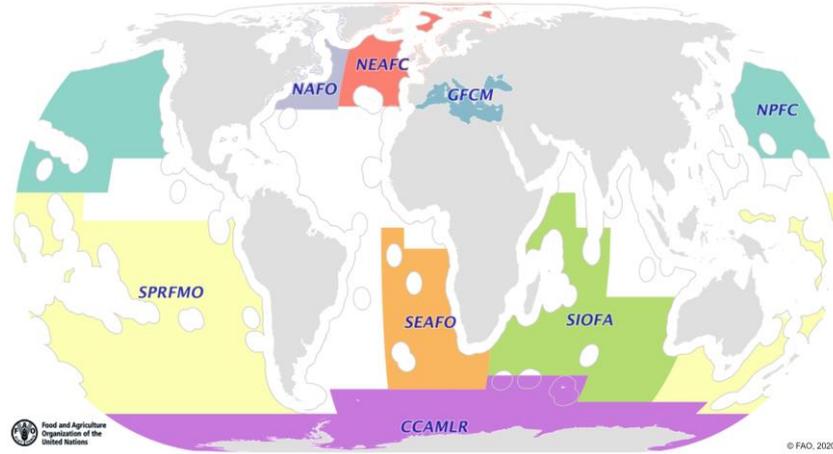
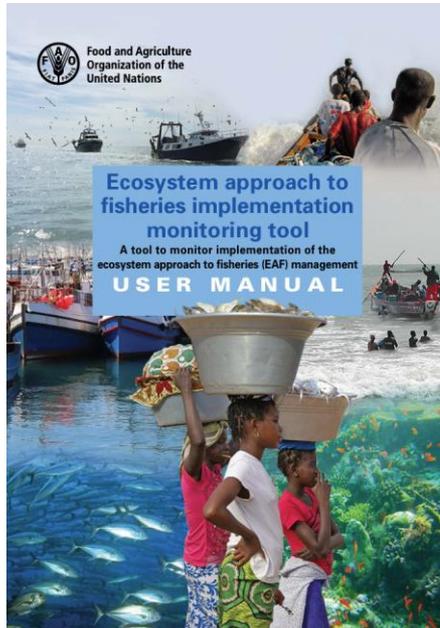


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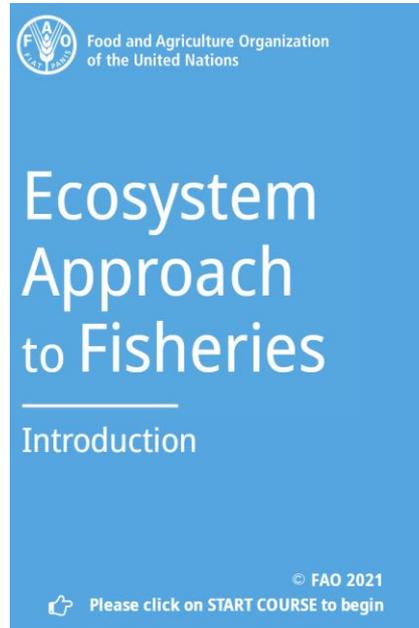


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# Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management



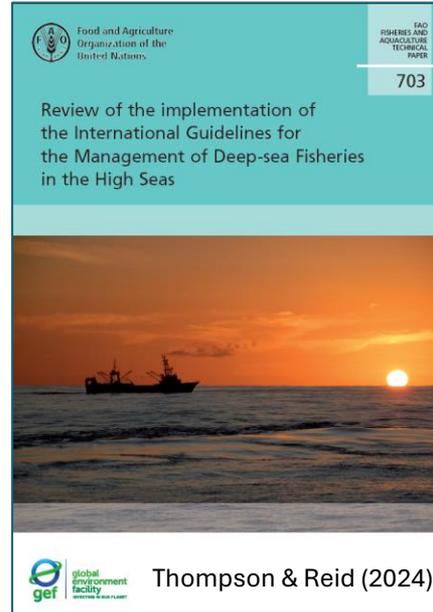
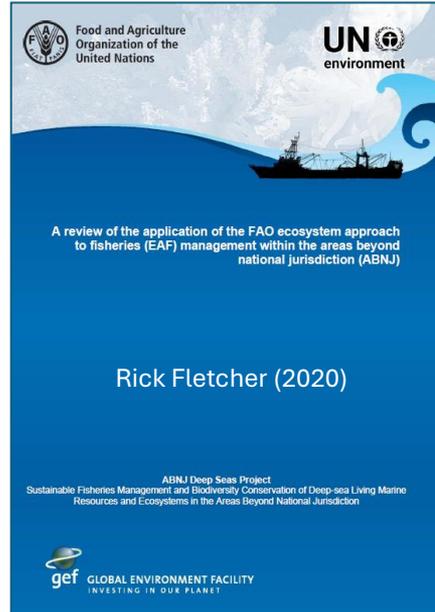
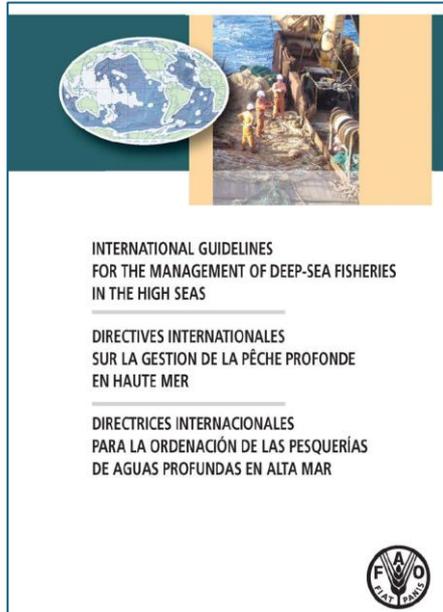
Implementing monitoring tool (FAO, 2021)



