



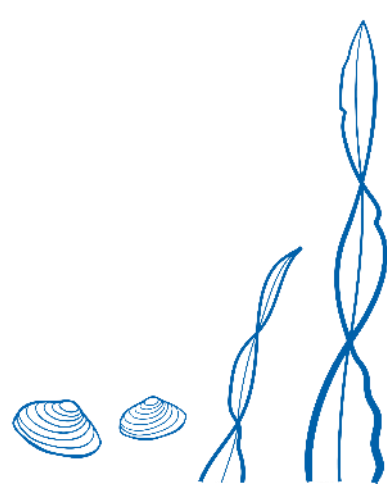
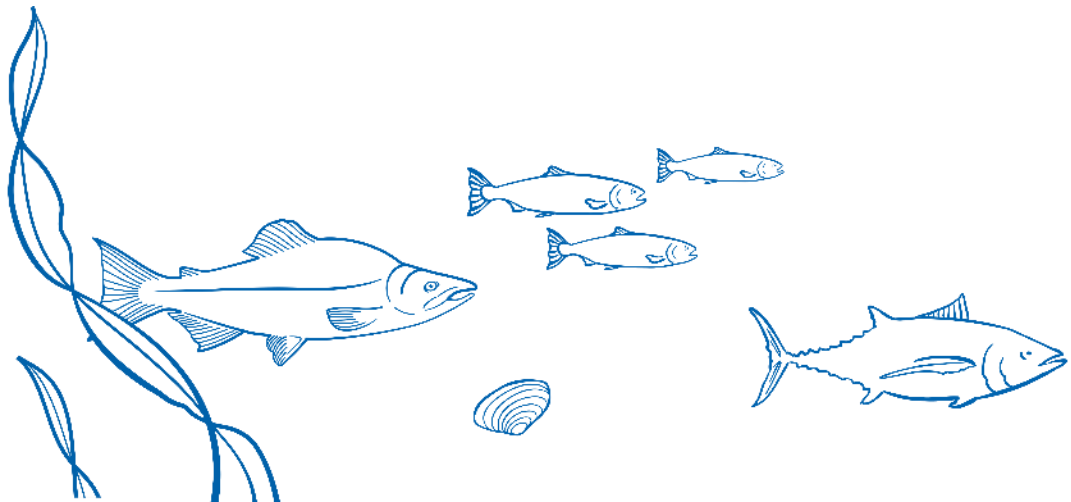
MSC Fishery Standard v3.0 and seabirds

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Acknowledgement of Country



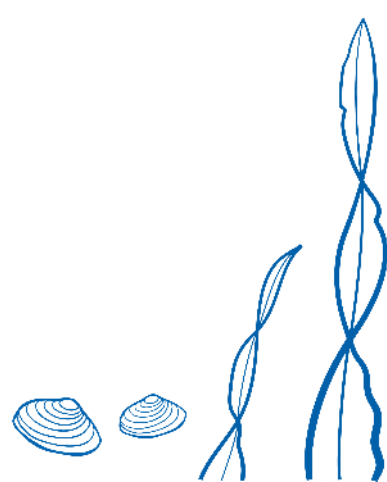
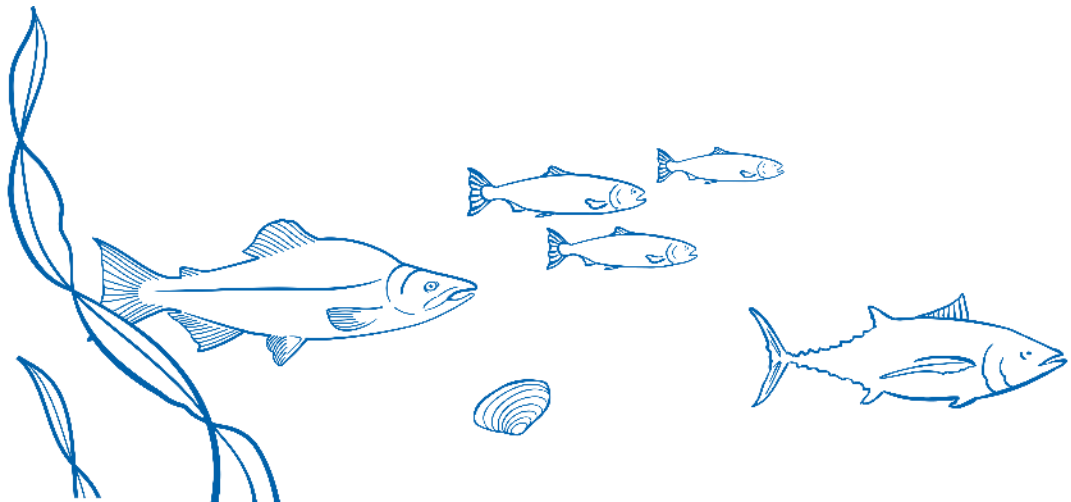
Acknowledgement of the Gubi Gubi people, the traditional owners of the land where I live and work, and to elders, past, present and emerging.



