

Animal welfare: Moving forward to help score sustainable development goals?

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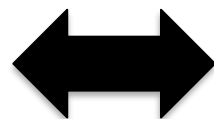
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If we don't take the welfare of animals in to consideration – even if we achieve specific goals, they may not be sustainable in the long term



Animal Welfare

Animal welfare means the physical and mental state of an animal in relation to the conditions in which it lives and dies



Sustainable Development



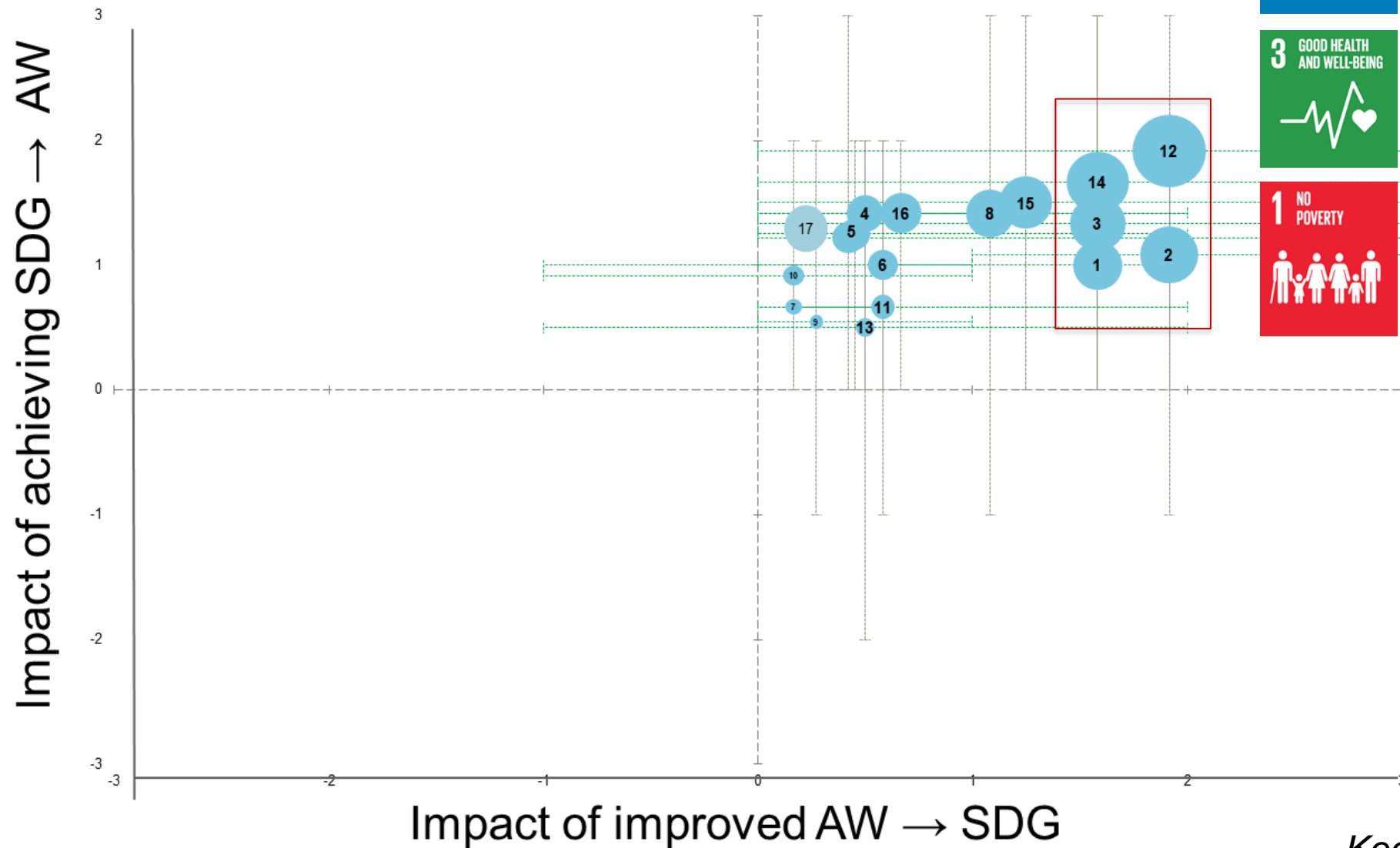
Co-benefit



Conflict

Interaction	Name	Explanation
+3	Indivisible	Inextricably linked to the achievement of another goal
+2	Reinforcing	Aids the achievement of another goal
+1	Enabling	Creates conditions that further another goal
0	Consistent	No significant positive or negative interactions
-1	Constraining	Limits options on another goal
-2	Counteracting	Clashes with another goal
-3	Cancelling	Makes it impossible to reach another goal