e-learning course (FAO, 2021)



# Four further background documents

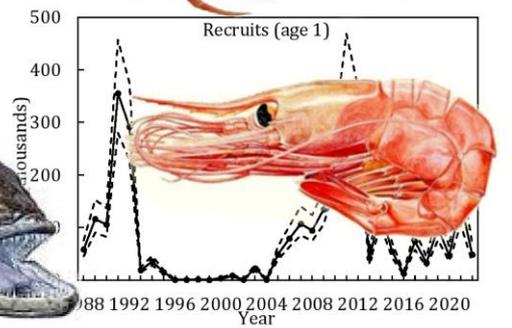
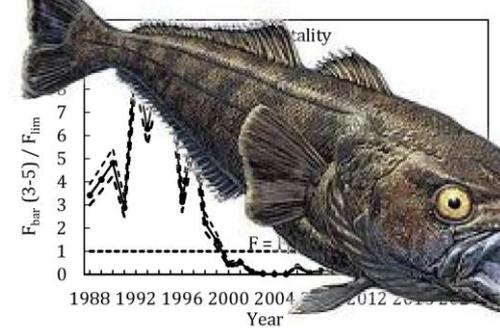
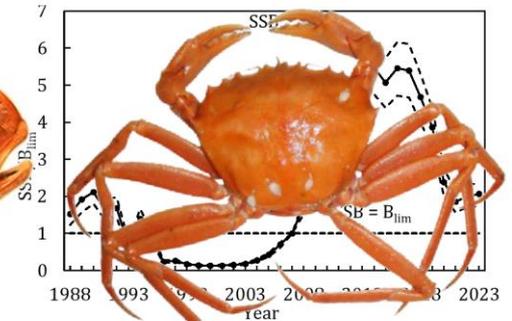
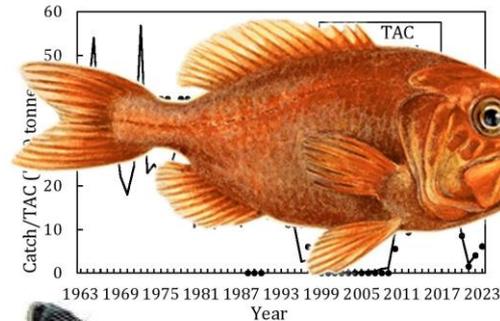


References in above  
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# Traditional stock management

- Long-term management objectives
- Monitor landings and discards
- Assessing stock status
- Setting catch limits
- Compliance