Overview



- 1. Background to MSC**
- 2. The new Standard (MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0) and seabirds**
- 3. Overview of timelines/implementation**





Background to the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)

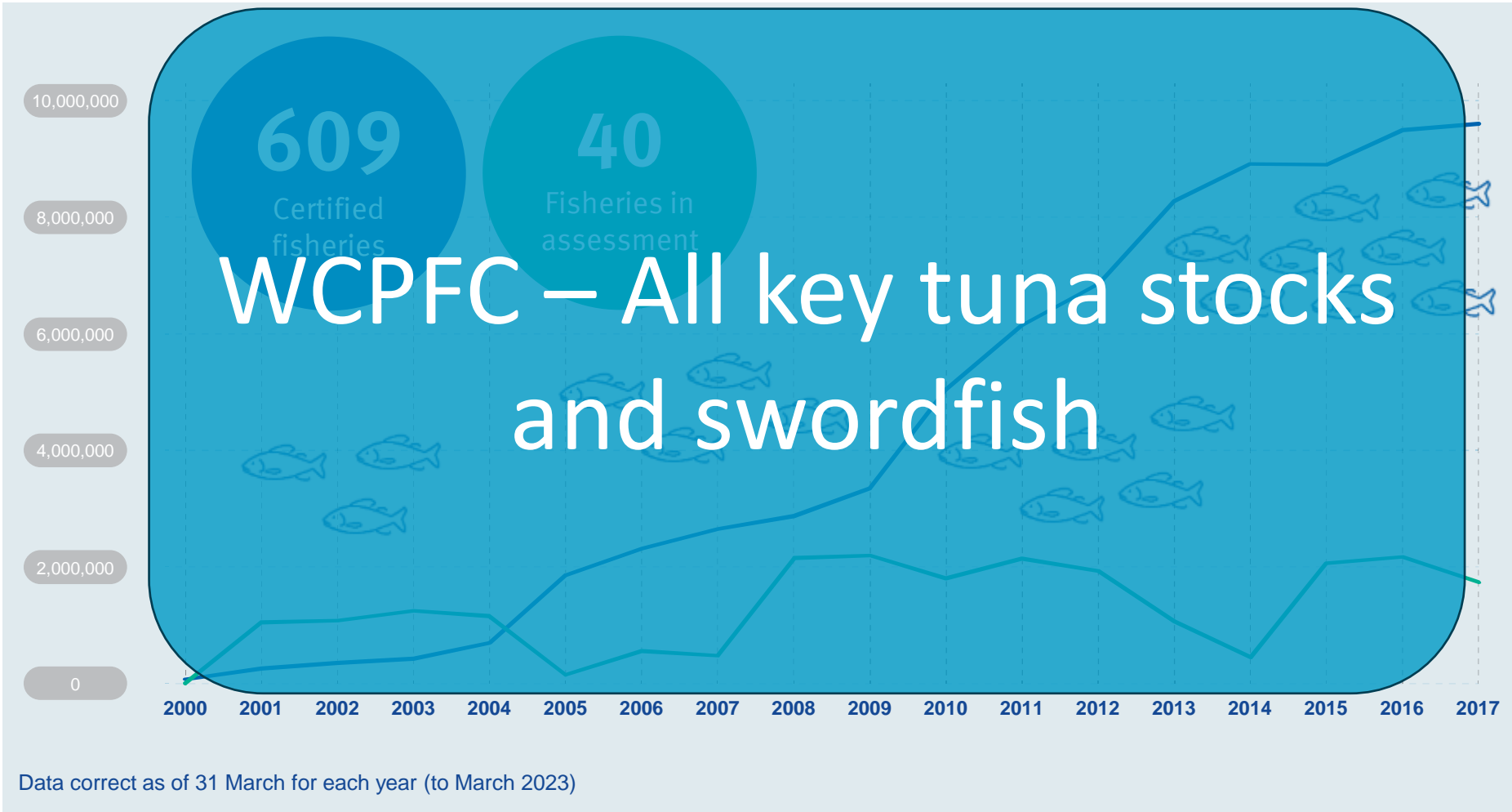
What is the MSC?



- An international, not-for-profit NGO.
- A certification and ecolabelling program.
- Sets and maintains credible standards.
- Recognises and rewards sustainable fishing practices and influences consumer choices.
- Works with fisheries and businesses around the world.
- Transforms the seafood market to a sustainable basis.



