

SEAwise Southwestern waters



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The true experts on the usefulness of advice are the recipients

SEAwise works from October 2021 until September 2025 to pave the way for the effective implementation of Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management in Europe

We work with our stakeholder network to establish clear priorities, a common knowledge base and characteristics of ready-for uptake advice addressing our 4 aims

**1.
Build a
network of
stakeholders**

**2.
Assemble a
new
knowledge
base**

**3.
Collate,
develop and
integrate
predictive
models**

**4.
Provide
ready-for-
uptake
advice**

What should we consider in Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management?

- There are numerous drivers acting on the sea and our ability to achieve our goals for it
- In SEAwise, we focus on climate change, fisheries and spatial management
- The ecological system contains the species we land and the species and habitats that we impact
- The social system contains the people, communities and economies that are impacted by fisheries
- ...but this all very quickly gets very complex. So how can we make it simpler?



ABILITY
TO ACHIEVE

SCIENTIFIC BASIS → Scientific basis

GOVERNANCE → Fisheries governance

EXTERNAL HUMAN DRIVERS →

- Landbased impacts
- Non-fishing maritime activities
- Spatial management

EXTERNAL ECOLOGICAL DRIVERS → Ecological Drivers



ECOLOGICAL
WELL-BEING

RETAINED SPECIES → Fish/shellfish landed

NON-RETAINED SPECIES →

- Protected, endangered and threatened species
- Bycatch

ECOSYSTEM STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION →

- Food web structure and function
- Habitats



HUMAN
WELL-BEING

HUMAN WELL-BEING →

- Food & nutrition security
- Carbon footprint
- Human well-being

LIVELIHOOD →

- Coastal communities
- Economy in fisheries
- Employment in fisheries
- Market

Split issues
in two:
the EBFM
Website Tool
and Tool box

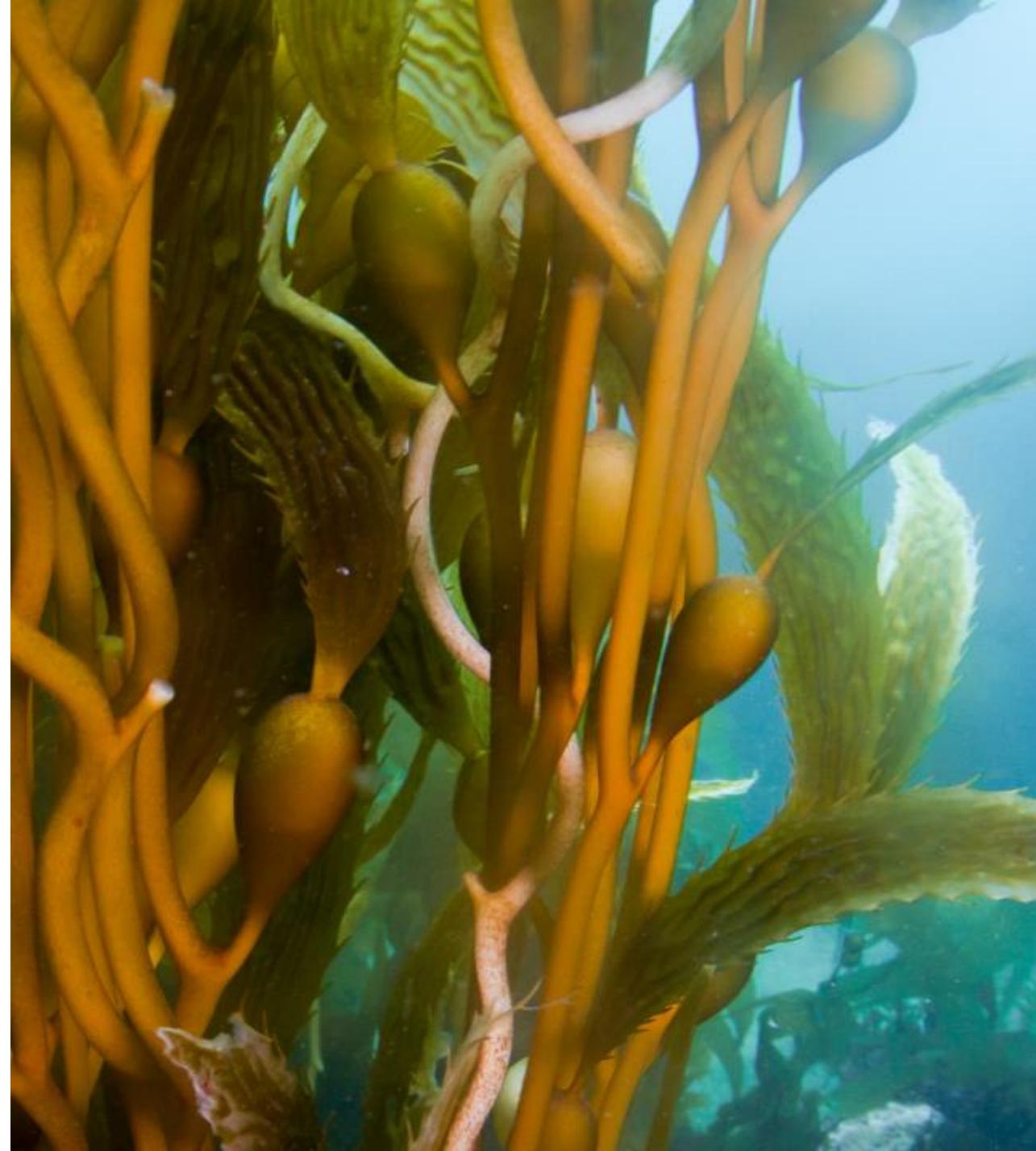
Complexity
within
objectives

Complexity across
objectives

The screenshot displays the SEAWISE website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT, CASES, NETWORK, RESULTS, NEWS, and SYMPOSIUM 2025. Below this, a secondary menu highlights 'EASTERN IONIAN SEA: AT A GLANCE' and 'INSIGHTS FROM THE EASTERN IONIAN SEA'. The main content area on the left includes a breadcrumb trail (Tool > Case Study > Mediterranean Sea > Eastern Ionian Sea), a title 'EBFM IN THE REGION', and a descriptive paragraph. Below the text are 'FILTERS' for 'CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIO A', 'CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIO B', 'STATUS QUO', 'PGY', 'FMSY', 'CASE SPEC', and 'CASE STUDY'. A language selector shows 'EN'. The dashboard on the right features a table with columns for years 2025, 2035, and 2045, and rows for 'FISH STOCKS', 'BIODIVERSITY', 'HABITATS', and 'COMMUNITIES', each with a dropdown arrow and a set of colored circles representing data points. Below the dashboard are four charts: 'Stock projection time-series' (line graph), 'Fishing pressure F' (line graph), 'Recruitment in millions' (bar chart), and 'Catch in 1000 t' (bar chart).