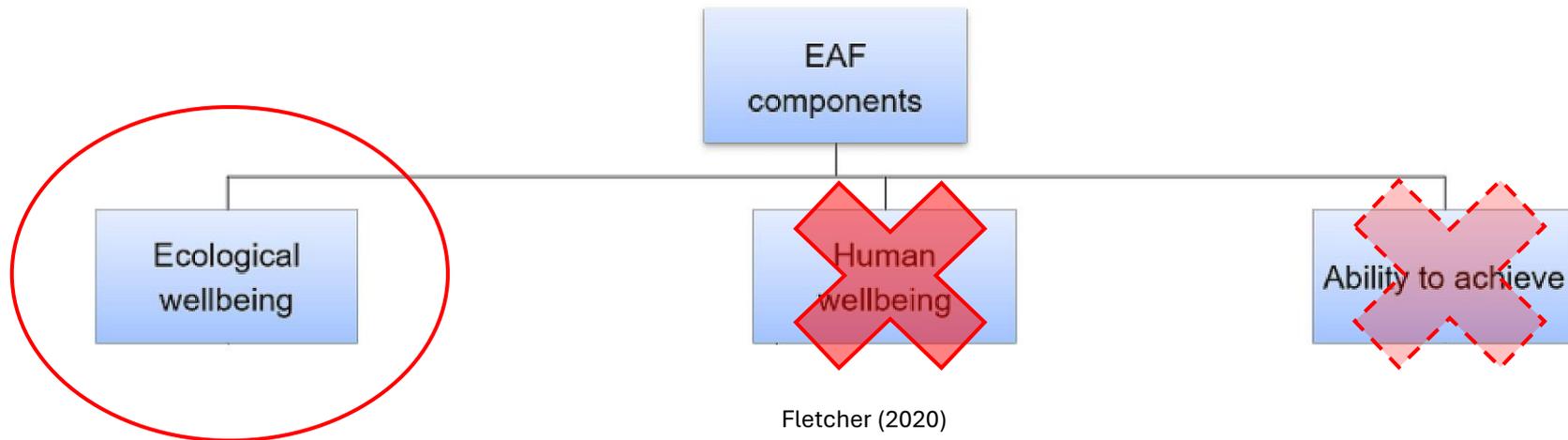
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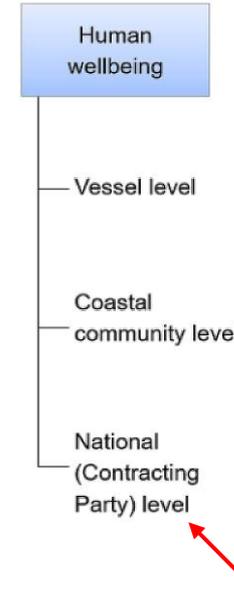
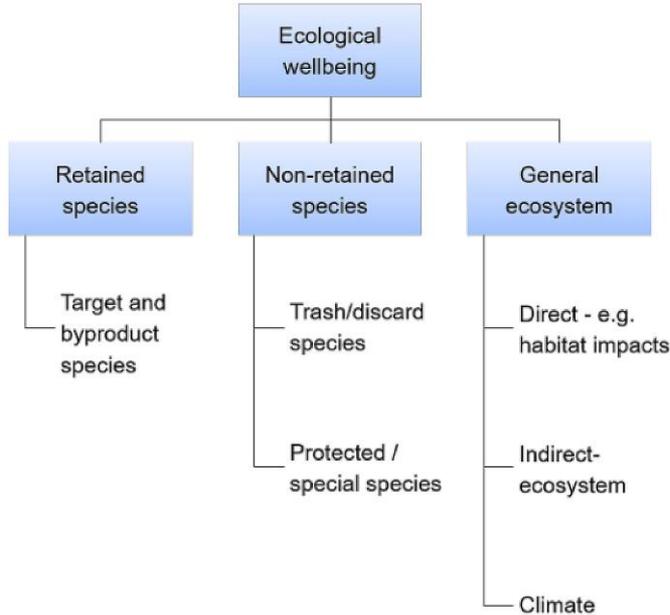
# A question to our DSF Project partners

Question : What type of EAF symposium would you like?

Answer : An overview of EAFM as it applies to the mandate of the dsRFMOs.



# The ecological component – our focus



Much of this already happens in the RFMOs!

