Comparing Climate Vulnerability Assessment of Fish and Shellfish Resources across Large Marine Ecosystems

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Change Impacts on Marine Ecosystems



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Frameworks...



Comparisons of 25 CVAs

- Location
- Project name
- <u>Rationale/Purpose</u>
- <u>Targeted users</u>
- Finest scale (unit of analysis)
- Biological component (Y/N)
- Species / habitat focus
- Socio-ecological component (Y/N)
- Socio-economic scale?
- Physical CC scenario(s) (e.g. RCPs) examined
- <u>Capturing uncertainty</u>
- <u>Timeframe covered</u>
- Stage of completion
- Key resources needed
- What would you change if repeated?
- <u>Application:</u> stakeholder engagement, outreach
- <u>Literature citation</u>
- Website info



https://goo.gl/VDDG7g

25 Climate Vulnerablity Assessments at WKSICCME-CVA



Fisheries Aquaculture Ecological Social

Southeast Australia Rapid (1) Gulf of Carpentaria (2)	Australia
Eastern Canada, CVA (3) E Canada Coastal Infrastructure (4) Pacific Coastal Waters (5) Pacific Canada Infrastructure (6) UK ARP (7)	
CERES (Fisheries (8) CERES (Aquaculture (9) ClimeFish (Europe (10)	Europe
US East Coast CVA (11) USA 24 Coastal States (12) USA NE Shelf (13) USA, Shellfish OA (14)	
California Current (15) NE Pacific Salmon (16) Forage Fish automated CCCVA (17)	USA Pacific
Eastern Bering Sea (18) Alaska Fisheries OA (19) East Africa (20) Arabian Gulf (21) Caribbean Coral (22) Coral Reefs OA (23) Fisheries Global (24) Nereus Program (25)	

Gretta Pecl SE Australia: Vulnerability / Sensitivity Analysis **Beth Fulton** Top priority Moderate priority 8 7 6 5 Score 3 2 ^{king} George whiting Southern sand flathead Southern rock lobster Southern calama_{ri} Gr_{eenlip} abalo_{ne} ^{Blacklip} abalo_{ne} Commercial scallop Blu_{e Brenadier} ^{Eastern king} prawn Gummy shark Rock filathead Redb_{alt} W_{estern king prawn} ^{Yello}wt_{ail kingfi_{sh}} Dusky flathead ^{Tiger flathead} ^Yello_{wtail} scad Southern bluefin tuna Striped martin School brawn ^{Ja}ck m_{ackerel} Southern Earfish Australian sardine Australian anchovy ^{Black bream} ⁷ bluespot flathead Sandy Sprat Australian salmon - E S_{happer} ^{Blue mackerel} Blue Sprat crab Blue swimmer Australian salmon rellowfin, ^{Bige}ye Southern (CSIRO

• Abundance – life history traits (fecundity, recruitment pattern, longevity, feeding type, habitat dependence)

- Distribution larval dispersal, adult movement, physiological tolerance, available habitat (range shift capacity)
- Phenology environmental cues, spawning & moulting duration, migration

Pecl et al. 2014 Climatic Change

Combined Regional Assessments \rightarrow Gear Type \rightarrow Fisheries



 Beth Fulton & Alistair Hobday & Gretta Pecl





Ongoing (national-level) Climate Vulnerability Assessments in Europe





Holsman et al. 2017



West Coast CVA Preliminary Results

Green Sturgeon Yelloweye Rockfish - Puget Sound Chinook salmon **Coho salmon** Sockeye salmon **Steelhead Salmon Black Rockfish Bluefin Tuna Bocaccio Rockfish - Puget Sound Canary Rockfish Canary Rockfish - Puget Sound** Chum salmon Yelloweye Rockfish Pacific ocean perch Spiny dogfish Yellowtail Rockfish

5 out of 6 are anadramous

Haltuch et al. in prep



Source: NOAA Fisheries (2016).

Crozier et al. in prep

Spread of distinct population segments within each species



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Trait-based approach (comparisons across LMEs)





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Biological - Top-down approach



Socio-ecological Vulnerability (combine or not to combine?)





Some take-home messages

- The 25 CVAs compared here used similar frameworks but components and methods depended heavily on the purpose and data availability.
- Opportunities exist to normalized results to facilitate inter-regional comparisons which could be useful for global-level prioritization such as UN SDG-14
- Few analyses integrated vulnerability rankings based on both biological resources as well as social and economic indicators of human communities – work is ongoing...
- CVAs of fish & shellfish are often conducted at large (basin-) scales that limit the potential gains in knowledge relevant to human management systems and communities (a barrier to socio-ecological CVAs).
- Importance of how results communicated to stakeholders (policy) was an important discussion at the workshop.
- A paper stemming from this workshop / report is in prep. (the report can be accessed at https://goo.gl/VDDG7g



Thank you! Questions?





Not pictured: William Cheung, Jörn Schmidt