Global Growth in MSC Certified Catch

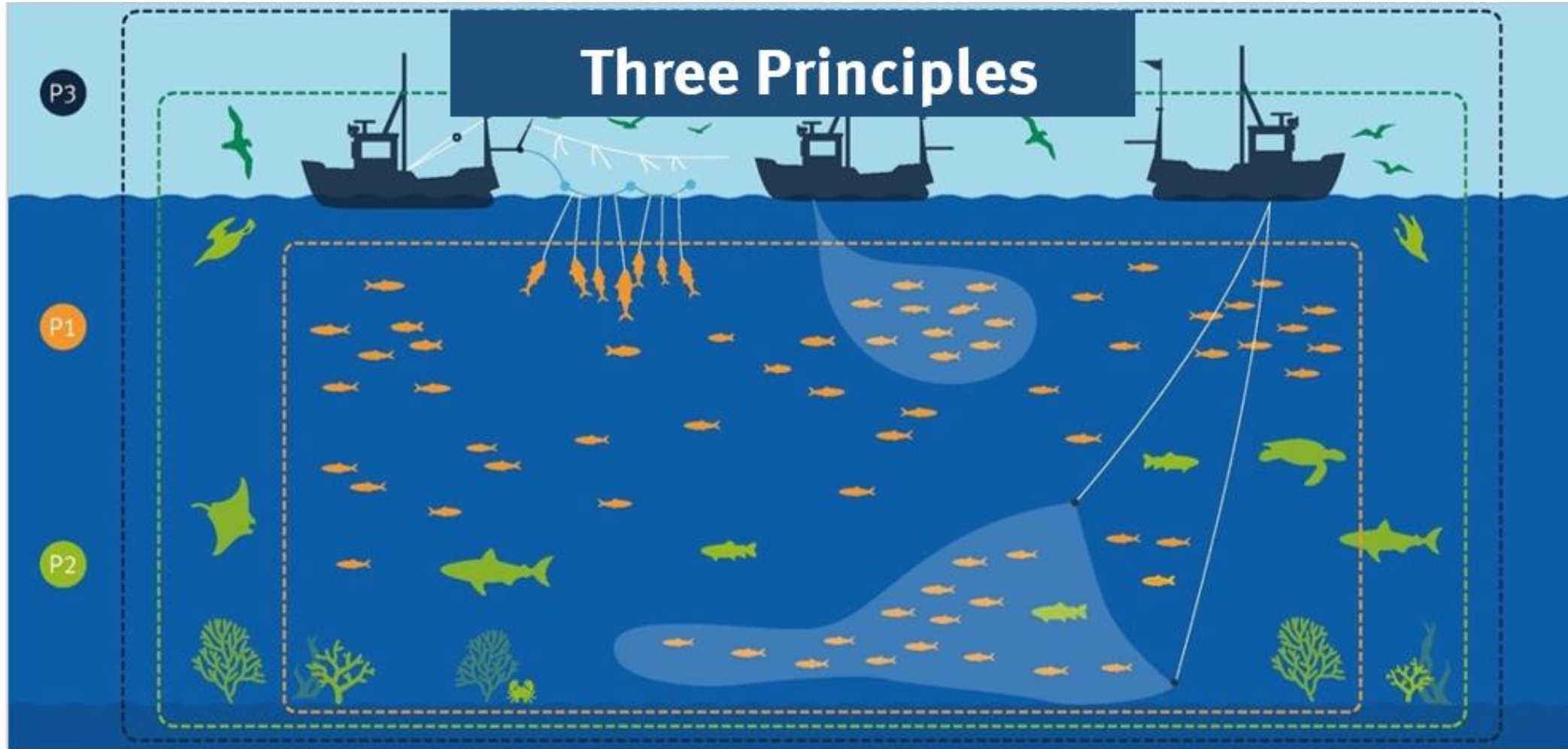


18.8%
of global marine catch is
MSC certified

14.20 million
tonnes of MSC certified
seafood

59
countries with MSC
Engaged fisheries

MSC Principles



P1 Principle 1
Sustainability of the stock

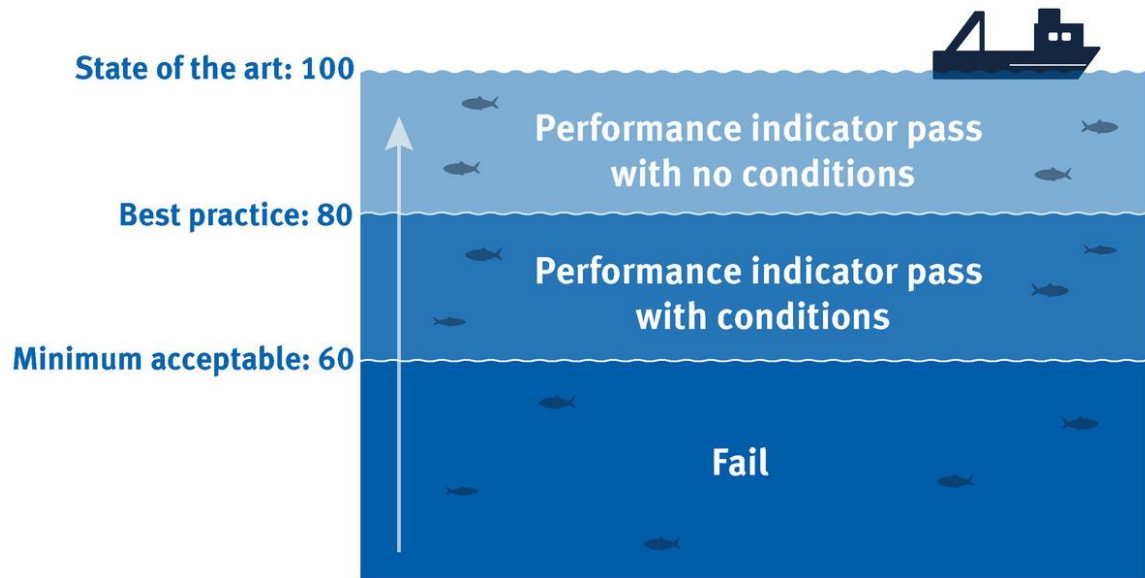
P2 Principle 2
Ecosystem impacts

P3 Principle 3
Effective management

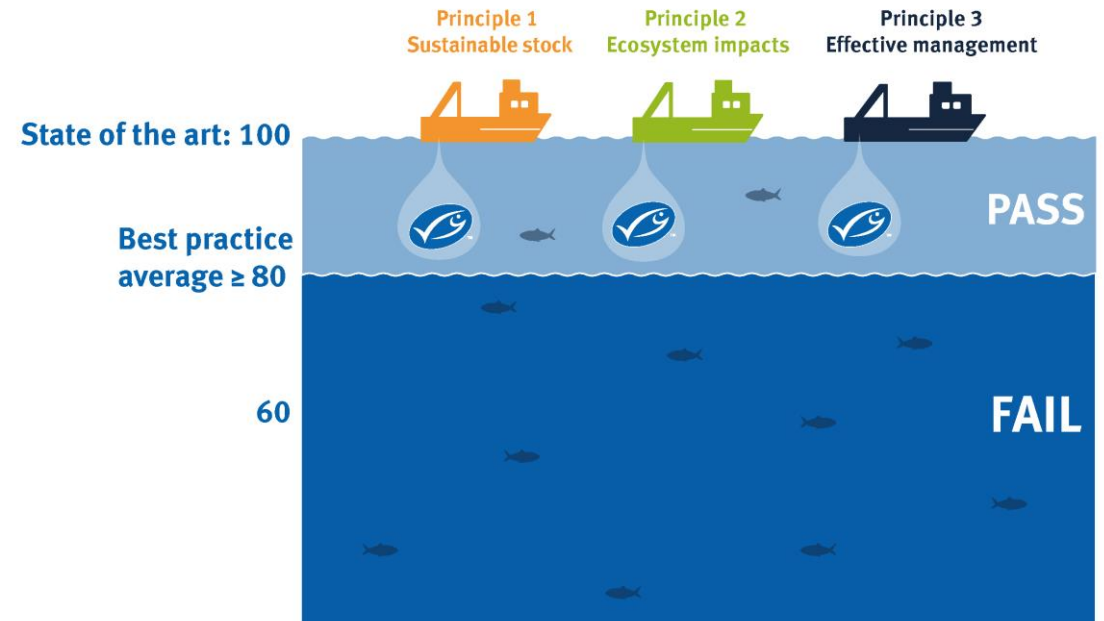
MSC Scoring



Fisheries are scored against the three principles through:



Performance indicator scoring



Principle average scoring

MSC does not create best practice

...benchmarks global best practice





MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 and seabirds



Endangered, Threatened & Protected and Out Of Scope species

New species classification system



Catch and impact of the fishery

Out-of-Scope (OOS) species:
mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile

In-scope species: fish or invertebrate

Listed in any of the following?
CITES Appendix 1
CMS Appendix 1
IUCN "Cr"

Yes

No

Is the species a Chondrichthyan?

Yes

No

Listed in any of the following?
IUCN "En"
National ETP legislation

Yes

No

Listed in any of the following?
CITES Appendix 2
CMS Appendix 2
IUCN "En" or "Cr"
National ETP legislation

**Principle 1 species
or Principle 2 In-
scope species**

No

Listed in any of the following:
CITES Appendix 2
CMS Appendix 2

Yes

Yes

Meet at least two of the following?
Life history characteristics
Management status
Stock status