Social and economic pillars

# The symposium programme

## Day 1 : Science to support EAFM

Keynotes and sessions

18:00 Welcome cocktails

## Day 2 : Science-management interface and management

Keynotes and sessions

## Day 3 : Implementation of EAFM

Keynotes and sessions

Afternoon - panel sessions

Time is set aside for discussions

Day 1 – Science to support EAFM		Speaker/affiliation
08:00	Registration	
08:40		
Day 2 – Science-management interface and management		
09:00	Introduction	Speaker/affiliation
09:05	Facilitator for the morning	Andy Kenny, UK
09:30	Keynote speaker – Ecosystem approach to fisheries management – FAO's work and its uptake by RFMOs	Darius Campbell, NEAFC Secretariat
10:00	3.1 Implementation	Merete Tandstad, FAO
10 min	Session chair	Marcelo Vasconcelos, FAO
20 min	Speaker 1: From theory to practice: Supporting decision-makers to lead the implementation of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management	Jean-Christophe Vandeveld, Pew
20 min	Speaker 2: Implementing an ecosystem approach to fisheries management in the United States with ecosystem and socioeconomic profiles	Abaigail Tyrell, USA
20 min	Speaker 3: Art of Balance: EAFM – Industry perspective	Hrefna Karlsdottir, Iceland industry
20 min	Discussion	
11:00	Coffee	
11:30	3.2 Spatial resource management and biodiversity conservation	
10 min	Session chair	Chris Rooper, Canada
20 min	Speaker 1: Risk Assessment as a tool for Ecosystem-based Management	Debbi Pedreschi, Ireland
20 min	Speaker 2: Fisheries and the Global Biodiversity Framework: Key challenges and opportunities	Joe Appiotti, CBD
20 min	Speaker 3: Spatial measures in RFMO management – a summary	Tony Thompson DSF Project, FAO
20 min	Discussion	
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	Keynote speaker – The role and development of ecoregions to implement EAFM in dsRFMOs	Mark Dickey-Collas, UK
15:00	3.3 EAFM Science and management responsibilities for implementation – Panel style	
20 min	Session chair	Stefan Asmundsson, Iceland
20 min	Panel member 1	Mark Dickey-Collas, UK
20 min	Panel member 2	Paul Reguliar, Canada
20 min	Panel member 3	Ellen Kershington, Canada
20 min	Panel member 4	Ashley Rowden, NZ
20 min	Panel member 5	Vera Agostini, FAO
16:00	Coffee	
16:30	3.4 Organisational/process considerations for implementation of EAFM by dsRFMOs – Panel style	
20 min	Session chair	Dairdre Warner-Kramer, NAFO Commission Chair
20 min	Panel member 1	Darius Campbell, NEAFC
20 min	Panel member 2	Joe Appiotti, CBD
20 min	Panel member 3	Hilario Marua, ISSF
20 min	Panel member 4	Betula Morello, GFCM
20 min	Panel member 5	Vera Agostini, FAO
17:30	End of day 3 and closure of symposium	

# Day 3 afternoon – Panel 1

<b>15:00</b>	<b>3.3 EAFM Science and management responsibilities for implementation</b>	
	Session chair	Stefan Asmundsson, Iceland
	Panel member 1	Mark Dickey-Collas, UK
	Panel member 2	Paul Regular, Canada
	Panel member 3	Ellen Kenchington, Canada
	Panel member 4	Ashley Rowden, NZ
	Panel member 5	Merete Tandstad, FAO

## Possible Panel 1 guidance

EAF element (Fletcher, 2020)	Scientific Committee responsibilities	Commission Committee responsibilities
Retained species		
Non-retained species Trash/discard species Protected/special species		
General ecosystems Direct-e.g. habitat impacts Indirect-e.g. ecosystems Climate	Follows Rick Fletcher's (2020) assessment	

**TO COMPLETE**

# Day 3 afternoon – Panel 2

<b>16:30</b>	<b>3.4 Organisational/process considerations for implementation of EAFM by dsRFMOs</b>	
	Session chair	Deirdre Warner-Kramer, NAFO Commission Chair
	Panel member 1	Darius Campbell, NEAFC
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## Possible Panel 2 guidance

### Science-management meetings

Take Panel 1 outcomes and discussing at joint meetings

### Develop long-term ecosystem targets

Where were we (baseline)?

Where are we now?

Where do we want to get to (targets)?

Work out a plan to get there!



# The symposium outputs

## Symposium broadcast

### Webcast links now available:

**11 March**

AM: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/6951/icode/>

PM: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/6952/icode/>

**12 March**

AM: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/6953/icode/>

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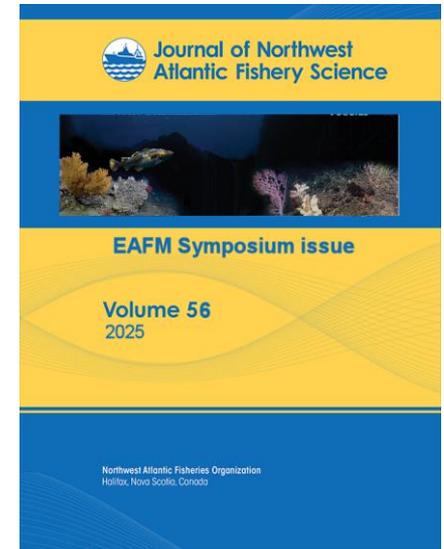
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## Symposium report



## Special journal issue



Submission by 3 October 2025

# Changes to the programme

**Day 2 – Science-management interface and management** Session 2.1 Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management – managers’ perspectives.

09:30 Speaker 1: Now vacant

Use time in session for more audience participation/questions??

**Day 3 – Implementation of EAFM** Session 3.2 Spatial resource management and biodiversity conservation.

11:30 Speaker 1: Challenges and opportunities in applying ecosystem-based approaches for deep-water fisheries - Rui Viëira, UK

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