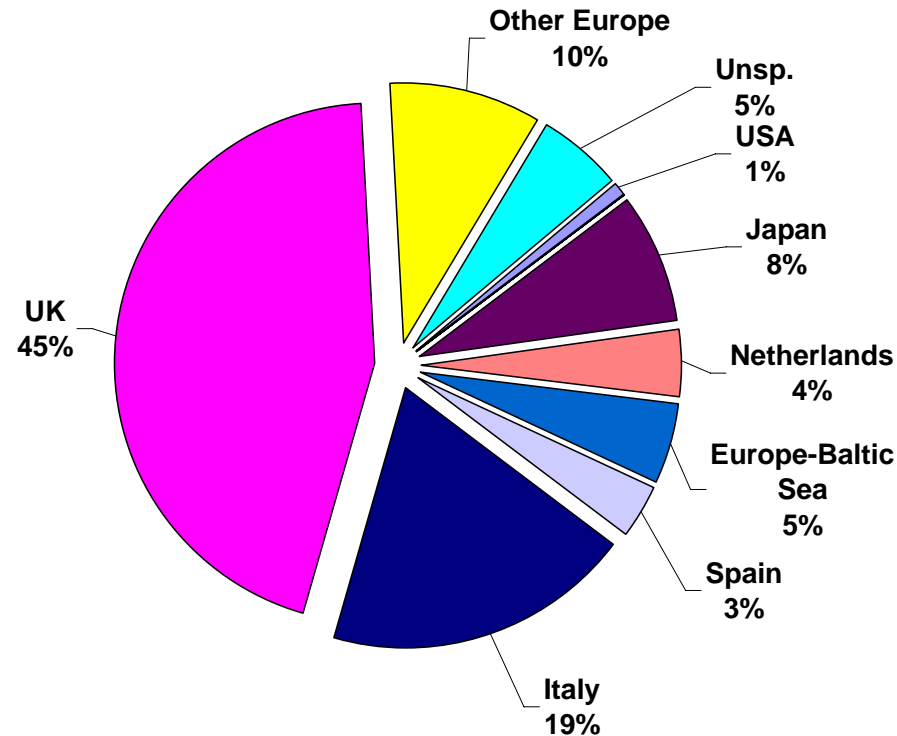
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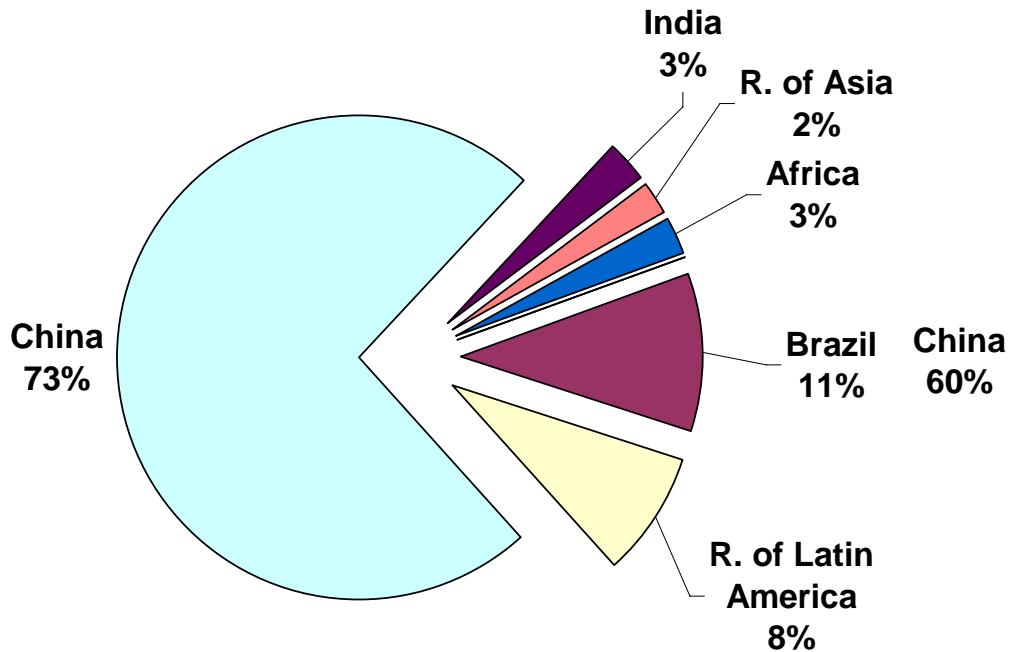


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