AGENDA

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23 April 2025</i>	
10.00 - 10:10	Opening welcome	Anna Rindorf, DTU
10.10 - 10:30	SEAwisely Case Study	Session led by Dorleta Garcia, AZTI
10.30 - 10:50	Discussion	
10.50 - 11:00	EBFM Toolbox Demo	Session led by Neil Maginnis, ICES
11.00 - 11:20	Trial of Toolbox	
11:20 - 11:35	Feedback	
11.35 - 11:50	Coffee break	
11.50 - 12:00	EBFM Tool Demo	Session led by Lia ní Aodha, Mindfully Wired
12.00 - 12:20	Trial of Tool	
12:20 - 12:35	Feedback	
12:35 - 13:00	Gaps, future work and closing comments	



SWWAC –SEAwise Timeline

Autumn
2021

3 Feb
2022

14 Mar
2022

15 June
2023

SEAwise
introduction



Scoping
workshop
Priority setting

Update
Knowledge &
methods



Co-design
workshop
Tool design

24 October
2024

23 April
2025

Summer 2025

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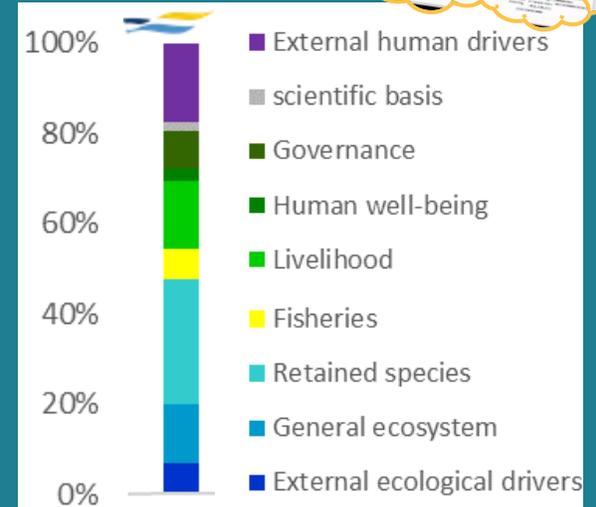


