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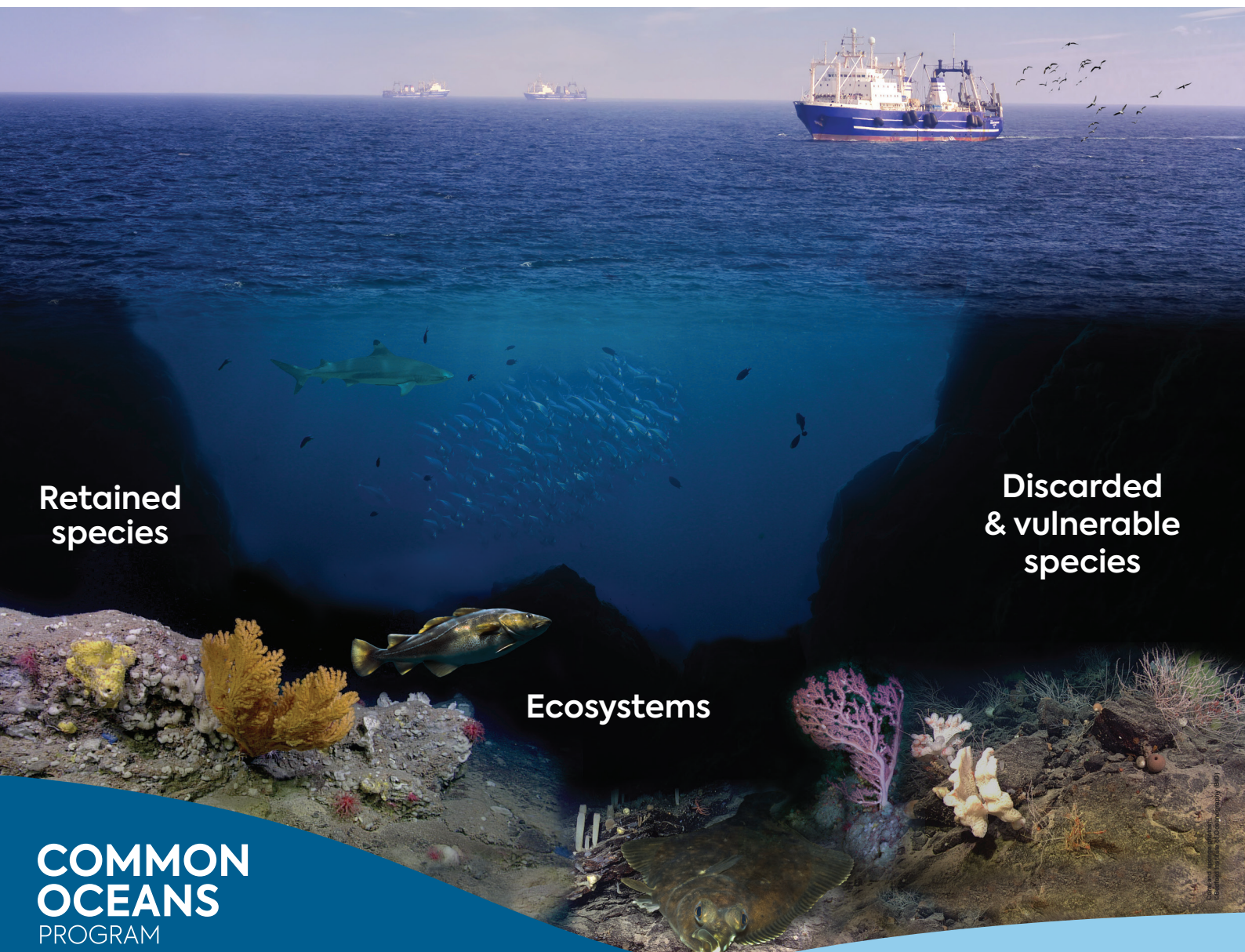
Symposium on applying the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management in ABNJ

11-13 March, 2025

FAO Headquarters - Rome, Italy

PROGRAMME

More information on the symposium website: <https://eafm-symposium.nafo.int>



Retained
species

Discarded
& vulnerable
species

Ecosystems

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PROGRAM



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Day 1 – Science to support EAFM