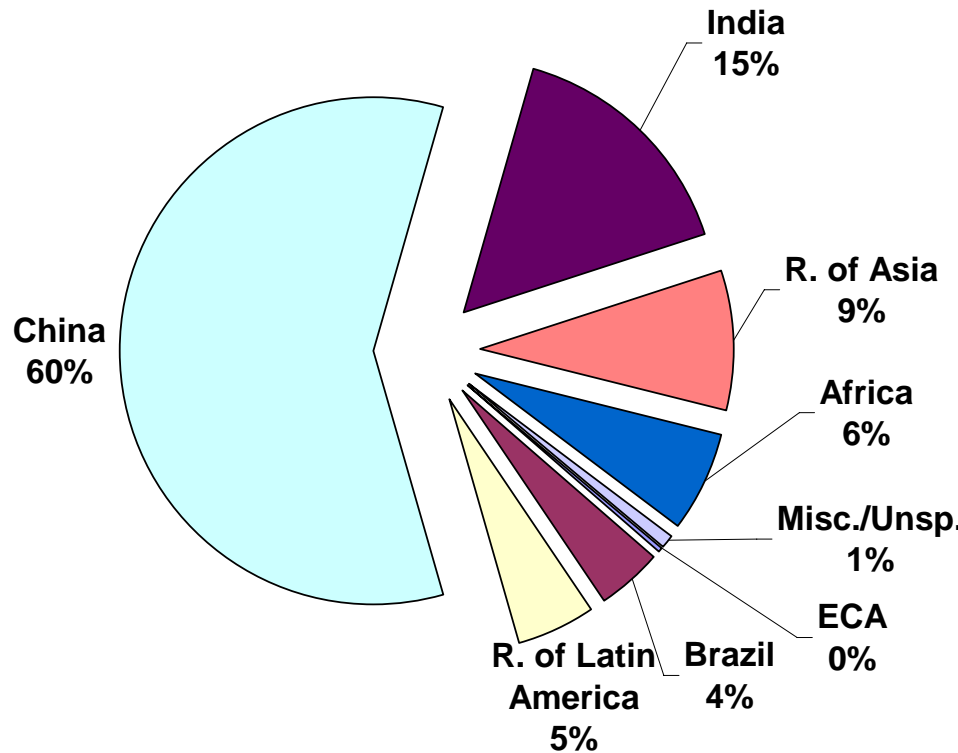
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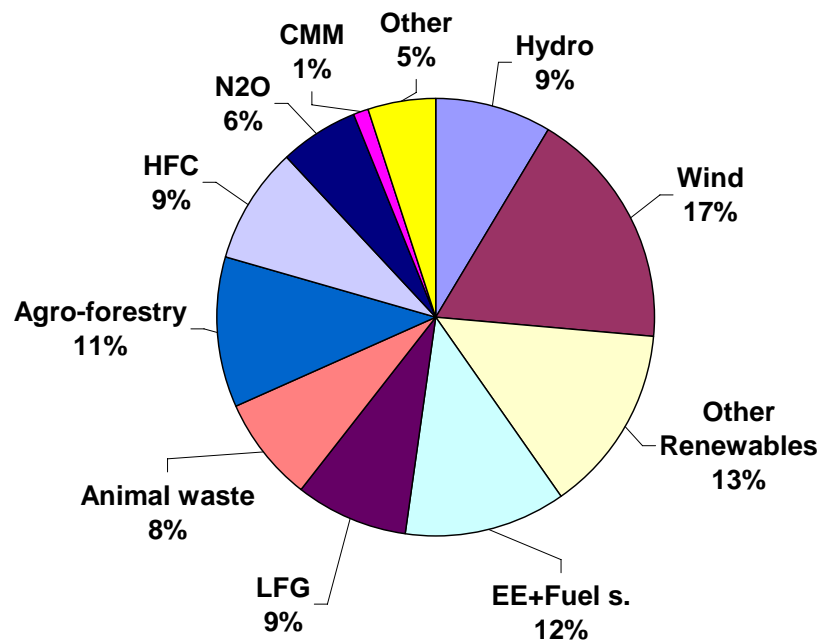
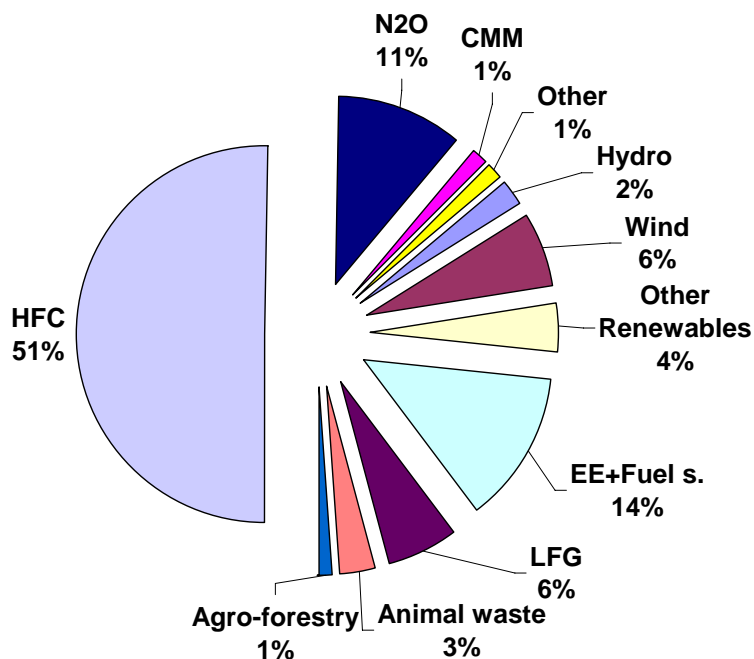