Review
workshop
Tool testing



Synthesis
workshop
Advice demo

Scoping
result

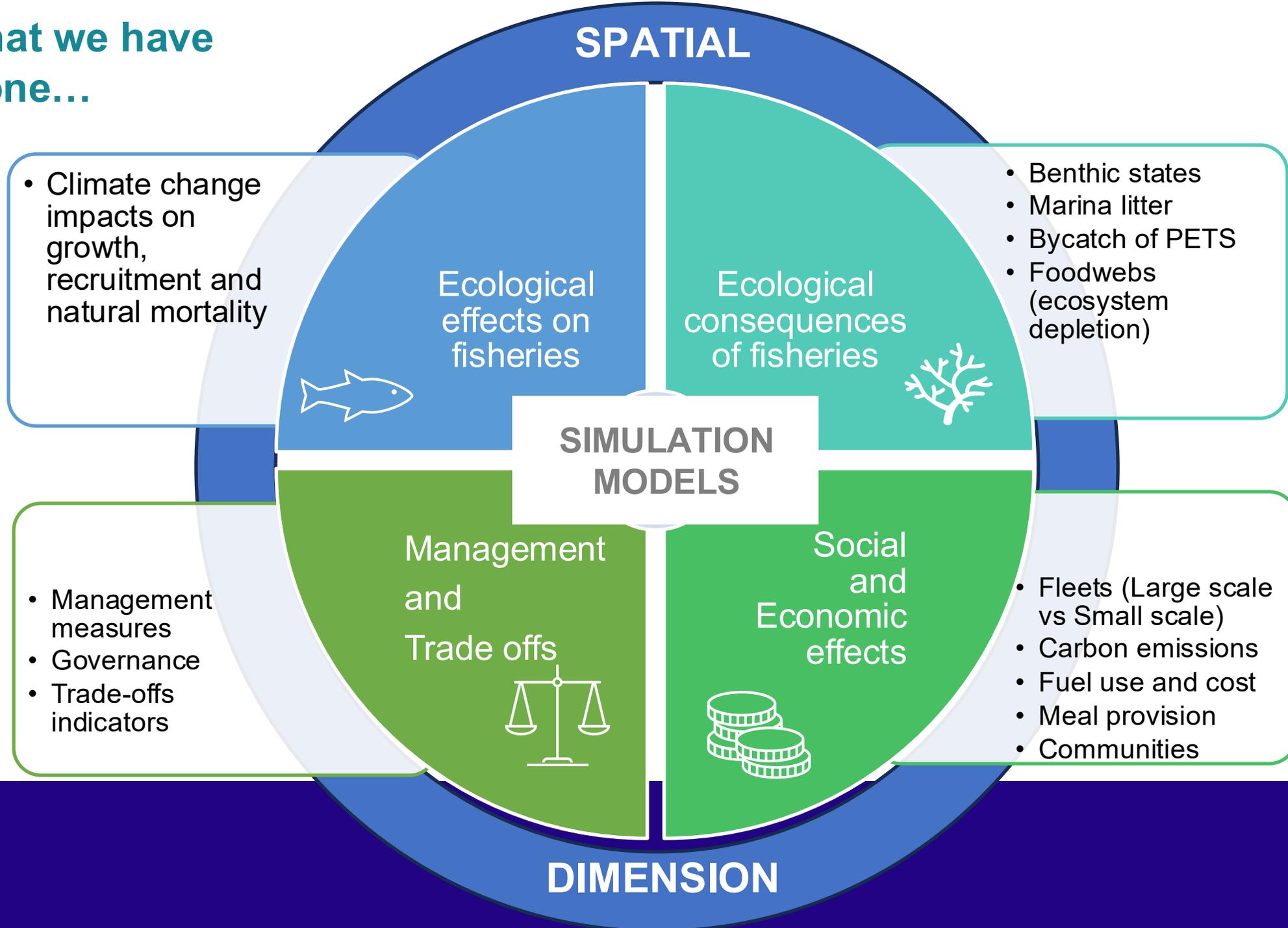


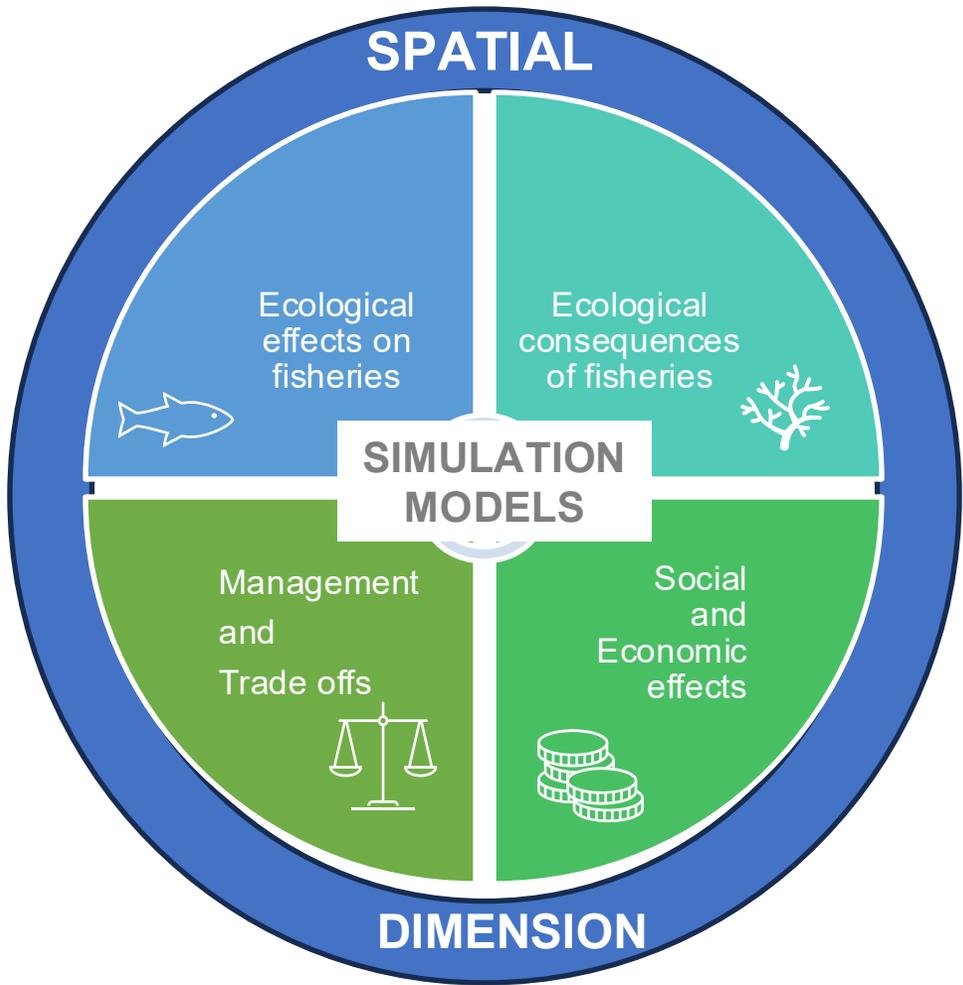
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



SYMPOSIUM 2025
OPERATIONALISING EUROPEAN ECOSYSTEM
BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
June 30 - July 3, Brussels

What we have done...





VISUALIZATION



EBFB
Tool

ACROSS
OBJECTIVES



EBFM
Toolbox

WITHIN
OBJECTIVES



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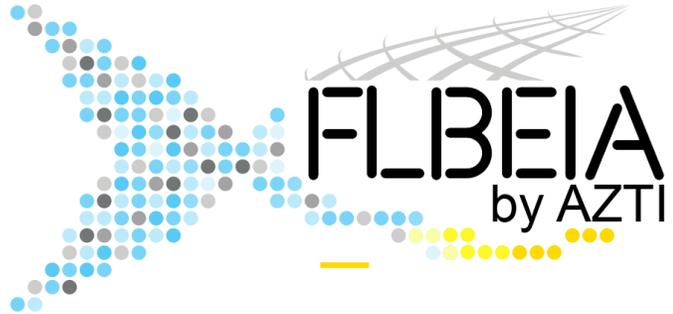