No

No

Yes

Principle 2 ETP/OOS species

Principle 1 species or Principle 2 In-scope species

New ETP/OOS classification system

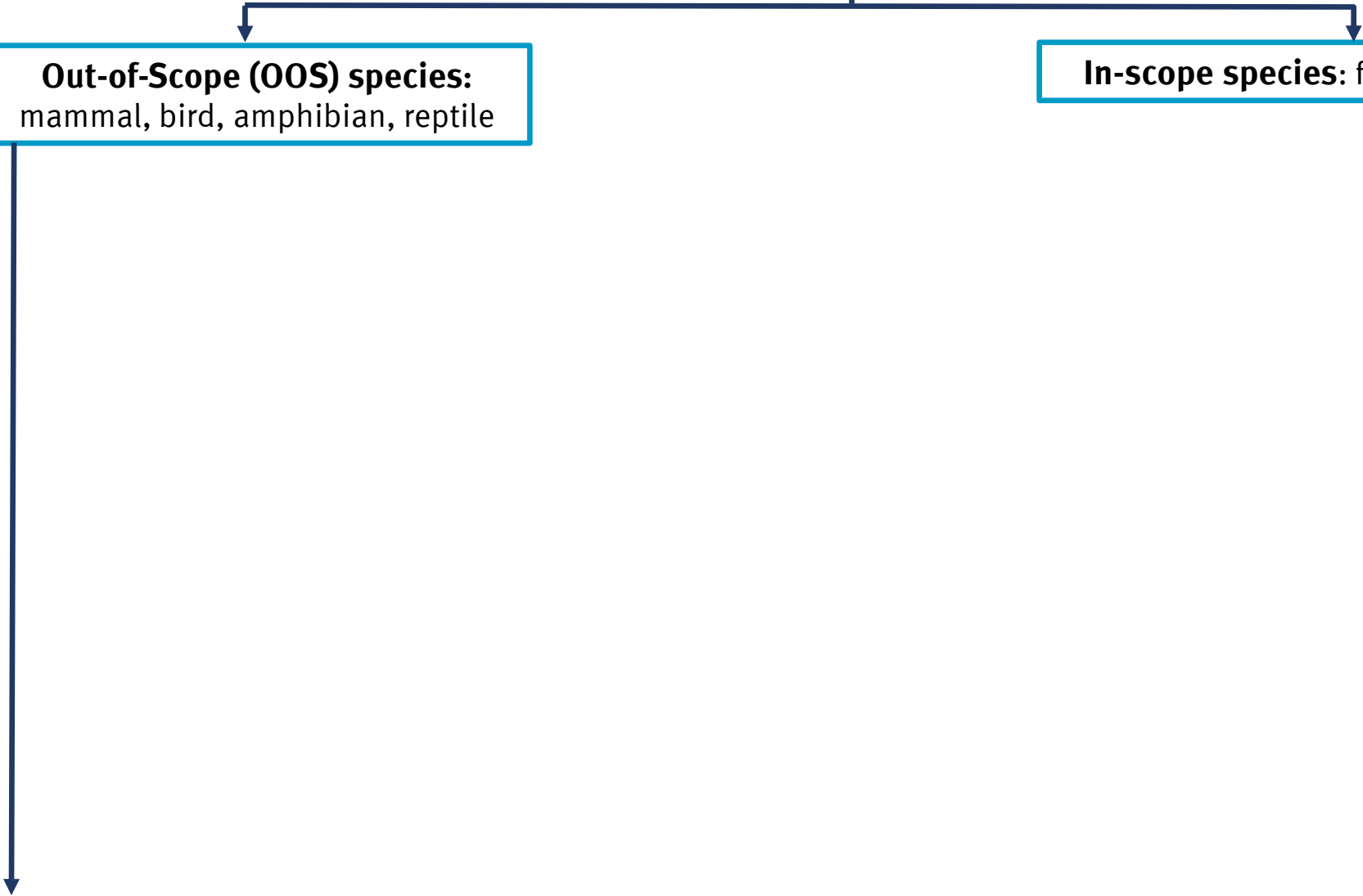