# Market Share across CDM Asset Classes



Share in volume  
(2006, year-to-date)

Share in number of projects  
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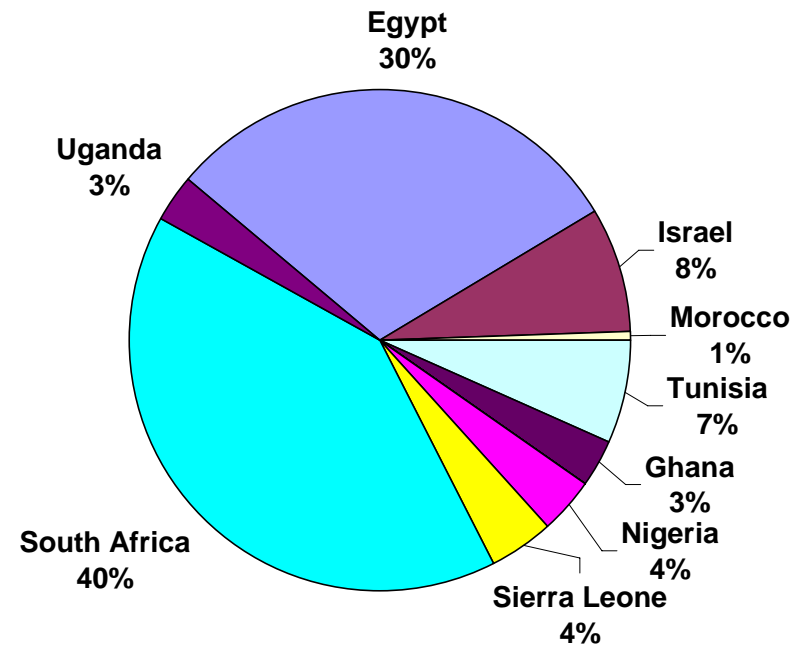
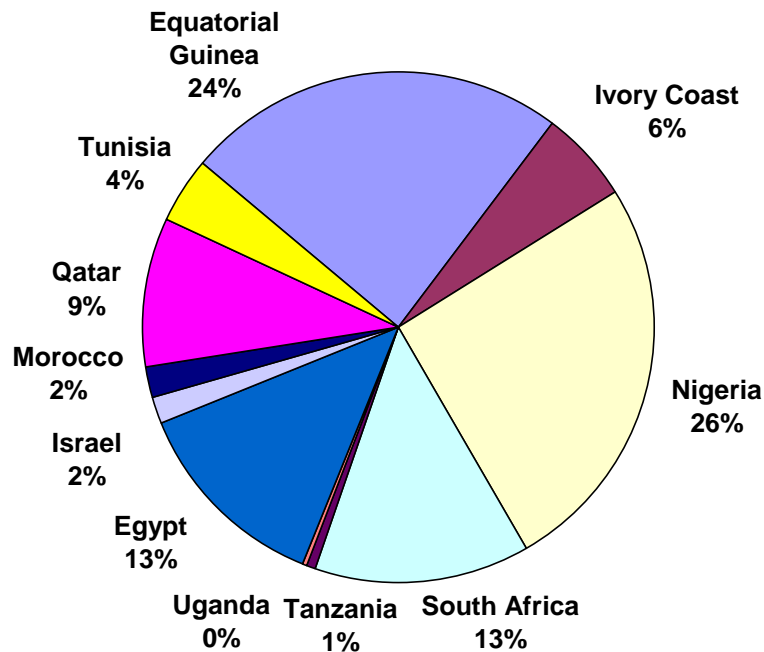
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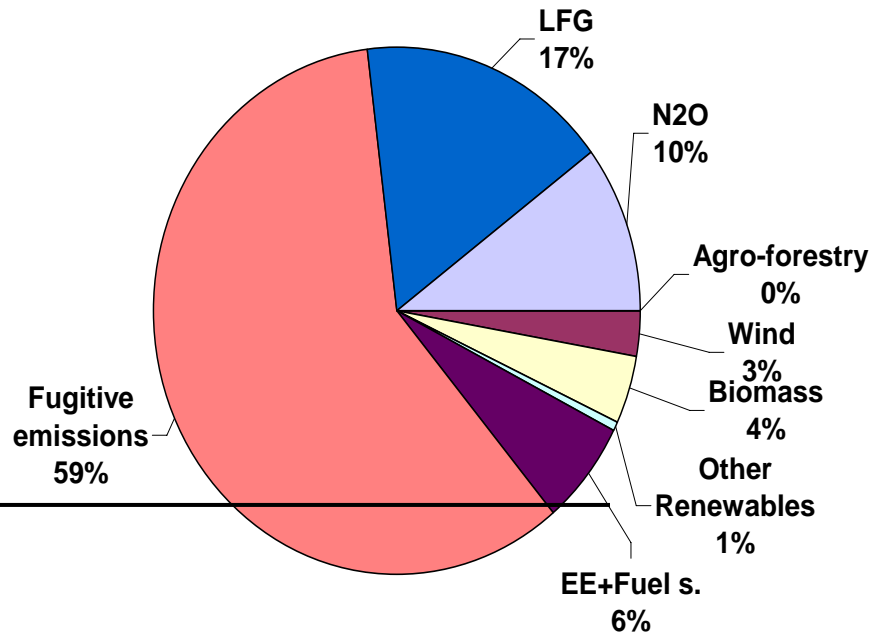


