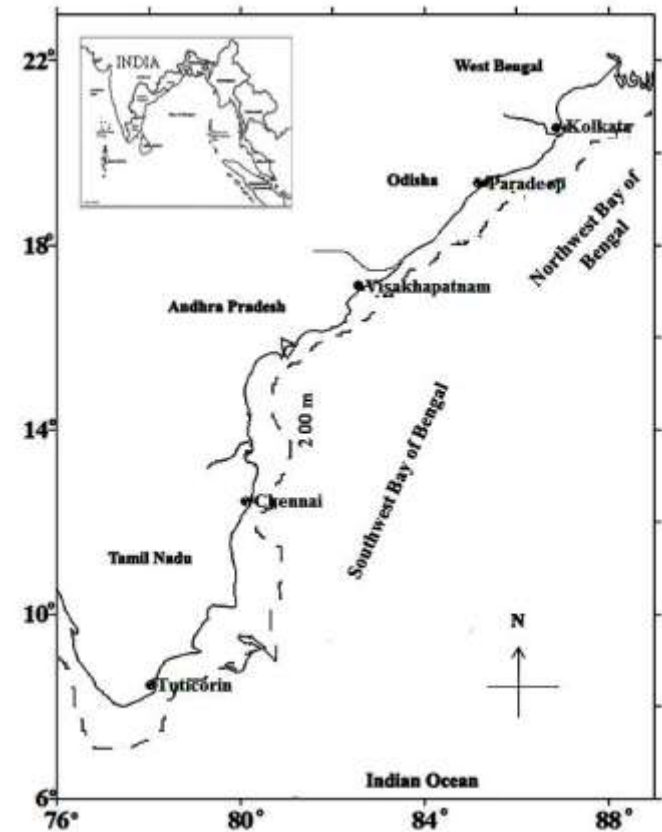


Trawl fishery of Western Bay of Bengal (*east coast of India*)