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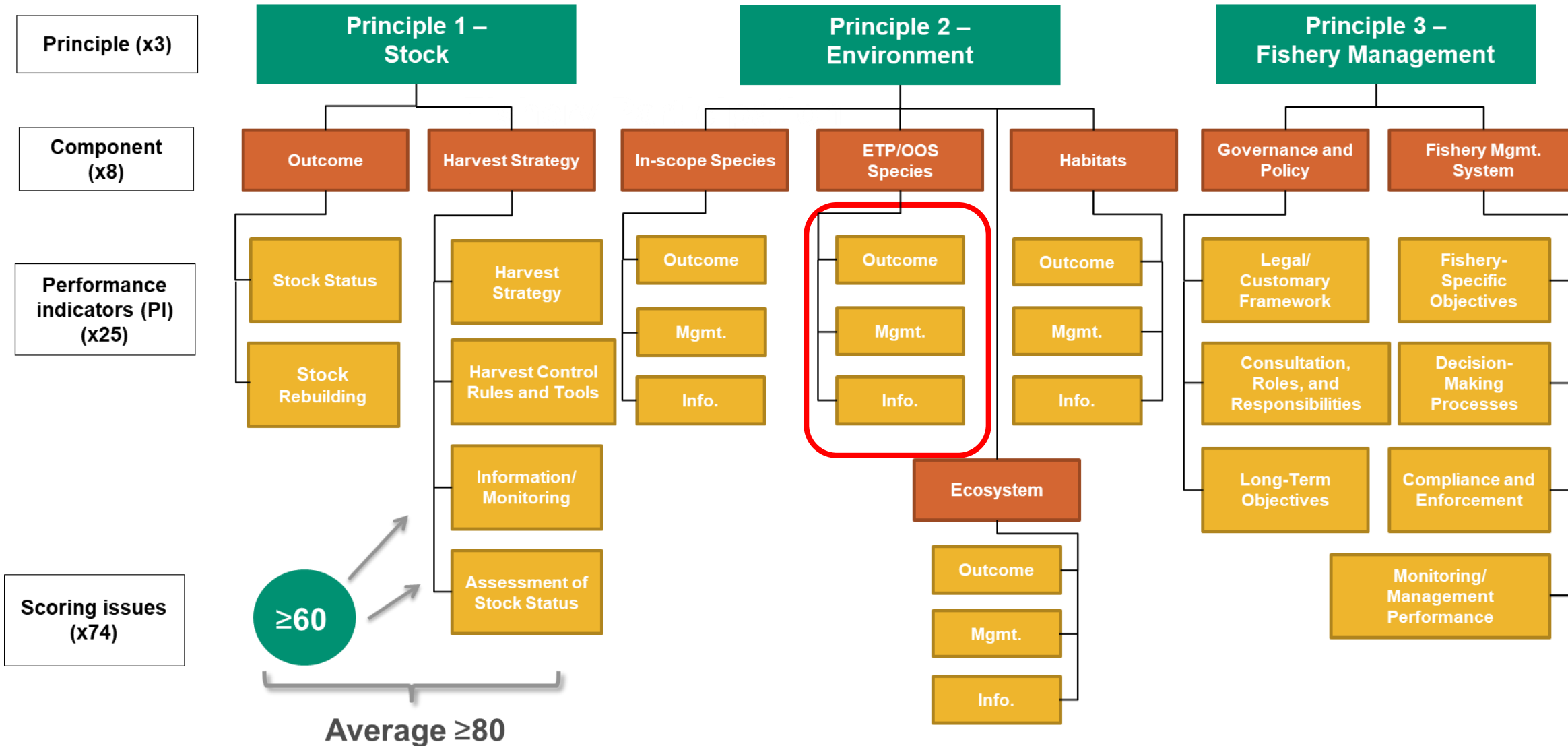
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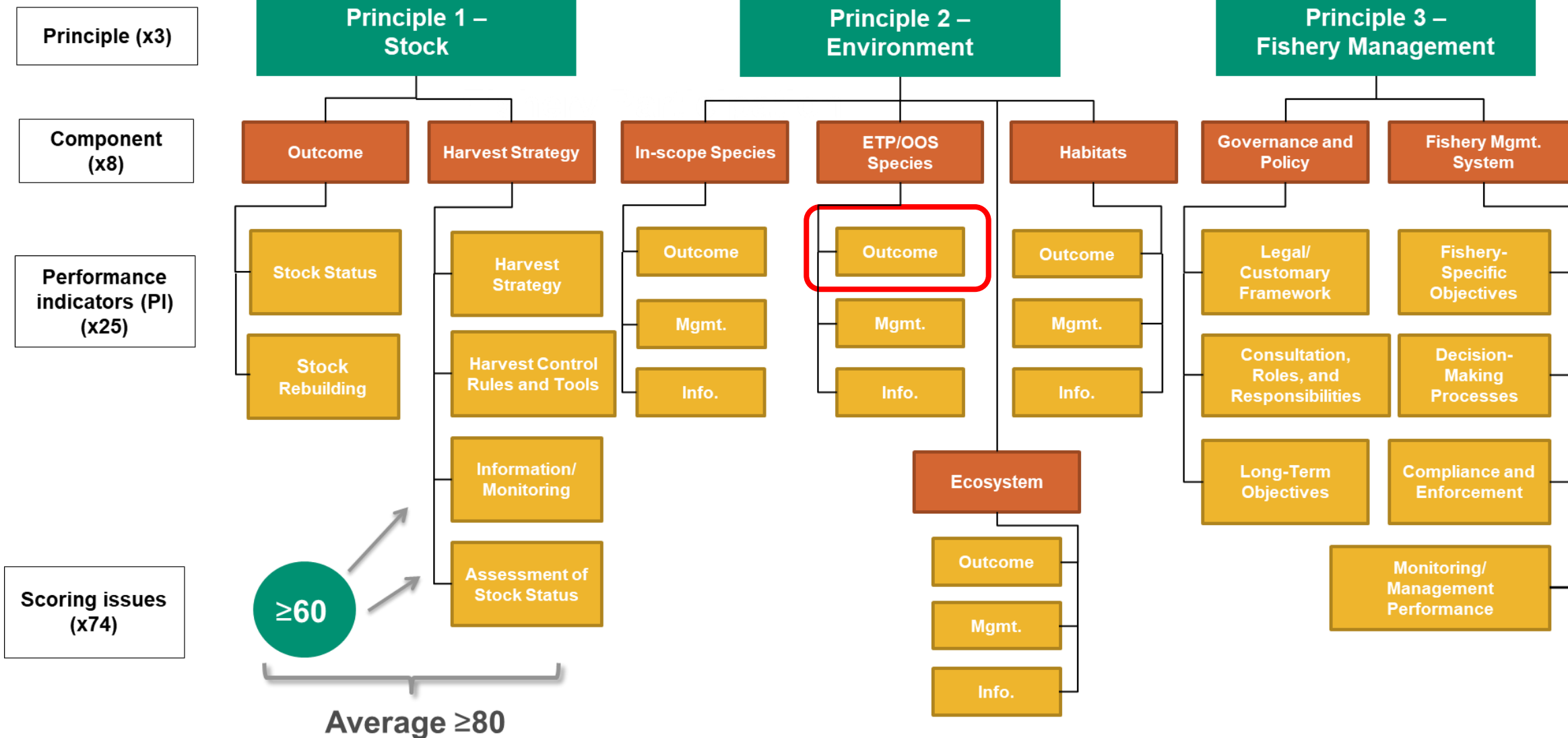
Principle 2 ETP/OOS species



