



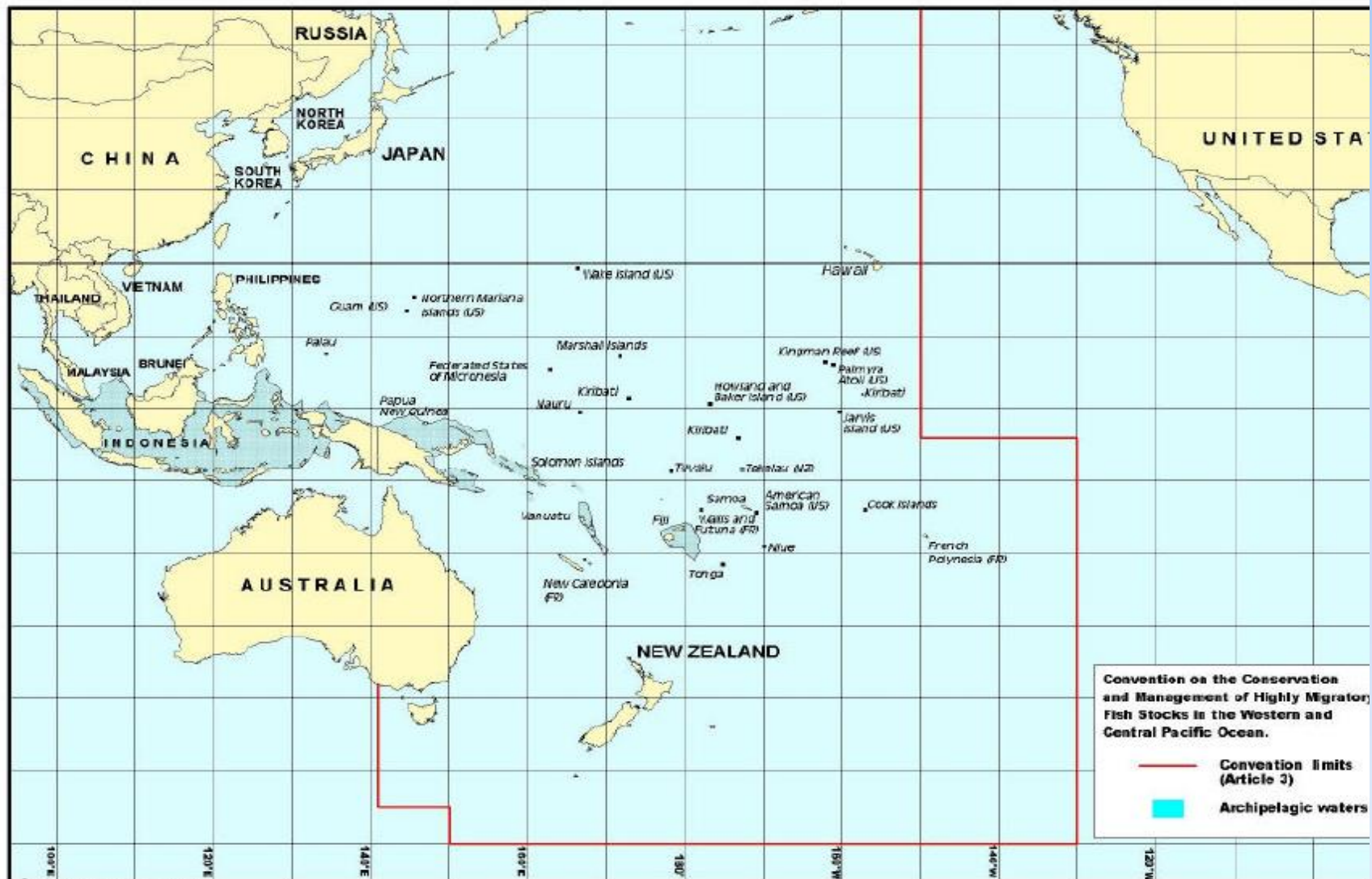
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

OVERVIEW

Development of Harvest Strategies

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Key Tuna Species

(Provisional Total Catch in the WCPO in 2013 = 2,621,511 mt)

Bigeye Tuna (158,662 mt)

Yellowfin Tuna (535,656 mt)



Skipjack Tuna (1,784,091 mt)

Albacore Tuna (143,102 mt)



41 Countries/Territories Involved

- **26 Members**

(FFA)(PNA) Australia, Cook, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, RMI, Nauru, NZ, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

(Non-FFA) Canada, China, EU, France, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, USA

- **7 Territories**

A. Samoa, CNMI, F. Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna

- **8 Cooperating Non-Members**

Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Panama, Senegal, Thailand and Vietnam.