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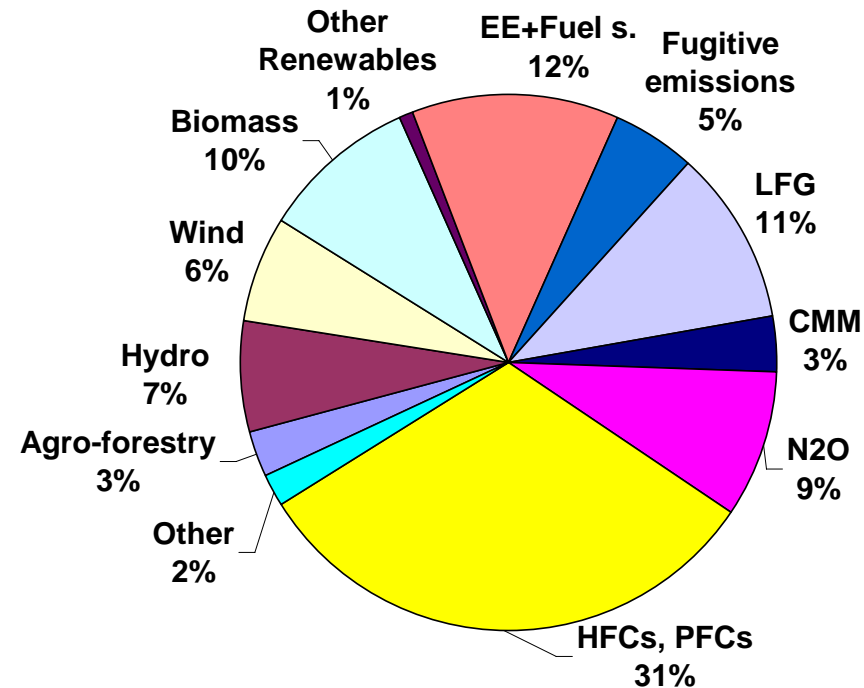
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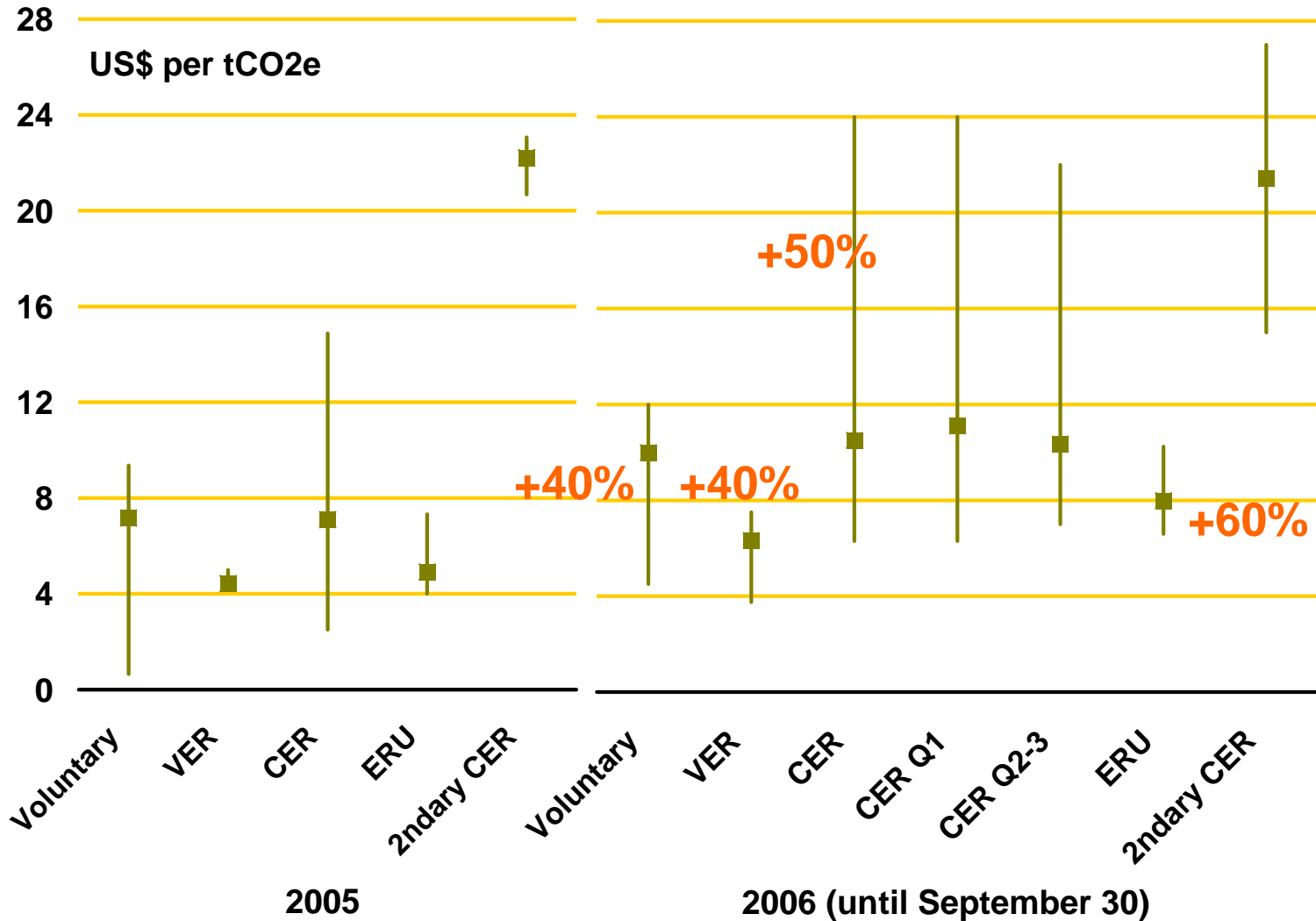