MSC Assessment Tree



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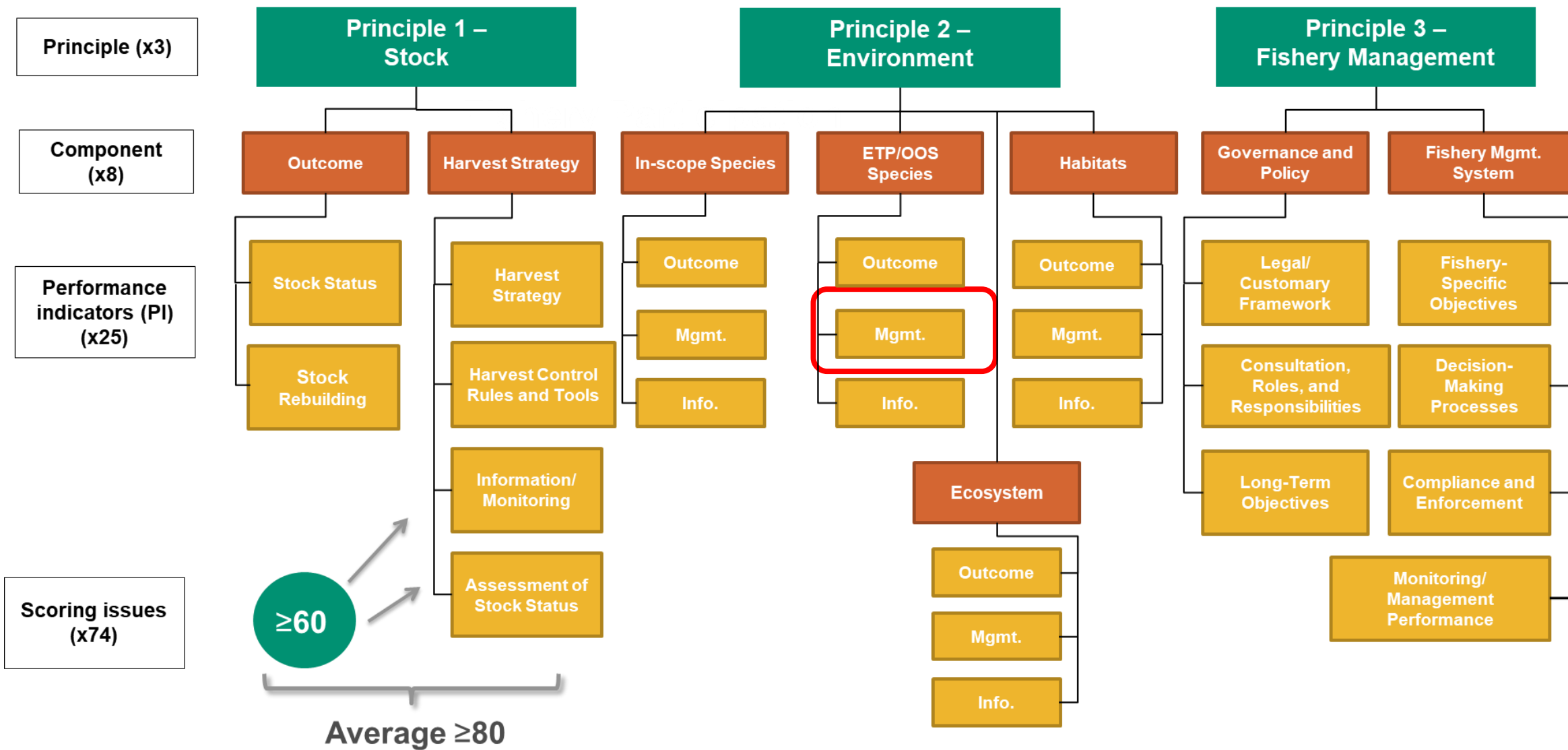