Developing a Harvest Strategy (a recent history of the WCPFC MOW process)

- 2008: SC4 development of RPs; need for intercessional Management Objectives Workshop (MOW).
- 2009 - 2011: Work on developing LRPs, and agreeing ToRs for MOW
- 2012 – 2014: MOW process
- 2015: MOW4

MOWs: Informal opportunity to express views without commitment

Informal meetings - no formal standing in the Commission – the do NOT pre-empt future views or positions.

MOW1 To assist the Commission to understand:

- ❖ **the purpose and implications of management objectives appropriate reference points**
- ❖ **the process of evaluating potential management measures in the achievement of management objectives.**
- ❖ **Develop a list of recommended management objectives**

2012

MOW1: Educational and informative

- ❖ Expert panel to refine candidate objectives; performance indicators and RPs for WCPFC fisheries

Independent expertise:

- ❖ Dr Robin Allen
- ❖ Dr James Ianelli

Facilitator:

- ❖ Ian Cartwright

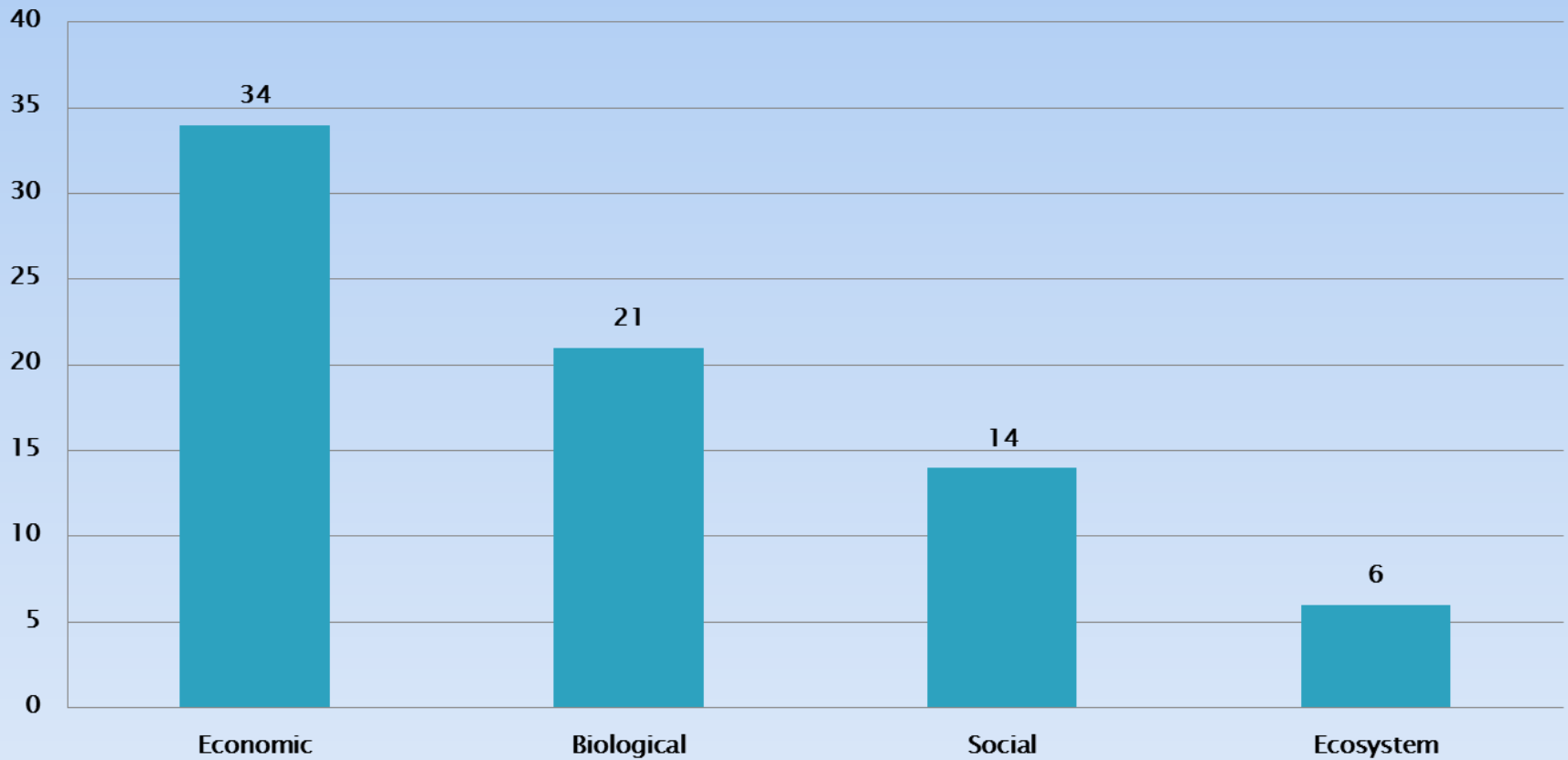
Plus: SPC & FFA

WCPFC9 agreed LRP 20% SB_{F=0}

Kobe MSE e-WG formed



Quick and Dirty Survey Members Objectives



Reference Points

WCPFC adopts a hierarchical approach

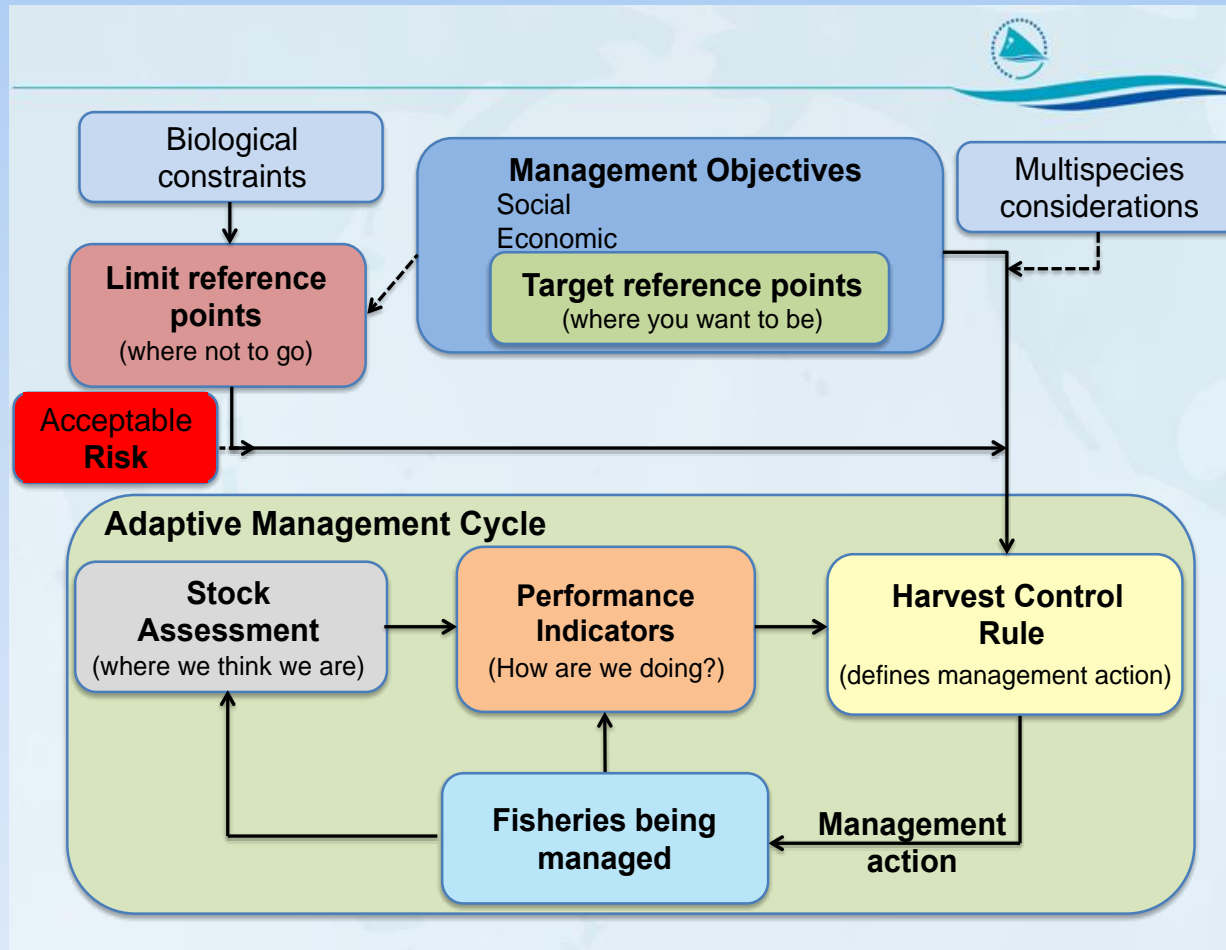
Level	Condition	LRPs
Level 1	A reliable estimate of steepness is available	FMSY and BMSY
Level 2	Steepness is not known well, if at all, but the key biological (natural mortality, maturity) and fishery (selectivity) variables are reasonably well estimated.	FX%SPRo and either 20%SB _o or 20%SB _{current} , F=0
Level 3	The key biological and fishery variables are not well estimated or understood.	20%SB _o or 20%SB _{current} , F=0