SCENARIOS



RESULTS

Mixed Fisheries models

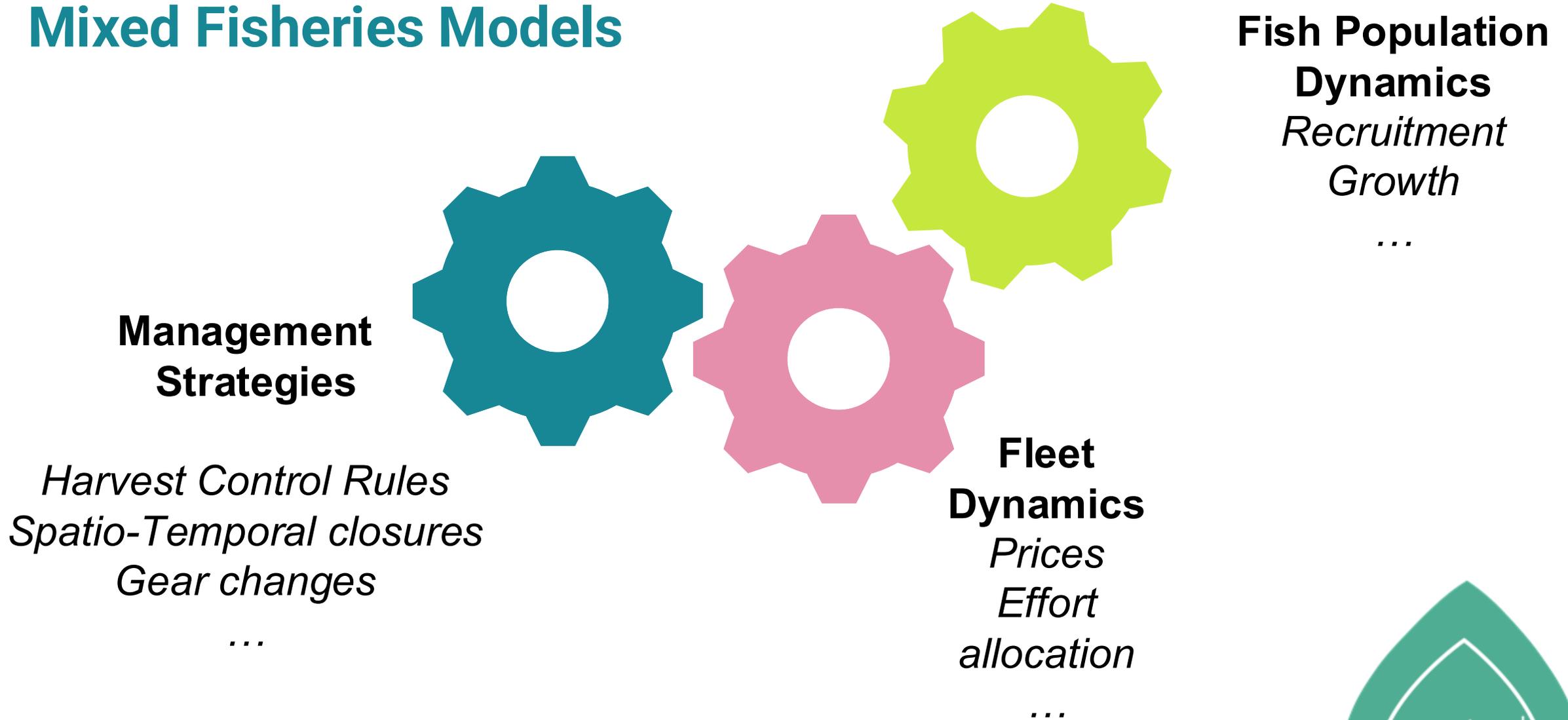


- Fully coupled to ICES mixed-fisheries considerations model
- Bay of Biscay Pelagic & Demersal fisheries



- Spatial model
- Bay of Biscay demersal fisheries

Mixed Fisheries Models



Mixed Fisheries Models



Management Strategies

- Status Quo
- Landing obligation + MSY
- Landing obligation + PGY
- MSY
- One month closure to protect Dolphins
- Spatial Closures to protect Benthic Habitats
- 50% reduction in Trawl effort

Fleet Dynamics Prices

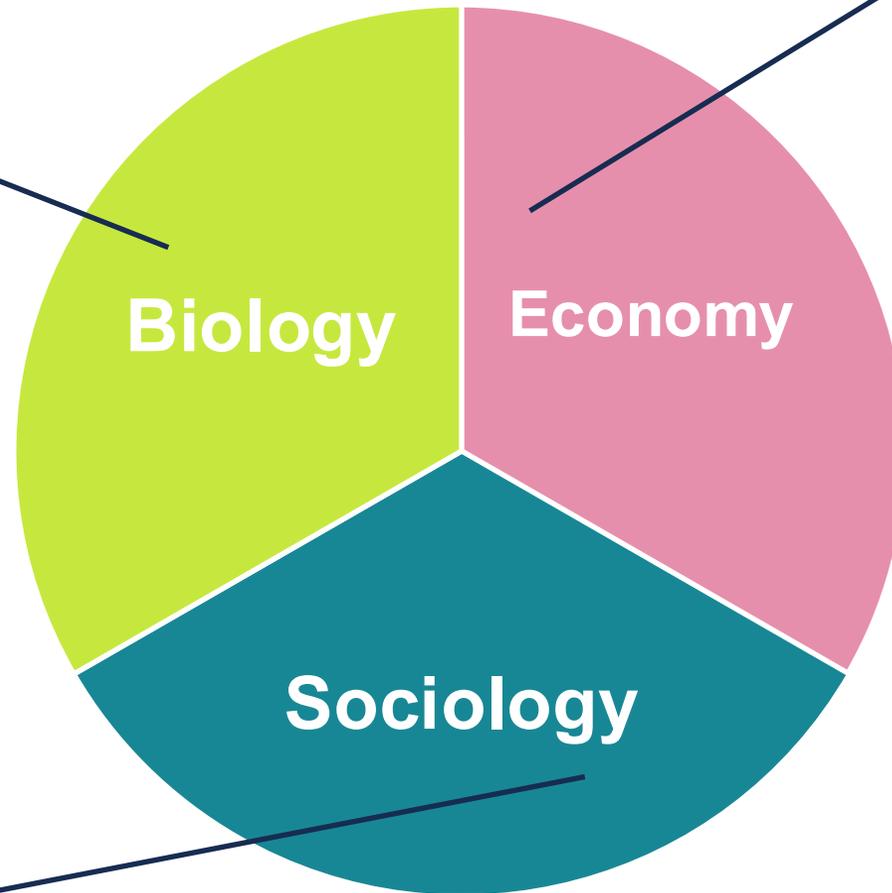
Fish Population Dynamics

- *Climate mediated recruitment:*
Anchovy & Hake
- *Climate mediated growth:*
Anchovy
- *Densodependence in growth:*
Anchovy & Hake
- *Regimen shifts in productivity:*
Sardine

Performance Indicators

Recruitment	Bycatch
SSB - Biomass	Biomass of forage fish
P(SSB < Blim)	Indicators by trophic guild
F/Fmsy	
Average age/length	
R/SSB	

Landings	Gross value added
Discards	Effort by Gear
Revenue	
Gross profit	



Co2 emissions	Catches per km2
Ratio of catches to primary production	Marine litter
	Relative benthic status

Employment	Small versus large scale
Wages	
Landings by harbour	



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SCENARIOS



RESULTS

Scenarios

Main management scenarios

MSY

PGY (pretty good yield)

Status quo effort

MSY – No landing obligation

Climate change scenarios

RCP 4.5

(moderate emissions with peak around 2040 and then decline)

RCP 8.5

(high emissions and a significant increase in global temperatures)