OUTCOME – ETP/OOS



- **Favourable conservation status**
 - 50% carrying capacity of ETP/OOS unit (minimum ref pt)
 - Timebound of 3 generations or 100 years, whichever is shorter
- **Direct and indirect effects ‘Not hindering recovery’**
 - Direct – interaction with gear
 - Indirect – impact to ecosystem (scored in Ecosystems PI)

MSC Assessment Tree



MANAGEMENT – ETP/OOS

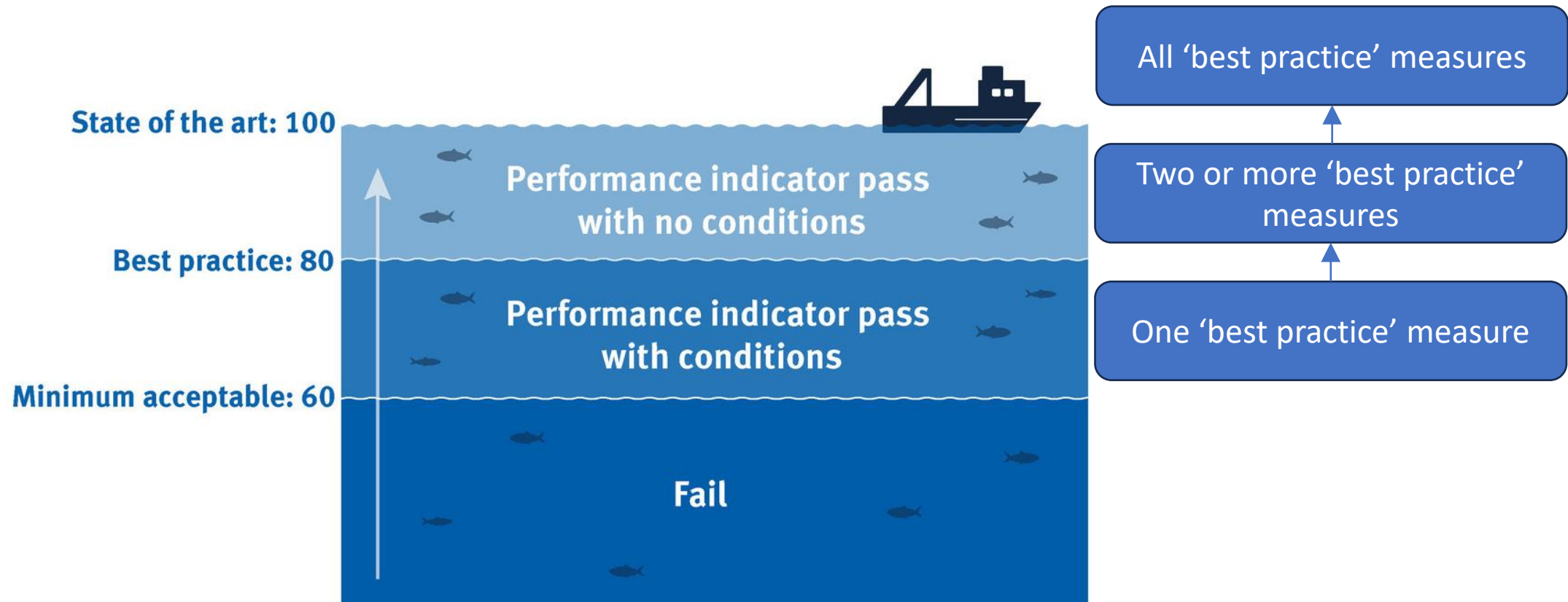


- Measures ensure ‘not hindering recovery’ & minimise mortality.
- Needs to be “working on the water” – e.g. trends
- MSC Intent: Any relevant legally mandated best-practice measures for the UoA should be complied with
- **Examples of best practice for seabirds**
 - FAO Best practices to reduce incidental catch of seabirds in capture fisheries
 - FAO Technical Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries
 - ACAP publications