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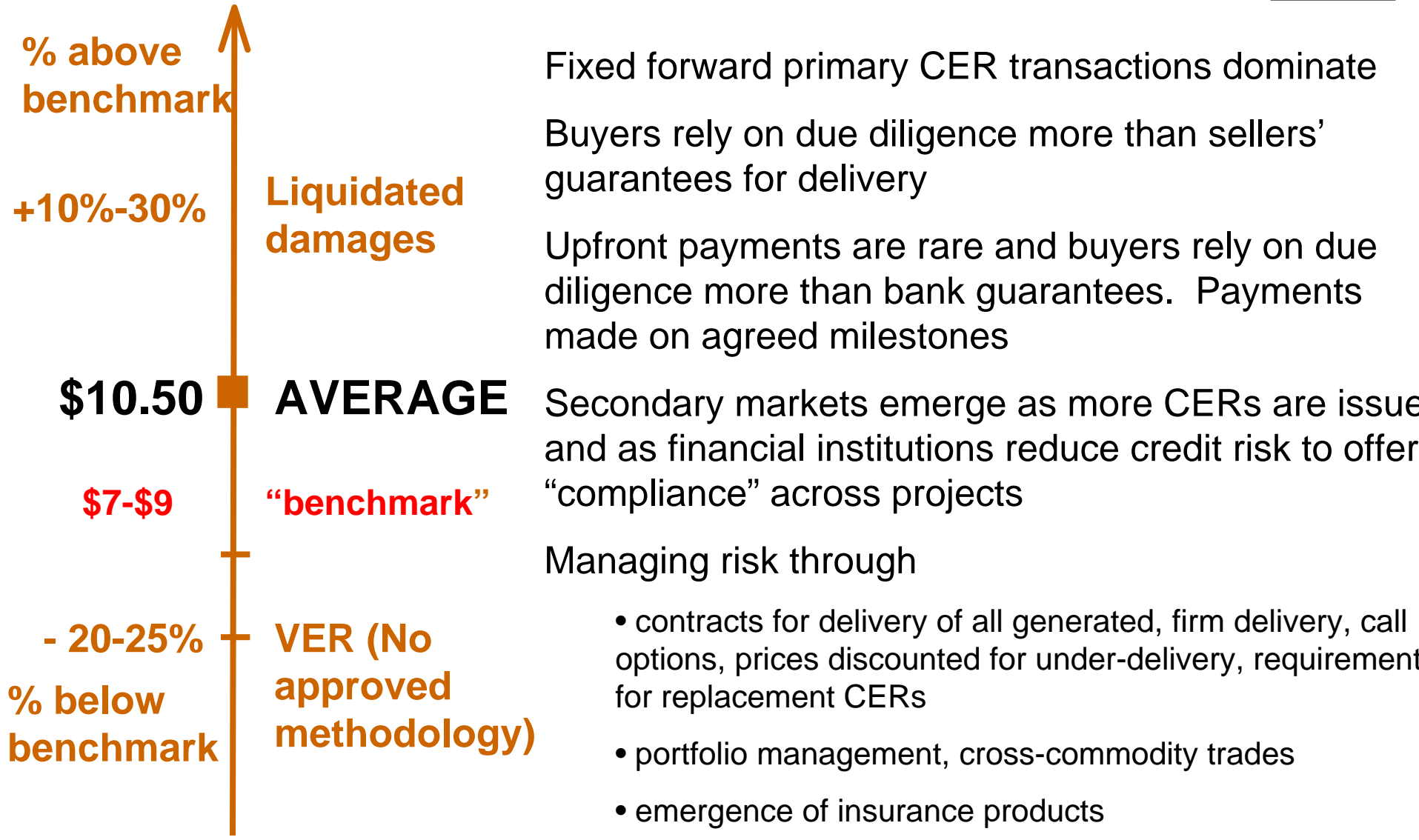
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# Prices: Up across the Board