Region specific scenarios

Temporal closure to protect dolphins

Spatial closures to protect benthic habitat

50% reduction in the effort of trawlers



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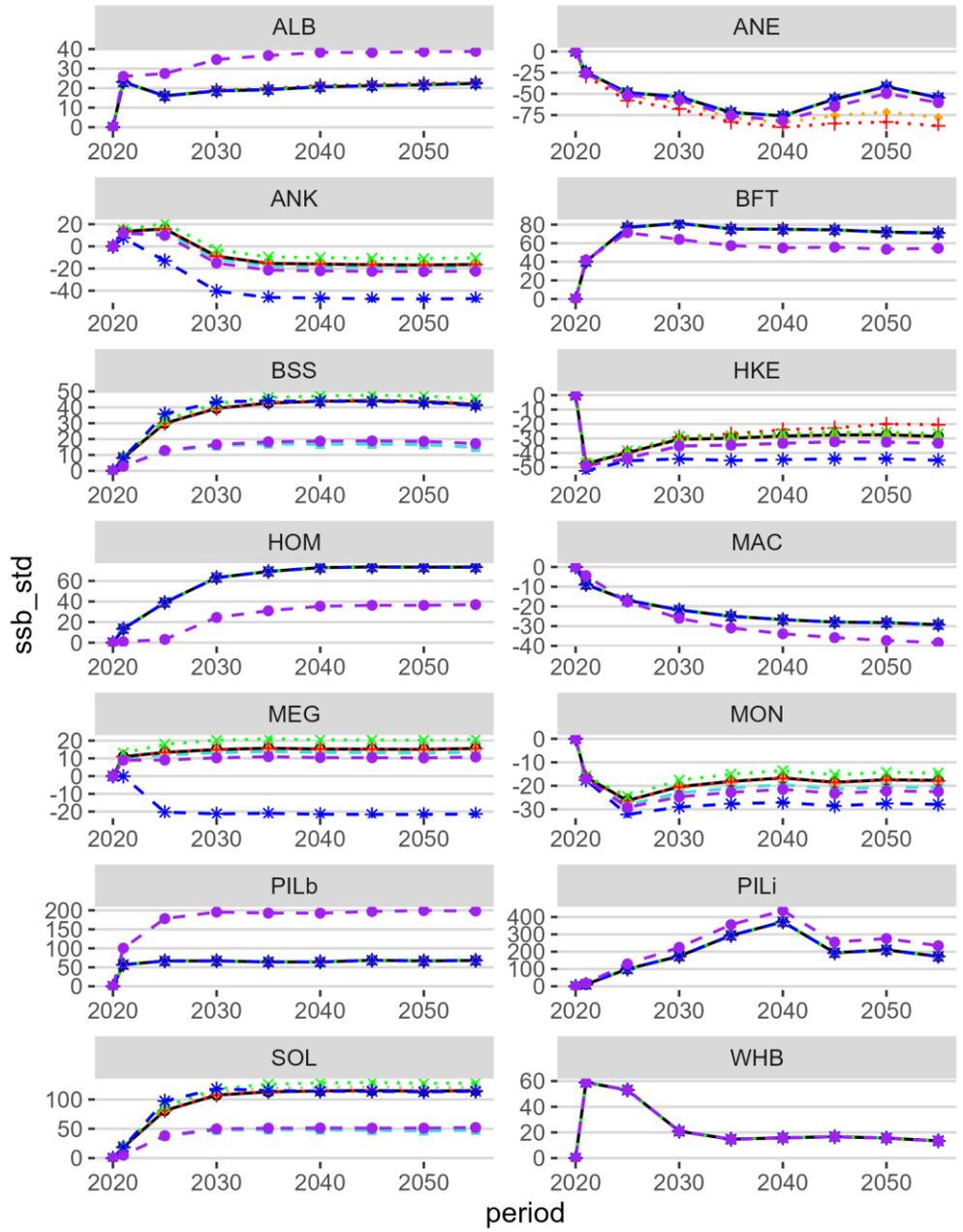


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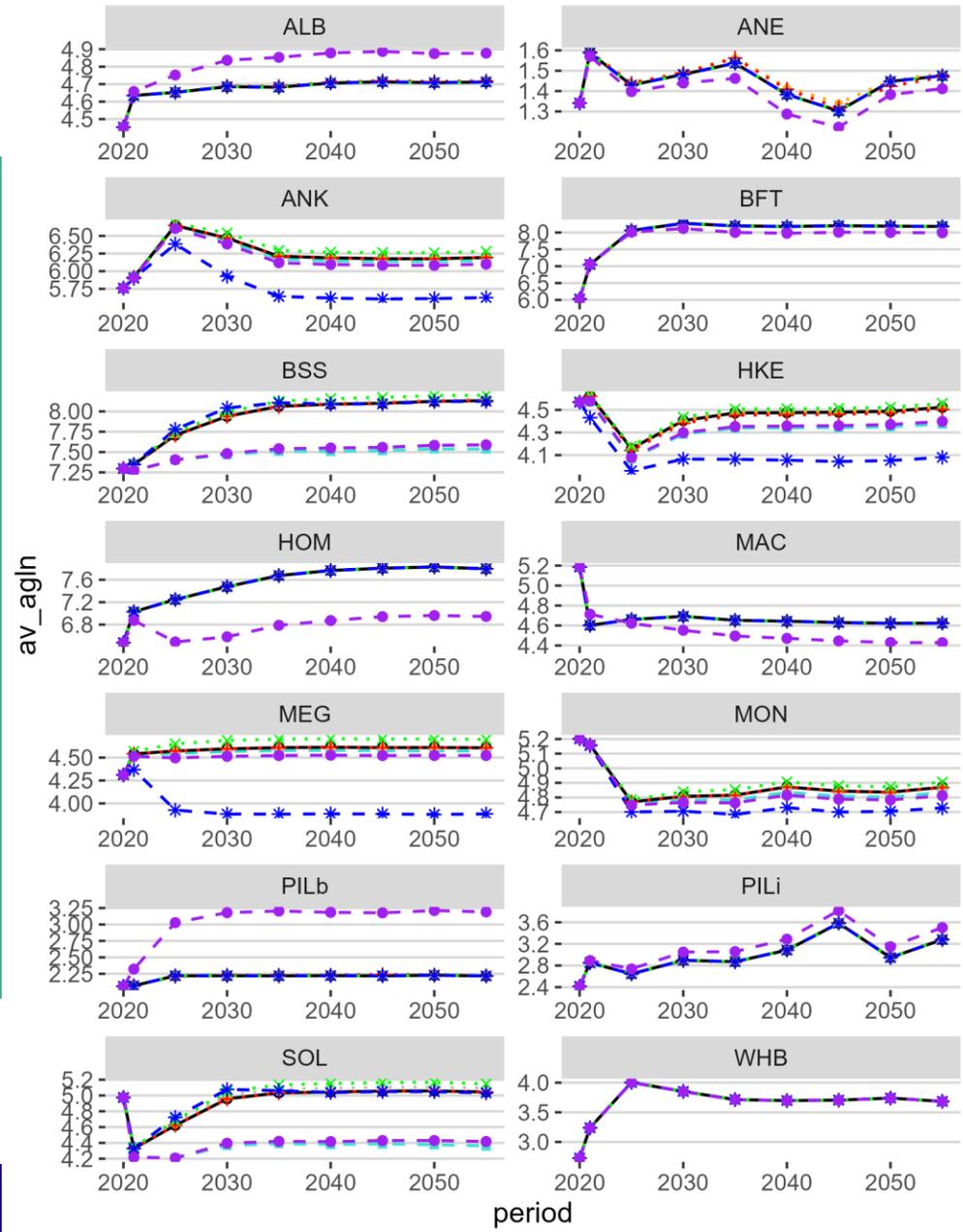
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Spawning stock biomass & Average age