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1. Overcapacity

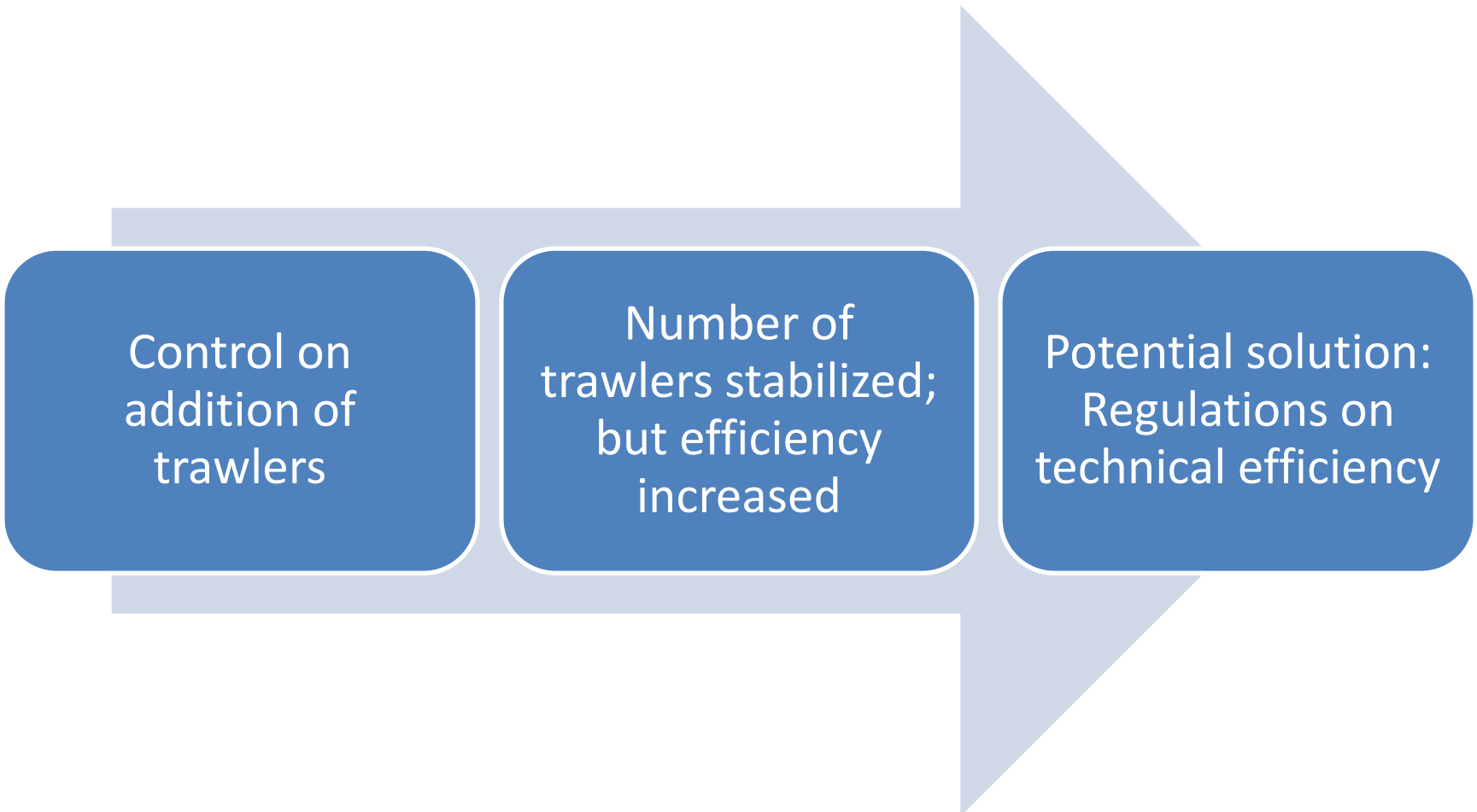
Increase in trawl fleet efficiency

Attribute	1961	2010	Increase
No. of trawlers	463	10,137	22 times
Mean hp	40	150	3.75 times
Total hp	18,520	1,520,550	82 times
Sea endurance (days)	1 - 2	5 - 10	
Mean depth (m)	20	70	

Recommended and existing number of trawlers

Sub-region	Recommended	Existing
NWBoB	3,000	2,894
SWBoB	5,500	7,423
Total	8,500	10,317

1. Overcapacity (management measures)



Control on
addition of
trawlers

Number of
trawlers stabilized;
but efficiency
increased

Potential solution:
Regulations on
technical efficiency

2. Exploitation of spawners

Management measure

*Fishing ban for 45 to
60 days during April
- May every year*

Effectiveness of management

- Protracted spawning; of 55 species, spawning of 21 to 30 species occurs every month
- Improvement in recruitment to fishery
- Has not helped reducing trawl effort or efficiency
- Long-term stock recovery not evident