Initial drive for F-based LRPs but...

... later the Commission 'rejected' analysis based on F-levels compatible with SB LRP levels

Use of Fishing Mortality now refocused on TRP discussions (and HCR performance measures)

Management Framework



2013

ISSF San Diego RP Workshop

MOW2

External panel draft a **consultative document [Strawman]** – presented to WPCFC Subcommittees, MOW and regulars session of the WCPFC.

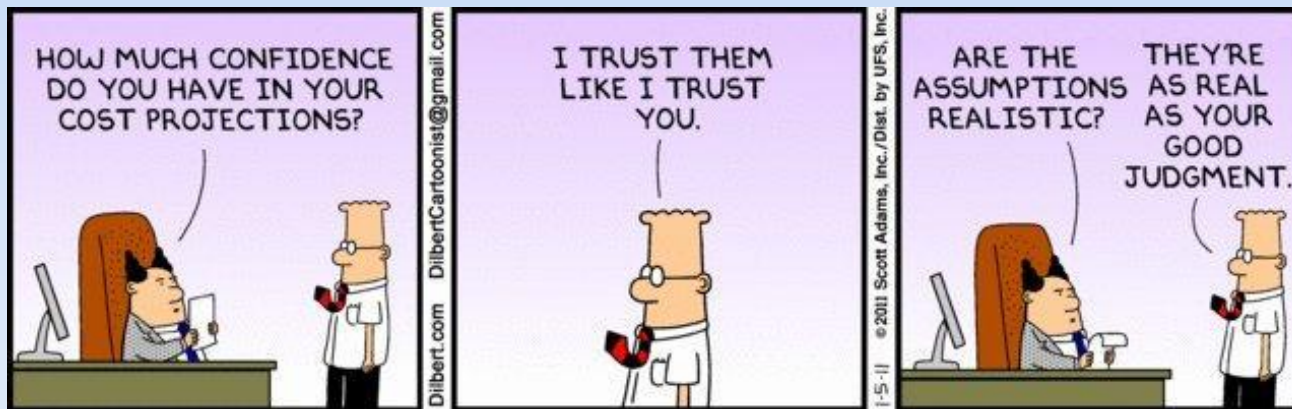
Workshop Focus on target reference points consistent with the objectives developed in MOW1 i.e. **economics** with **consideration of spatial issues** etc.

MOW recommended: interim/provisional TRP be set for SKJ P/S fishery, not precluding a parallel development of a management framework and process - Process to include how MSE can be applied in general and more specifically in the case of an interim provisional TRP for SKJ.