scenario

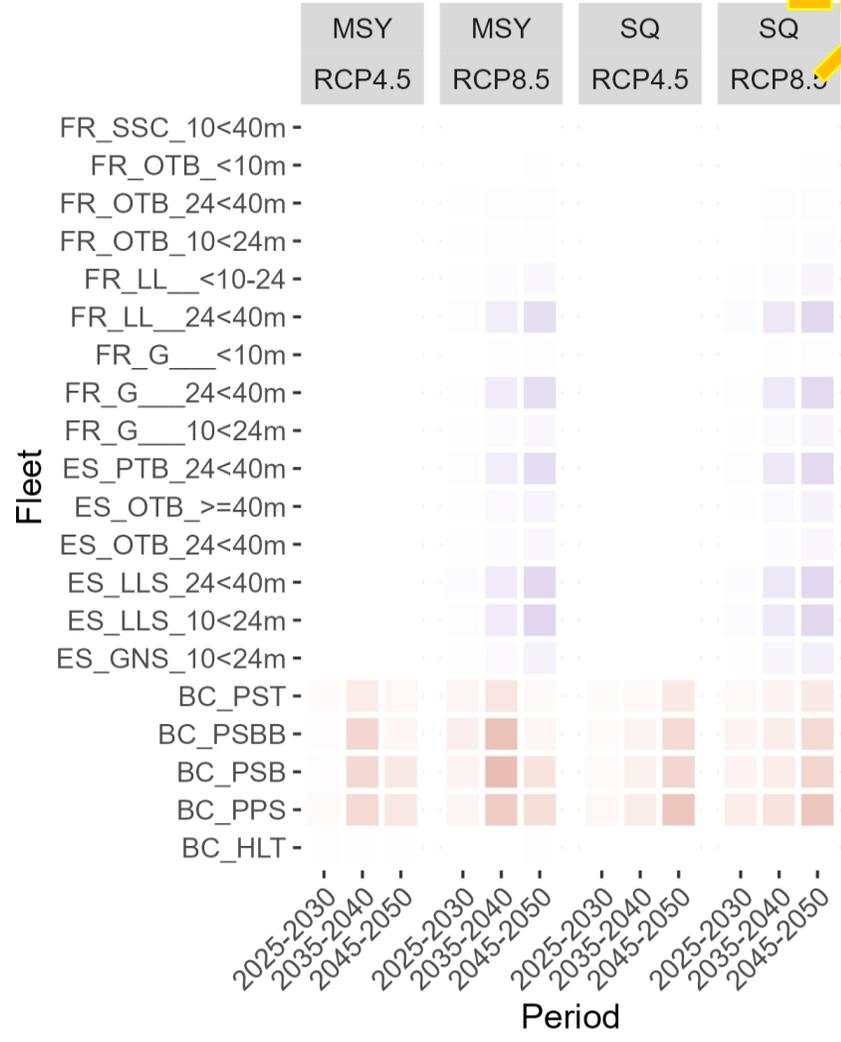
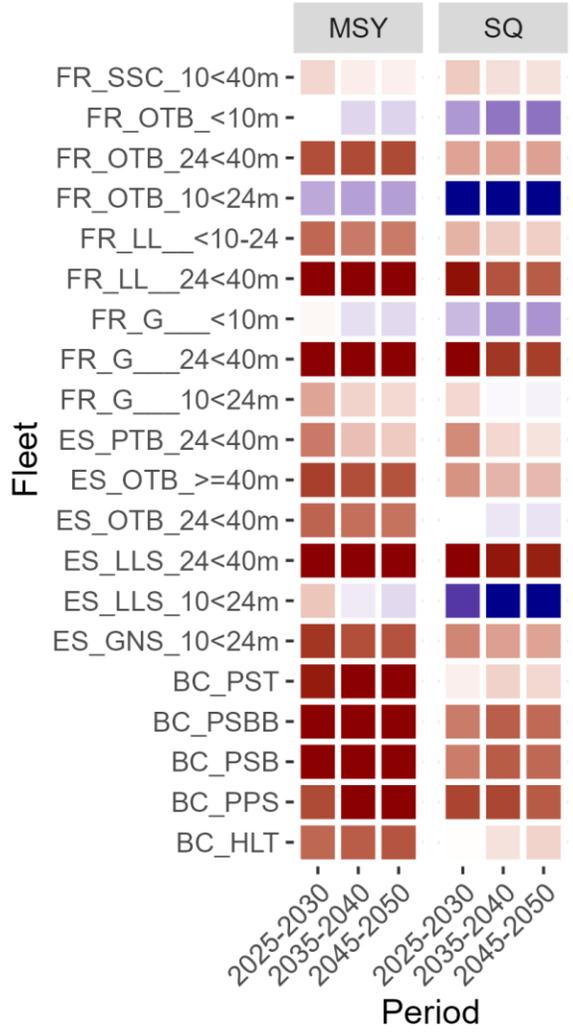
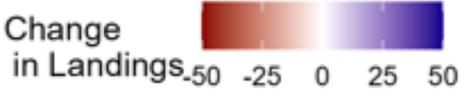
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- MSY
- MSY_DolphinC
- MSY_RCP4.5
- MSY_RCP8.5
- MSY_TrawlB
- PGY
- SQ