# Prices and CER contracts terms



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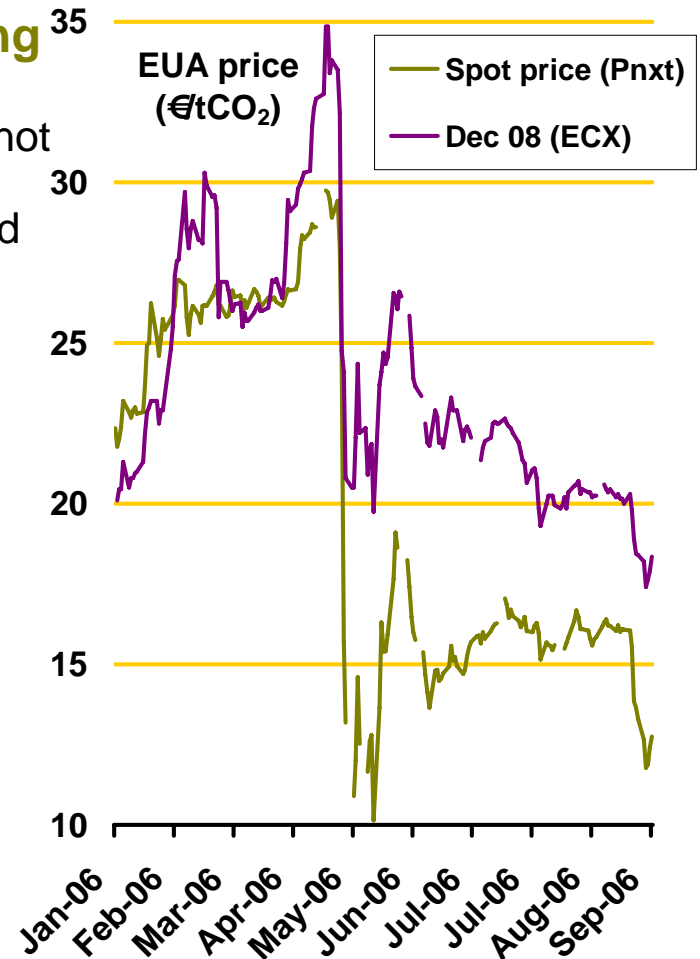
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