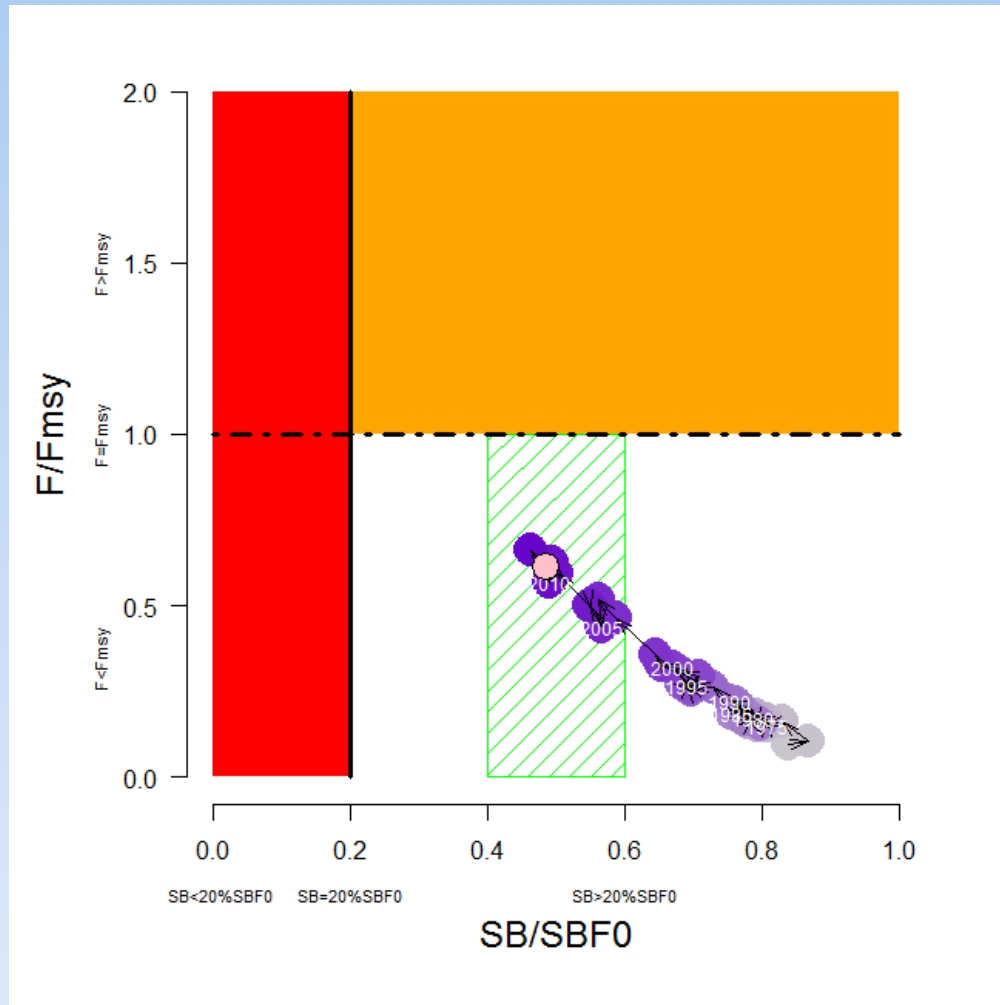
2014

MOW3 [1day]:

- Considered a TRP for SKJ and associated multispecies impacts (PNA:50%) (Japan:60%)
- SPC Presentations on methods for determining risk levels to be associated with LRPs; plus explanation of uncertainty
- Reviewed a proposed new HS measure



Kobe Plot Variations



CMM-2014-06

WCPFC11 adopted CMM 2014-06 HS approach.

Para 13:

- By Dec 2015 agree a harvest strategy work-plan and indicative timeframes for:
 - Skipjack
 - Bigeye
 - Yellowfin
 - South Pacific albacore
 - **Pacific bluefin**
 - **northern albacore**
- Work-plan subject to review in 2017.
- The Commission may agree timeframes to adopt harvest strategies for other fisheries or stocks.

Para 14 – plans to include required resources and associated budget

2015

- ISSF Monterey HCR and uncertainty WS ✓
- **ISC MSE WS** ✓
- MOW4 preparatory meeting likely late May/early June.
- ABNJ WS, including Kobe MSE e-WG, end June/early July
- WWF MOW workshop – Date? Agenda?
- **MOW4 – likely focus CMM-2014-06 (SKJ & SPA)**
- WCPFC MOW External Funding
 - EU: MSE dedicated SPC staff member, and external MSE expert panel – to review and advise
 - ABNJ: support to hold MOW4 December
 - ABNJ: funds to WWF to hold a capacity building MOW



Thank you....



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