On average there are large positive impacts (mean and range)









Animal Welfare and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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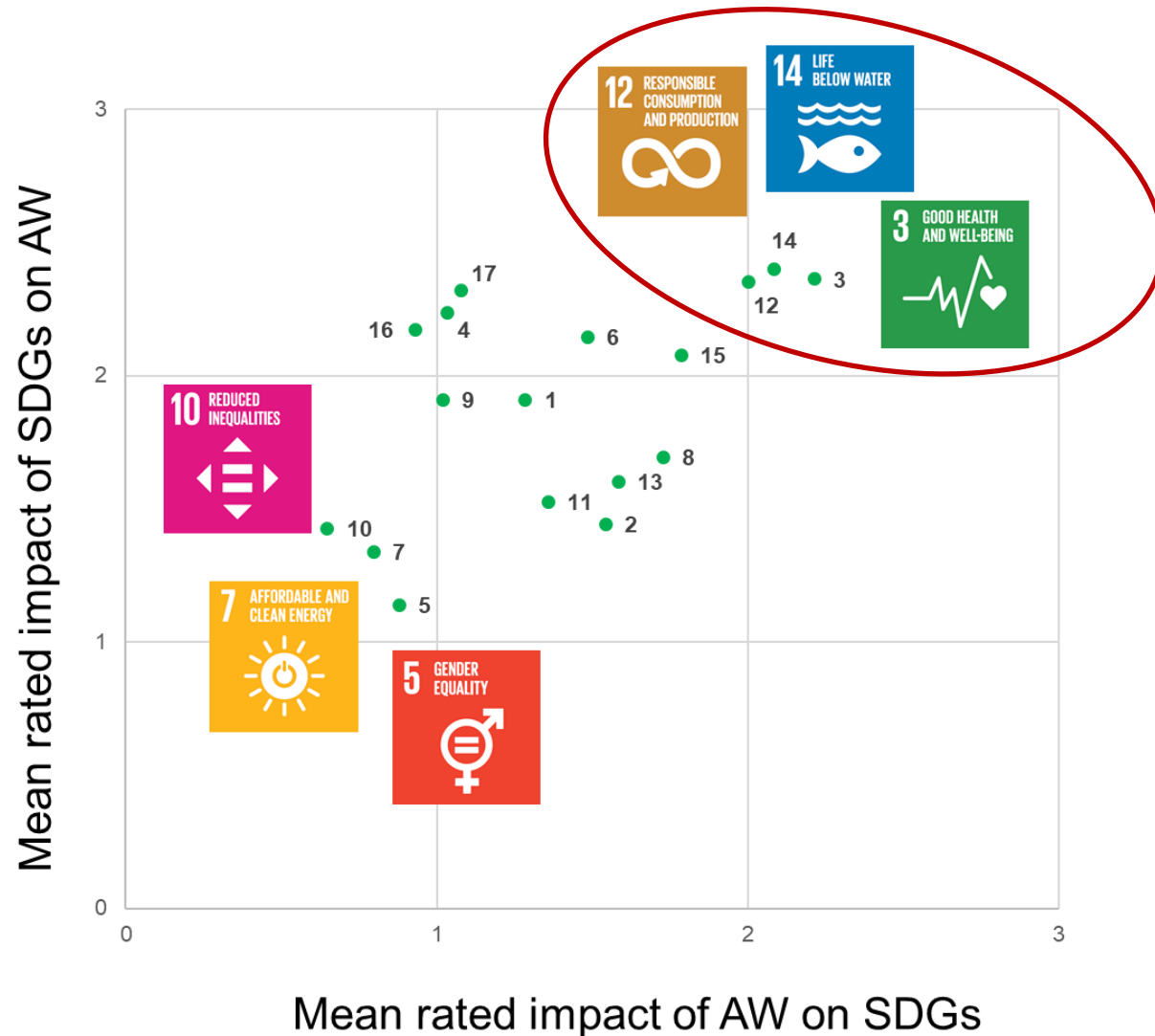
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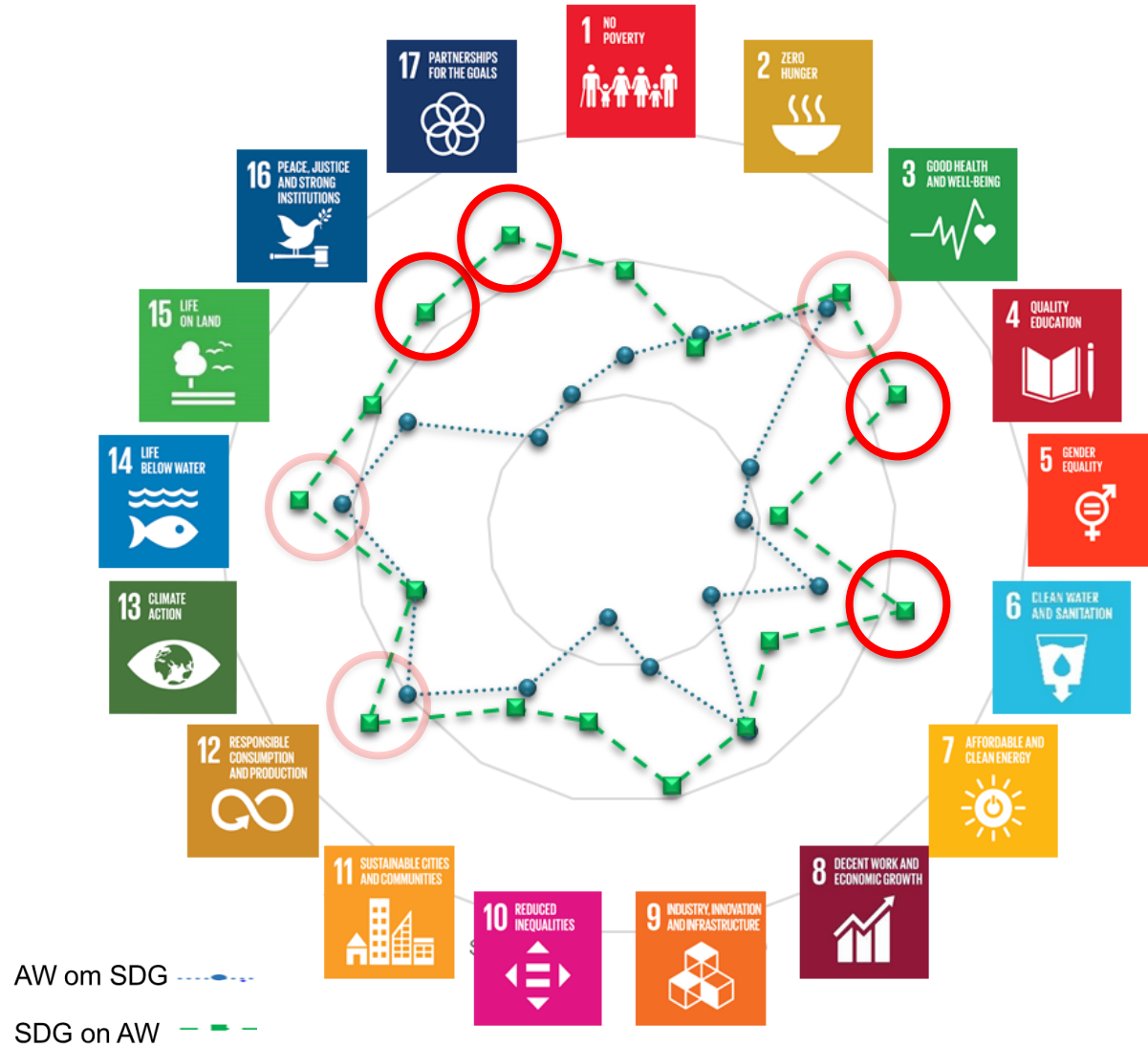
2) Potential 'map' to guide policy



Identify potential allies working in areas where the benefits are mutual

Co-benefits make collaboration equally worthwhile for both organisations

3) Potential 'map' to guide policy



Helping others achieve their goals will ultimately benefit animal welfare



SUMMARY

This methodology can help organisations identify new policy opportunities – unavailable when working independently



Take home message

- There are many co-benefits between improving animal welfare and achieving the SDGs. We can use these more effectively
- A systematic approach can help organisations identify potential new partners for strategic relationships.
- Collaboration opens up opportunities that would be unavailable when organisations are working independently towards their own goals

It is a journey and we need a better map!

