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Multispecies Management Plan for Fisheries, the next step:
*Lessons learned for the development of the Multispecies
Management Plans for the North Sea and other waters*

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Summary of Observations

- Overfishing continues;
- Ambitious reform has been followed by intransigence;
- European Parliament attention is crucial.

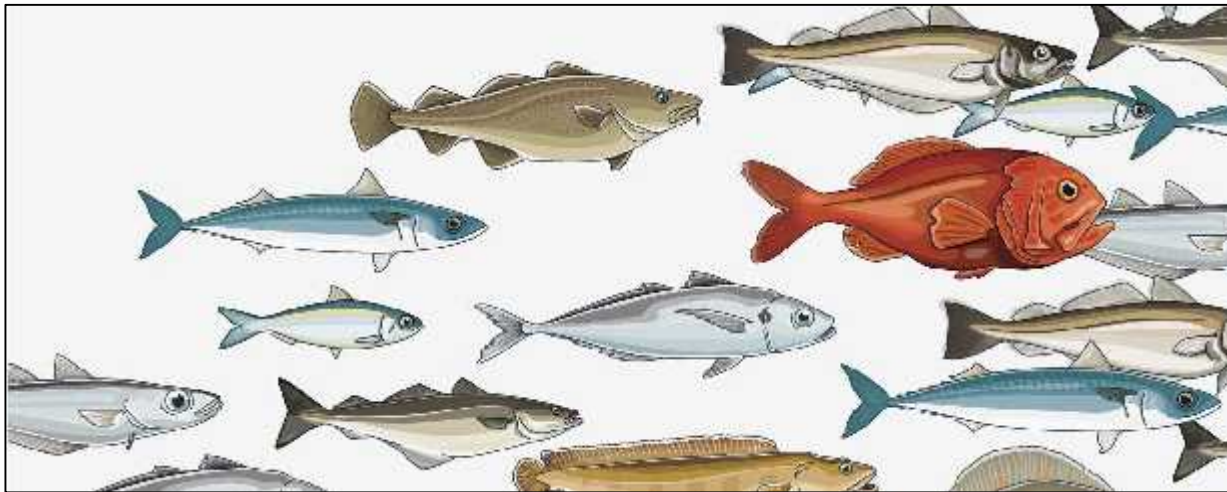


1. CFP reform and progress so far

CFP

New CFP is a paradigm shift, and once in a lifetime reform:

- End overfishing;
- Ecosystem & precautionary approaches; and
- Long term perspective - multiannual plans (MAPs)



Progress so far: overfishing continues

Fishing above F_{MSY}

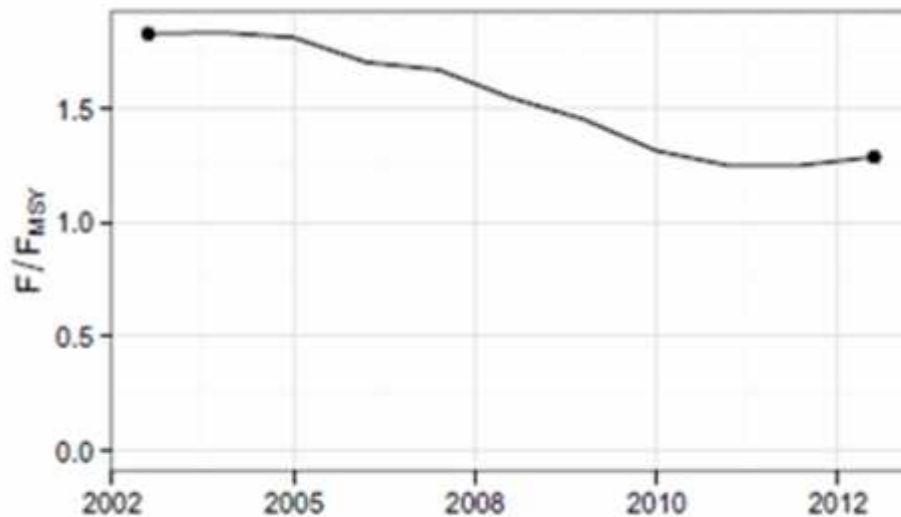


Figure 10: Arithmetic mean value of the F/F_{MSY} ratio by year.

Stocks outside safe biological limits

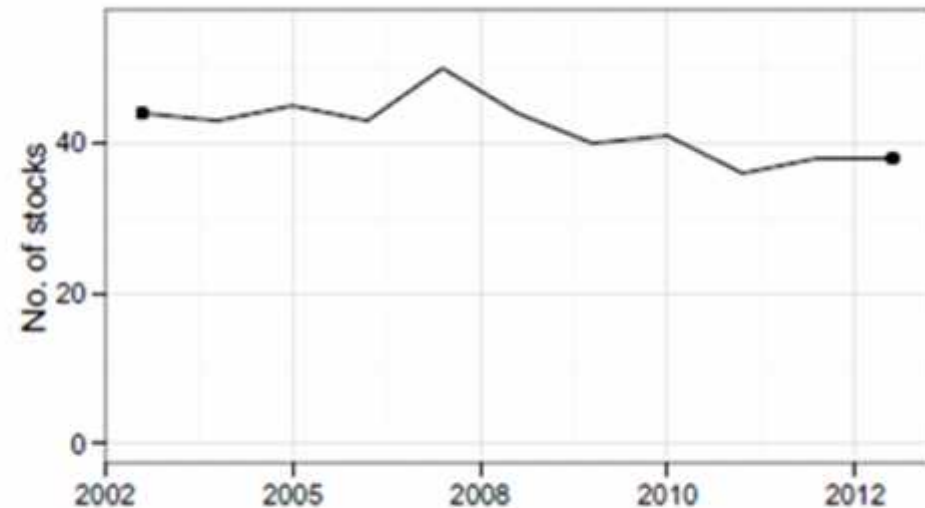


Figure 6: Number of stocks outside safe biological limits by year.

Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF): Monitoring the performance of the Common Fisheries Policy (STECF-15-04)

Overfishing continues

- Commission's State of Stocks report:
 - TACs do not yet reflect CFP's ambition.
- STECF report:
 - Mean overfishing increased in recent years.
- 2015 TACs:
 - In December 2014, Council set majority of TACs higher than scientific advice.

And: annual reporting does not yet reflect CFP



Overfishing data

Source	What do data show?	Figures
<p>STECF: Monitoring the performance of the Common Fisheries Policy</p> <p>http://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/43805/55543/2015-03_STECF+15-04+-+Monitoring+the+CFP_JRCxxx.pdf</p> <p>Dataset: Stocks where Bpa is defined for: Baltic Sea, North Sea, Western Europe, and widely distributed stocks.</p>	No. of stocks inside /outside safe biological limits (latest data 2013)	24 stocks inside / 38 outside (39% / 61%)
<p>Commission Communication: Consultation on Fishing Opportunities 2016)</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/consultations/fishing-opportunities-2016/doc/com_2015_239_annex_en.pdf</p> <p>Dataset: Stocks with MSY estimates in North-East Atlantic and adjacent waters.</p>	Stocks fished at or below F_{MSY} / stocks fished above F_{MSY}	32 stocks at or below F_{MSY} / 30 above F_{MSY} (52% / 48%)
<p>Pew analysis of 2015 TACs</p> <p>http://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/Assets/2015/05/AllowableCatchEsinEuropesNWWatersApril2015.pdf?la=en</p> <p>Dataset: 95 TACs with scientific advice in North-East Atlantic and adjacent waters (North, Celtic and Irish Seas, and Atlantic west of Scotland).</p>	No. of TACs set above scientific advice	56 out of 95 TACs (59%)
	Average amount above scientific advice across TACs	36%

2. Lessons learned from CFP reform

Lessons learned from CFP reform

1. An engaged civil society can motivate political courage



Lessons learned from the CFP reform

2. The European Parliament can secure ambitious reform of failing fisheries management.



Lessons learned from the CFP reform

3. The more ambitious the objectives, the more resistance there is to implementation.



3. Lessons learnt from Baltic MAP process

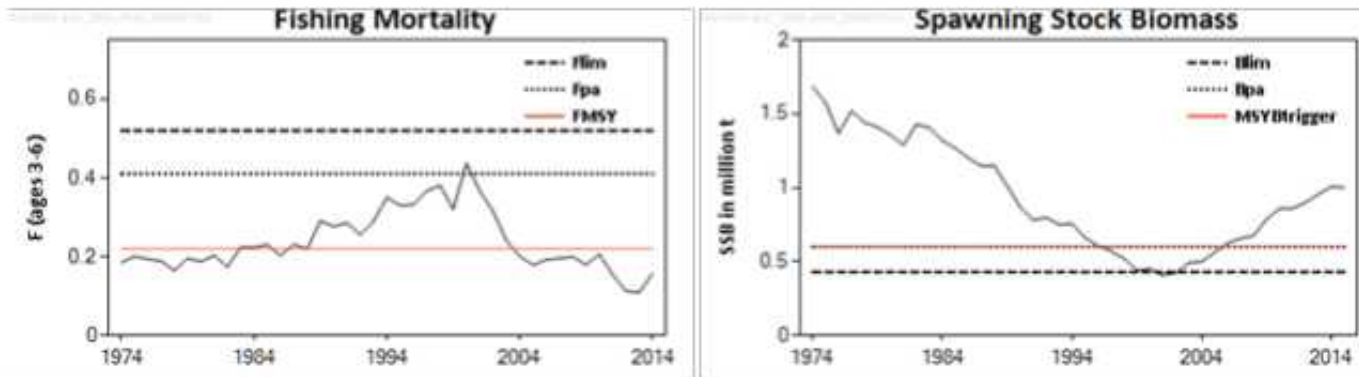
Lessons learned from the Baltic Multiannual Plan process

1. Commission proposal lacks ambition of CFP:

- F ranges 'around MSY' (i.e. ranges exceed F_{MSY} limit);
- Lower objectives for stock biomass; and
- Lower reference points.



Example: Central Baltic Herring



- ICES advice on F_{MSY} (2016 catch): 201,000 tonnes
- Catch equating to upper limit of F range in Council position: 250,000 tonnes

ICES Advice on central Baltic herring (18th June 2015)

(<http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2015/2015/her-2532-gor.pdf>)

Lessons learned from the Baltic Multiannual Plan process

2. Civil society still cares:

"upper limit for F ranges must be F_{MSY} "



"compliance with all Article 2 elements".



"All species need to be covered by the plan"



"Biomass reference points that achieve the article 2.2 objective".



Lessons learned from the Baltic Multiannual Plan process

3. Without the European Parliament, CFP objectives would already have been lost:

- Council: welcomed Commission's approach
- European Parliament: rejected
- Impasse



Recommendations for future MAPs

1. MAP objectives need to reflect those of the CFP.
2. Limits and reference points need to respect those objectives (F_{MSY} is an upper limit).
3. Please hold the line in Trilogue!



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