Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (IEA) to support fisheries management



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Ecosystem based fisheries management

Ecosystem based management



direct interactions

direct + indirect interactions

INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSEMENT

Objectives, goals & targets

Observations
Aggregated data
Model output
Indicators

Expert judgements
Integrated analyses
Identifying scenarios
Modelling & scenario testing

Ecosystem state & change Main drivers & pressures Vulnerabilities, risks & sustainability

ID areas of concern

Management options

IMPLEMENTATION Methods Output

Scope

3. Quantitative

Statistical models

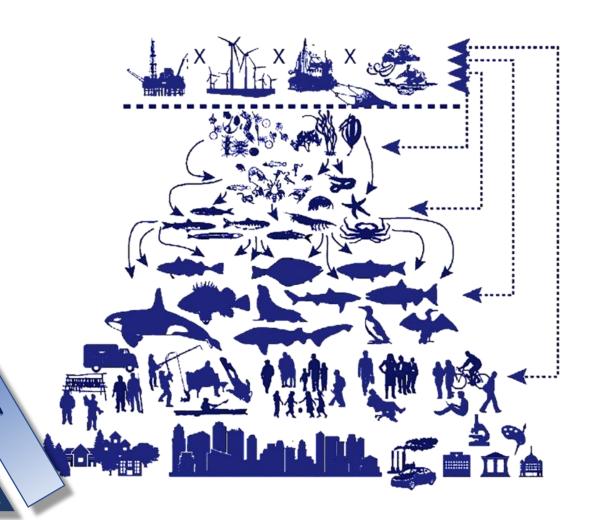
Numerical models

2. Semi-quantitative

Degree of overlap
Frequency of impact
Species/system vulnerability
Species/system resilience

1. Qualitative

Mapping pressures & drivers & ecosystem components
Expert opinions
Conceptual/qualitative models



Action Points

- Develop guiding principles on Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) frameworks to support ecosystem based management across global oceans
- Secure the use of regional expertise in ocean assessments
- Develop ecosystem management objectives, in addition to sector specific objectives
- Support the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) for data and information sharing