		Speaker/affiliation
08:00	Registration	
08:40	Welcome ceremony	Manuel Barange, Assistant Director-General and Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO
09:00	Introducing the symposium	Tony Thompson DSF Project, FAO
	Introduction to Day 1	Anne Cooper, ICES
	Facilitator for the day	Steve Parker, CCAMLR
09:30	Keynote speaker – An introduction to EAFM – how science is working to support EAFM in the North Atlantic	Colm Lordan, ICES ACOM chair
10:00	1.1 Retained species	
10 min	Session chair	Diana González-Troncoso, NAFO SC Chair
20 min	Speaker 1: Sustainable Fisheries: Mitigating the Ecological Impacts of Removing Commercially Valuable Fish and Shellfish on Marine Ecosystems	Patrícia Gonçalves, Portugal
10:30	Coffee	
11:00	1.1 Retained species (ctd)	
20 min	Speaker 2: CCAMLR's ecosystem approach to fisheries management	Steve Parker, CCAMLR
20 min	Speaker 3: NEREIDA programme: Analysis of VMS and Logbook data to study the bottom fishing footprint in the NAFO Regulatory Area	Mar Sacau Cuadrado, Spain
20 min	Discussion	
12:00	Lunch	
13:30	Keynote speaker – Environmental Control on the Productivity of a Heavily Fished Ecosystem	Frédéric Cyr, Canada
14:00	1.2 Discarded and vulnerable species	
10 min	Session chair	Rui Vieira, UK
20 min	Speaker 1: Methods and challenges for identifying vulnerable marine ecosystems as part of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management: perspectives from SPRFMO	Ashley Rowden, NZ
20 min	Speaker 2: GFCM actions to monitor and mitigate bycatch in the Mediterranean and Black Sea	Paolo Carpentieri, GFCM
20 min	Speaker 3: Recent steps towards incorporating assessment of impacts to vulnerable and discarded bycatch species into ecosystem-based management of fisheries in the NPFC Convention Area and pathways for future improvement	Chris Rooper, Canada
20 min	Discussion	
15:30	Coffee	
16:00	1.3 Ecosystem effects and spatial management	
10 min	Session chair	Ashley Rowden, NZ
20 min	Speaker 1: Setting thresholds for good ecosystem state in marine seabed systems	Jan Geert Hiddink, UK
20 min	Speaker 2: Unseen but Connected: Exploring how Connectivity affects the EAFM	Ellen Kenchington, Canada
20 min	Speaker 3: Implementing the Ecosystem Approach in SIOFA	Marco Milardi, SIOFA Secretariat
20 min	Discussion	
17:30	Concluding Discussion for Day 1	
18:00	WELCOMING COCKTAILS (8TH Floor FAO Building)	

Day 2 – Science-management interface and management

		Speaker/affiliation
09:00	Introduction to Day 2	Brynhildur Benediktsdottir, NAFO Secretariat
	Facilitator for the day	Stefán Ásmundsson, Iceland
09:05	Keynote speaker – The Ecosystem-Approach to Fisheries Management under International Law	Blaise Kuemlangan, FAO Dani Diz, UK
09:30	2.1 Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management – managers' perspectives	
10 min	Session chair	Eszter Hidas DSF Project, GFCM
20 min	Speaker 1: Managing the science-management interface	Liz Mencher, USA
20 min	Speaker 2: Past, Present, and Future – the development of EAFM	Stefán Ásmundsson, Iceland
20 min	Speaker 3: A fisheries manager's perspective on EAFM at NAFO	Kate Johnson, Canada
20 min	Discussion	
11:00	Coffee	
11:30	2.2 Reconciling sustainable harvest with biodiversity conservation – science-management interface	
10 min	Session chair	Deirdre Warner-Kramer, NAFO Commission Chair
20 min	Speaker 1: The ecosystem approach to fisheries management in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea	Betula Morello, GFCM
20 min	Speaker 2: Trade-offs between fishing opportunities and VME fishery closures: Establishing practical and sustainable management measures	Andy Kenny, UK
20 min	Speaker 3: Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems: the ICES Experience in Controlling and Communicating Spatial Uncertainty in Advice	Neil Campbell, ICES
20 min	Discussion	
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	Keynote speaker: Dialogue and participatory processes at the science-management interface: Making ecosystem overfishing considerations operational within the NAFO Roadmap for an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries	Mariano Koen-Alonso, Canada
15:00	2.3 EAFM and the tuna world	
10 min	Session chair	Joe Zelasney Tuna Project, FAO
20 min	Speaker 1: Progress and Challenges in Implementing the EAFM in tuna RFMOs	Hilario Murua, ISSF
20 min	Speaker 2: Ongoing efforts to operationalize EAFM in tuna RFMOs: practical tools and advisory product	María José Juan-Jorda, Spain
20 min	Speaker 3: Seapodym: Modelling physical-biological interaction between fish populations and the ocean pelagic ecosystem	Inna Senina, France
20 min	Discussion	
16:30	Coffee	
17:00	Concluding Discussion for Day 2	
17:30	End of Day 2	

Day 3 – Implementation of EAFM

		Speaker/affiliation
09:00	Introduction to Day 3 (including guidance for the afternoon)	Andy Kenny, UK
	Facilitator for the morning	Darius Campbell, NEAFC Secretariat
09:05	Keynote speaker – Ecosystem approach to fisheries management – FAO’s work and its uptake by RFMOs	Merete Tandstad, FAO Marcelo Vasconcellos, FAO
09:30	3.1 Implementation	
10 min	Session chair	Andy Kenny, UK
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	Abigail 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 Appiott, 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	
	Session chair	Stefán Ásmundsson, 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
16:00	Coffee	
16:30	3.4 Organisational/process considerations for implementation of EAFM by dsRFMOs – Panel style	
	Session chair	Deirdre Warner-Kramer, NAFO Commission Chair
	Panel member 1	Darius Campbell, NEAFC
	Panel member 2	Joe Appiott, CBD
	Panel member 3	Hilario Murua, ISSF
	Panel member 4	Betula Morello, GFCM
	Panel member 5	Vera Agostini, FAO
17:30	End of day 3 and closure of symposium	