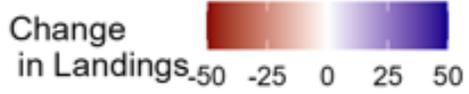
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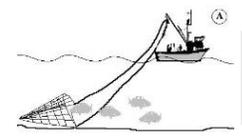
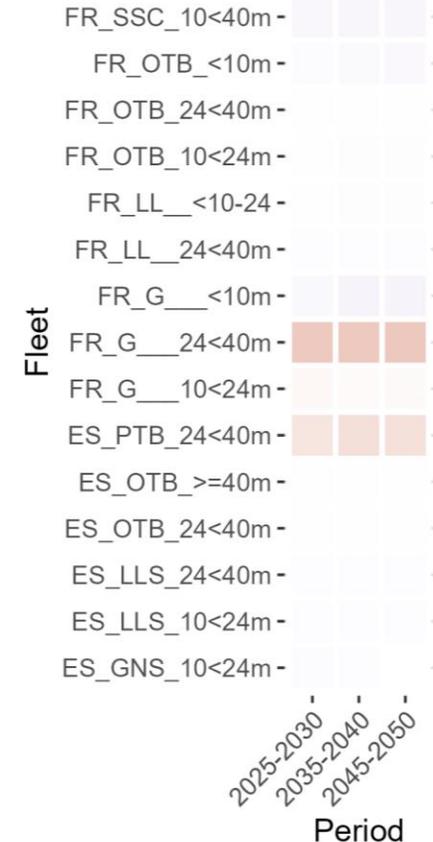
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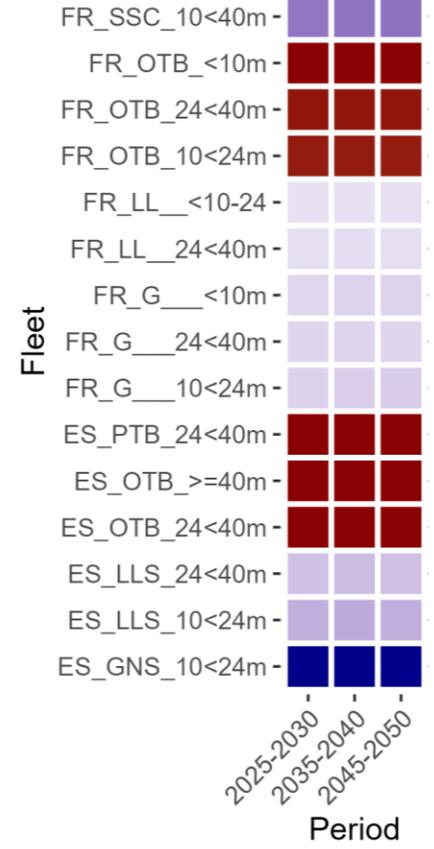
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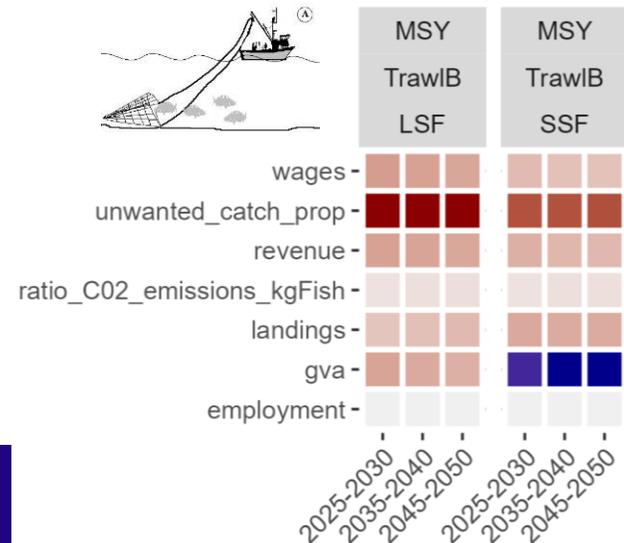
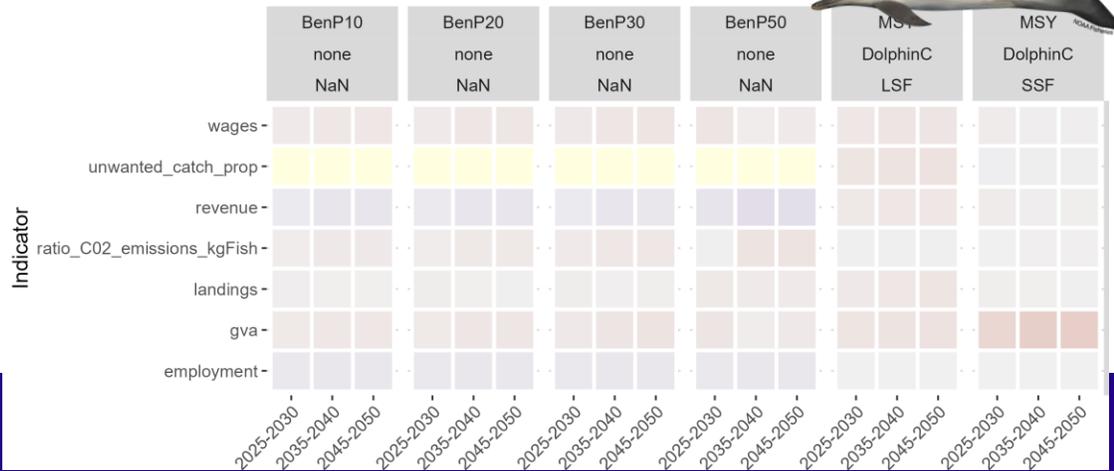
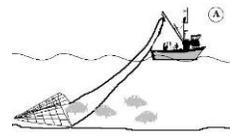
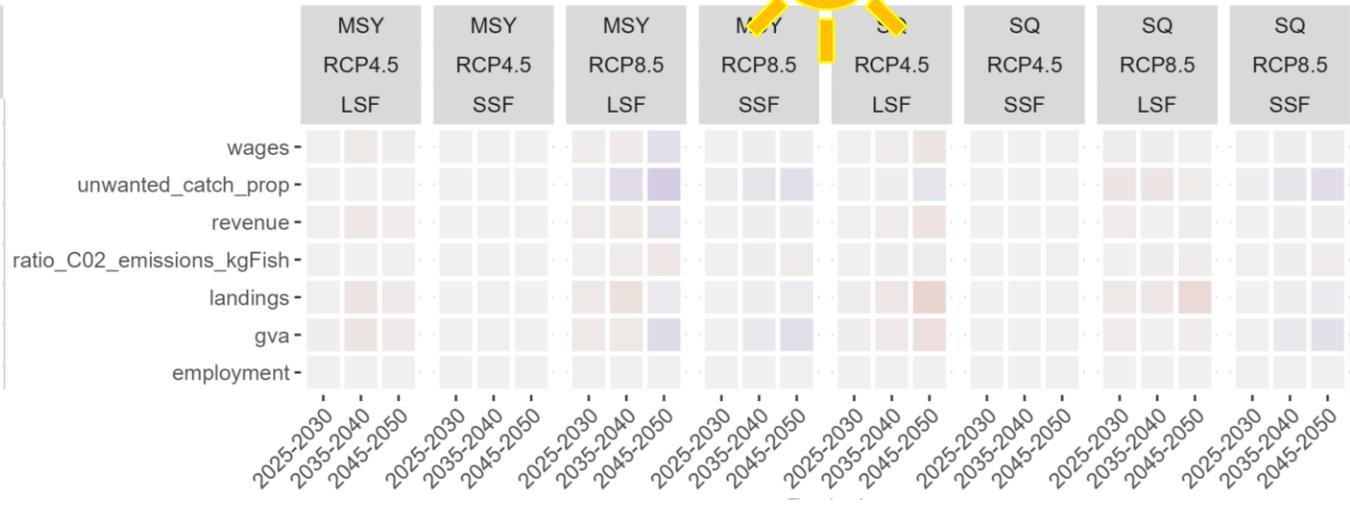
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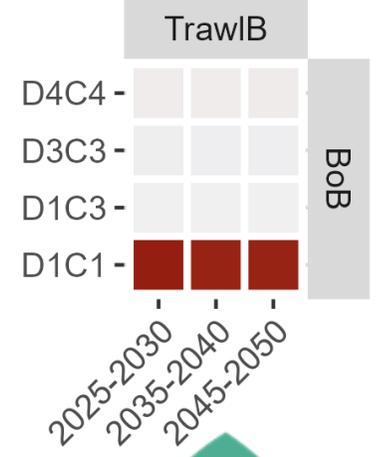
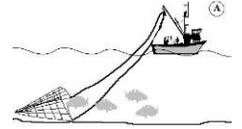
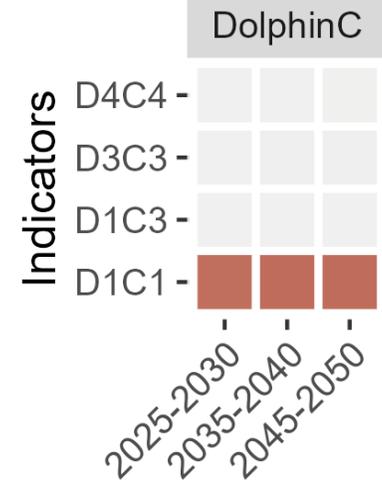
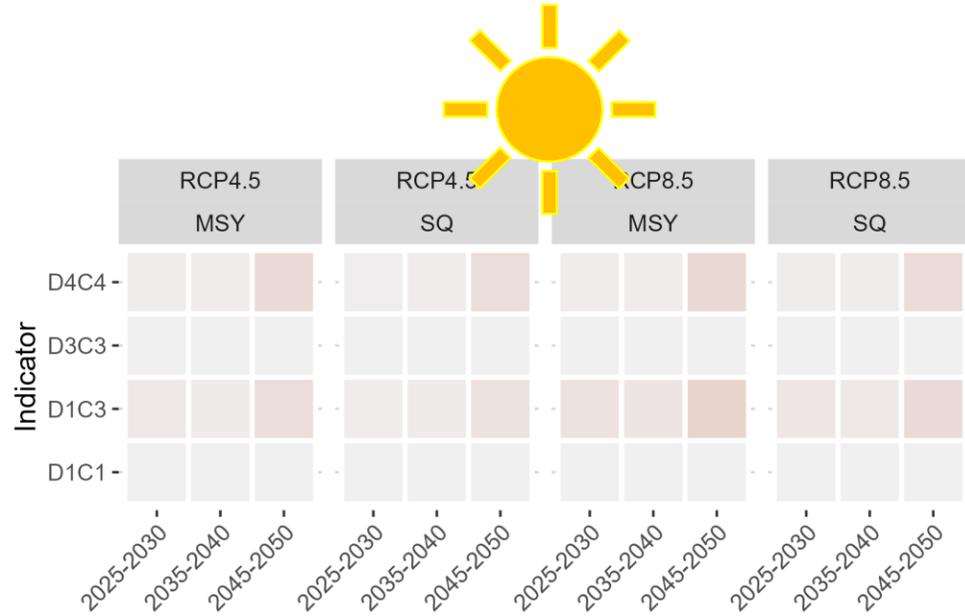
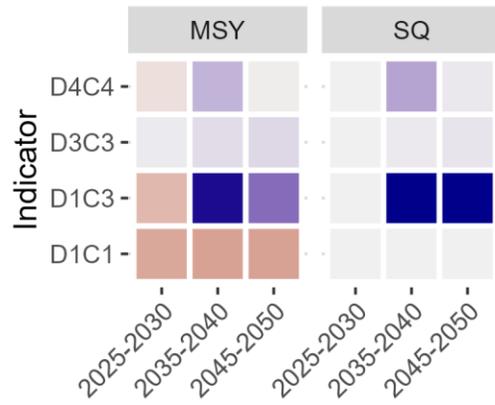
MSY
TrawlB