3. Bycatch & Discard

Volume

17% LVB + ~ 20% Discard

Charismatic species not high



Management measure

Minimum mesh size & legal
size-at-capture

Use of BRD

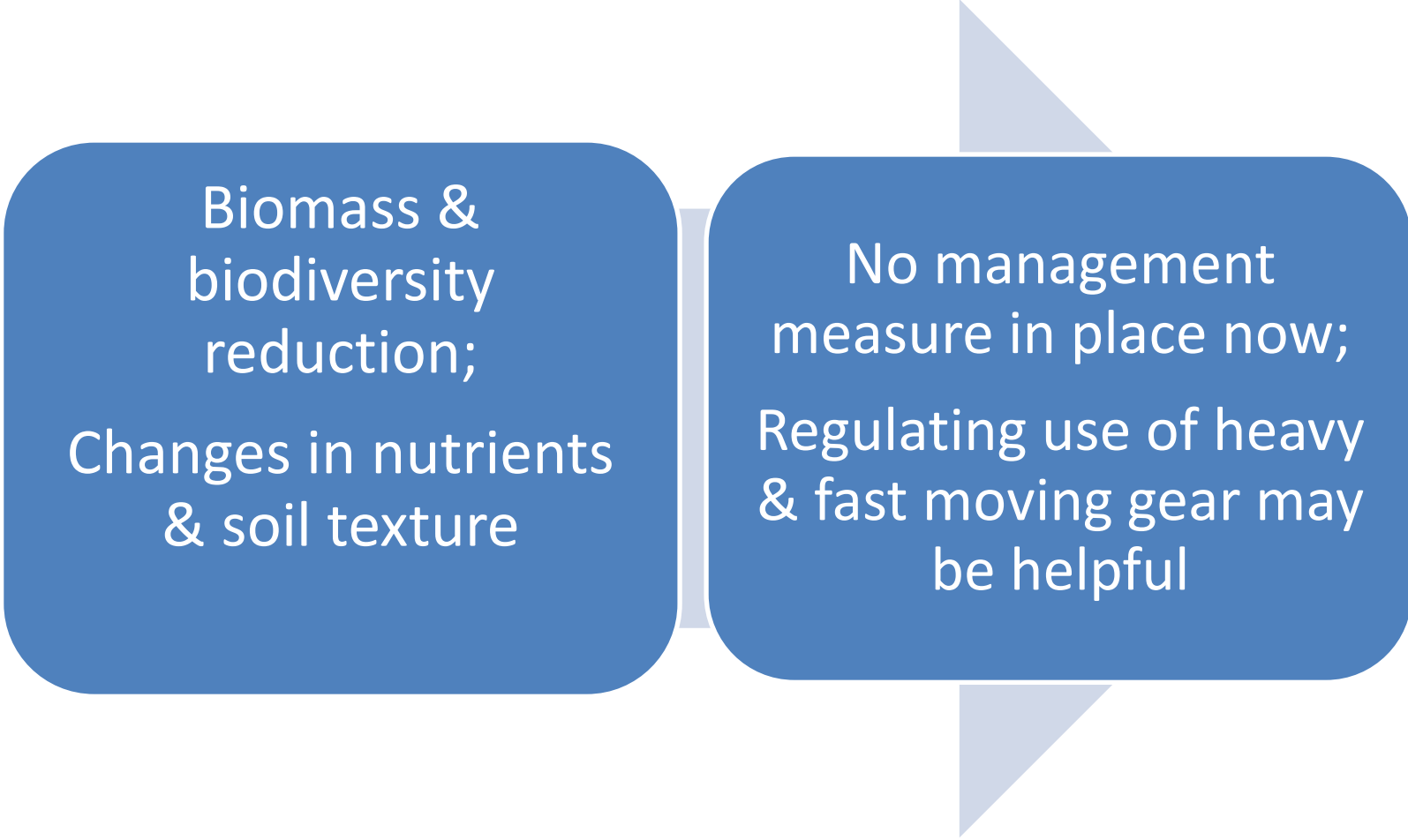


Effectiveness of management measure

Poor compliance

Unwillingness to use

4. Habitat degradation



Biomass &
biodiversity
reduction;
Changes in nutrients
& soil texture

No management
measure in place now;
Regulating use of heavy
& fast moving gear may
be helpful

5. Species vulnerability

Issue

- Sharks & large species vulnerable (evidence: Vulnerability analysis)

Management

- Few species under Wildlife Protection Act

Effectiveness

- Difficulty in product traceability

6. Ecosystem impacts

Issue	Management	Effectiveness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fishing down food web @ 0.04 - 0.07 per decade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine Protected Areas (27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small MPAs• Communities do not endorse• EAF not in place

7. Intra-sectoral conflicts

Issue

- Conflict between mechanized and artisanal boats in sharing resources and space

Management

- Spatial restriction for mechanized boats; should not operate nearshore

Effectiveness

- Mechanized boats do not comply
- Voice concerns of bias
- Difficult to implement

8. Implementation of management plans

- Uncertainties
- Resistance to regulations
- MCS mechanism not in place fully

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