### Framework characteristics-1

- Conceptual and methodological
- Sustainability and management science foundations
- Complex social-ecological systems
- Integrative forms of knowledge and social learning
- Adaptive management
- Institutional issues
- Inter-disciplinary analysis
- Participative processes
- Integration of advisory processes with decision-making
- Empowerment of fishing communities.

### Framework characteristics-2

- Conceptual and operational, non-prescriptive, systemic
- Demand-oriented, problem-oriented, process-oriented
- Participative, using multiple sources of evidence
- Interdisciplinary, privileging integrative modes of inquiry
- Combines historical, comparative and experimental approaches
- Combines qualitative and quantitative methods
- Considers multiple scales of analysis
- Accounts for uncertainty
- Continuously improves and tests knowledge
- Provides a performance-driven environment.
- Looks for anticipated sets of adaptive responses
- Looks for enhanced capacity of reaction
- Contributes to capacity-building

## Sources of inspiration

- Conventional stock assessment (single or multiple species level)
- Multi-criteria decision analysis
- Integrated environmental assessment (MEA)
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Qualitative and quantitative risk analysis and management
- Analysis of rural livelihoods
- Policy analysis
- Cost benefit analysis
- Vulnerability analysis
- Complex systems theory
- Risk management theory
- Etc

## **Connection to other frameworks**

- Code of Conduct
- Sustainable development and ESD
- Ecosystem Approach to insertes
  <u>Precautionary Approach to</u>
  - Fisheries
- <u>Right</u>s-based fisheries management
- Co-management
- Ecosystem conservation.
- Conventional fishery management
- Traditional fishery management
- Area-based integrated management
- Integrated rural development
  Integrated conservation and development (ICAD)
- Interactive governance
- Common property resorder
- Sustainable livelihoods programs
- Poverty reduction strategies Resilience-based management
- Planning & management process Indicators, case studies, models, drivers, narratives, competencies, laws and regulations, best practices , discussion groups, portals, education and outreach Scoping (Fishery and area, identi representation 3-5 years **Consultation with stakeholders** Setting objectives Information management (E Cascading systems of Formulating action & rules tion; regu Implementing & enforcing •\_\_\_\_\_ 1 year Monitoring & reporting; Short-term assessments Long-term policy review



# Single versus recurrent assessment

Single assessment	Recurrent assessment
Crisis	Management & Planning process
Unplanned, urgent	Planned, formal schedules
Short term	Medium to long term
Existing	Existing + new data
Operational	Strategic
Usually not foreseen	Institutionalized
Available	Available + additional
	Single assessment Crisis Unplanned, urgent Short term Existing Operational Usually not foreseen Available









# Some cross-cutting issues...

- Competition with existing frameworks
- Recurrent cost
- Simplification .
- Pilot testing and up scaling
- Optimizing participation
- Dosing complexity
- Capacity-building at central and local levels
- Auditing system
- Developing the background research

# The integration challenge

### **Between:**

- Science and policy
- Policy and society
- Natural and social science disciplines
- Scientific and traditional knowledge
- Quantitative and qualitative analyses
- Facts, values and perceptions
- Assessment, advice, monitoring and evaluation







# **Role of participation**

- Increases ownership, relevance, legitimacy
- Empowers the actors;
- Facilitates consensus and mobilization;
- Enriches the knowledge base
- Underlines expectations and perceptions
- Improves problem formulation & solution
- Improves conflict resolution & equity
- Reduces social & economic risk
- Increases transparency, public scrutiny



# Assessment characteristics

#### Conventional assessment

#### Participation

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Purpose	Decision support +	+ empowering people
Goals	Predetermined, highly specified	+ Flexible, evolving
Approach	Objective, standardized, disciplinary	+ Subjective, contextual,
Modes of operation	Extractive, distance from subject, focus on information generation,	Empowering, participatory, focus on human growth
Decision Methods	External, centralized Few. standard, quantitative.	Joint, locally with/without facilitator Many, loosely defined, qualitative
	computer models	(ranking, drawing), games
Science role	Controller, expert, dominant	+ facilitator, catalyst, partner
People role	Targets, respondents, passive, reactive	Source of knowledge, active, creative
Ownership	By State and technocrats.	By local people, shared
Output	Recorded reports, pubs, policy options, scenarios, measures,	Non recorded, local knowledge- & capacity-building ,
Outcome	Policy and management change	Social learning, improved compliance
Modified from Narayan 1996 in Pomeroy and Rivera-Guieb 2006: Box 7.3		

## Indicators implementation process



# **Role of simulation models**

- Materializes understanding
- Recreates system dynamics
- Helps testing theories
- Helps forecast and introduce precaution
- Mobilizes, structures stakeholders' dialogue
- Improve foresight
- Provides role games
- Promotes social learning
- Helps merging disciplines
- Helps reformulating societal demand

But a strong role for the "human computer"



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