CFP SocioEconomic Indicators



MSFD Indicators





Model Review



What can we change: Stock Dynamics



Productivity is determined by recruitment
growth and natural mortality

The productivity of which stock would you
like to modify?

For all this we need
the new values!



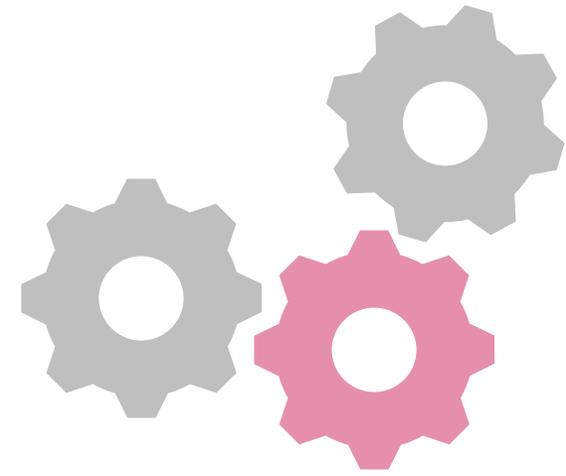


The productivity of which stock would you like to change in the Biological component?



What can we change: Fleet Dynamics

- Prices
- Fixed costs
- Fuel costs
- Other variable costs
- Quota share by fleet

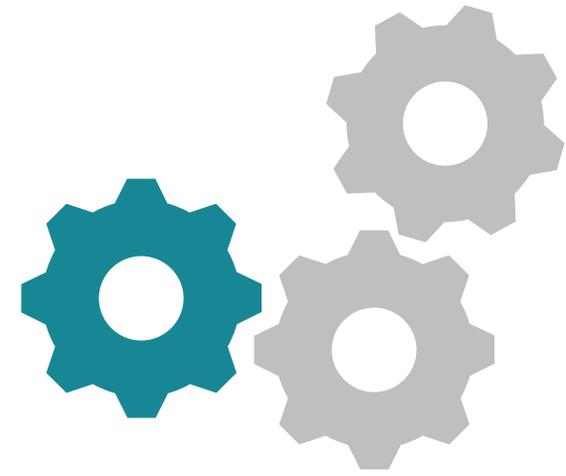


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What would you like to change in the Fleet component?

What can we change: Management



- Shape of the harvest control rules or reference points
- Selectivity
- Length of the spatio-temporal closure to protect Dolphins
- % Reduction in trawlers





The performance of what management strategies would you like to test?

Project itself

Progress



Next step?



What end-product should scientists present to fisheries managers and fishing industry to move to EBFM?

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Should we combine modelling approaches more, integrate them more?

How to include socio-economics in EBFM advice?

How to make EBFM happen?



Thanks for listening

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