Management - ETP/OOS



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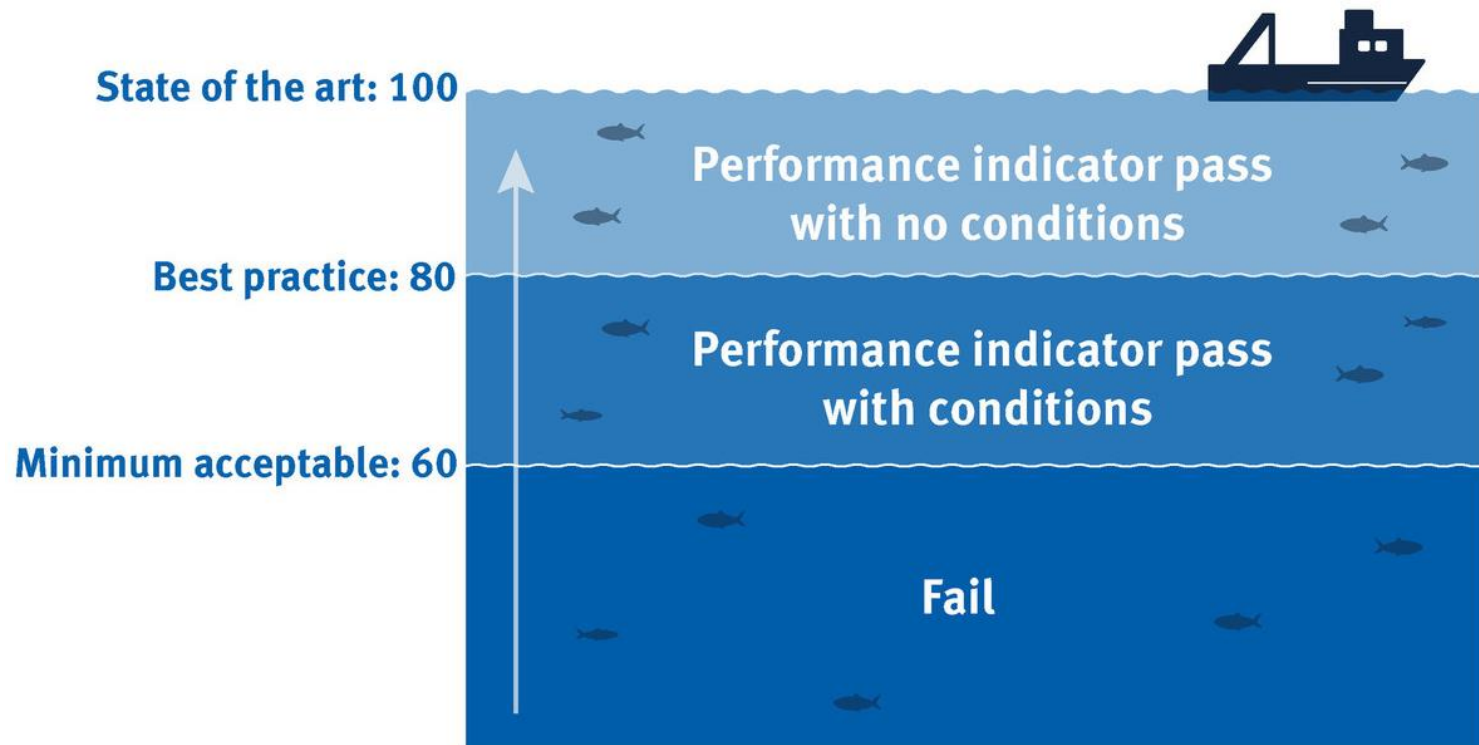


Performance indicator scoring

Management - ETP/OOS



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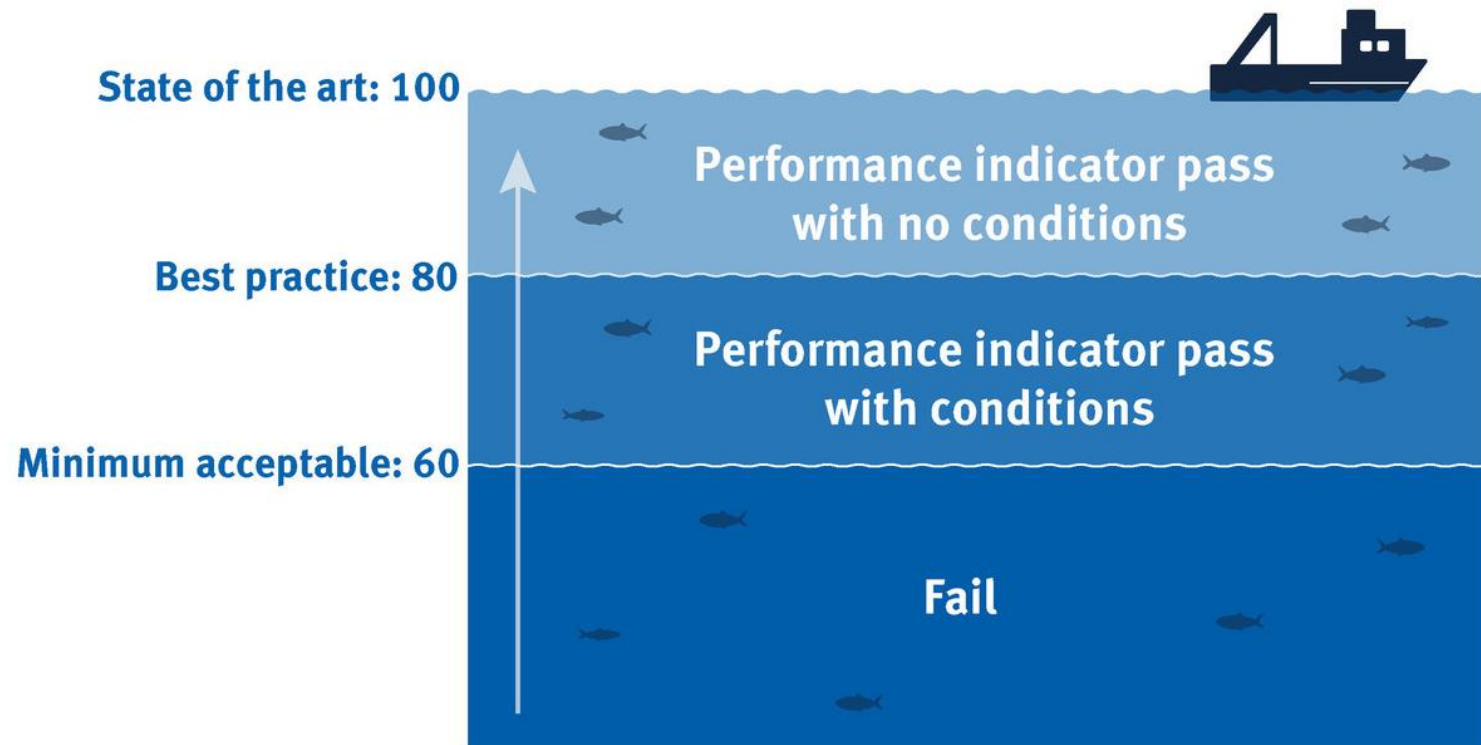
'Best practice' measure designed, defined management target and implemented for entire ETP/OOS unit

Performance indicator scoring

Management - ETP/OOS



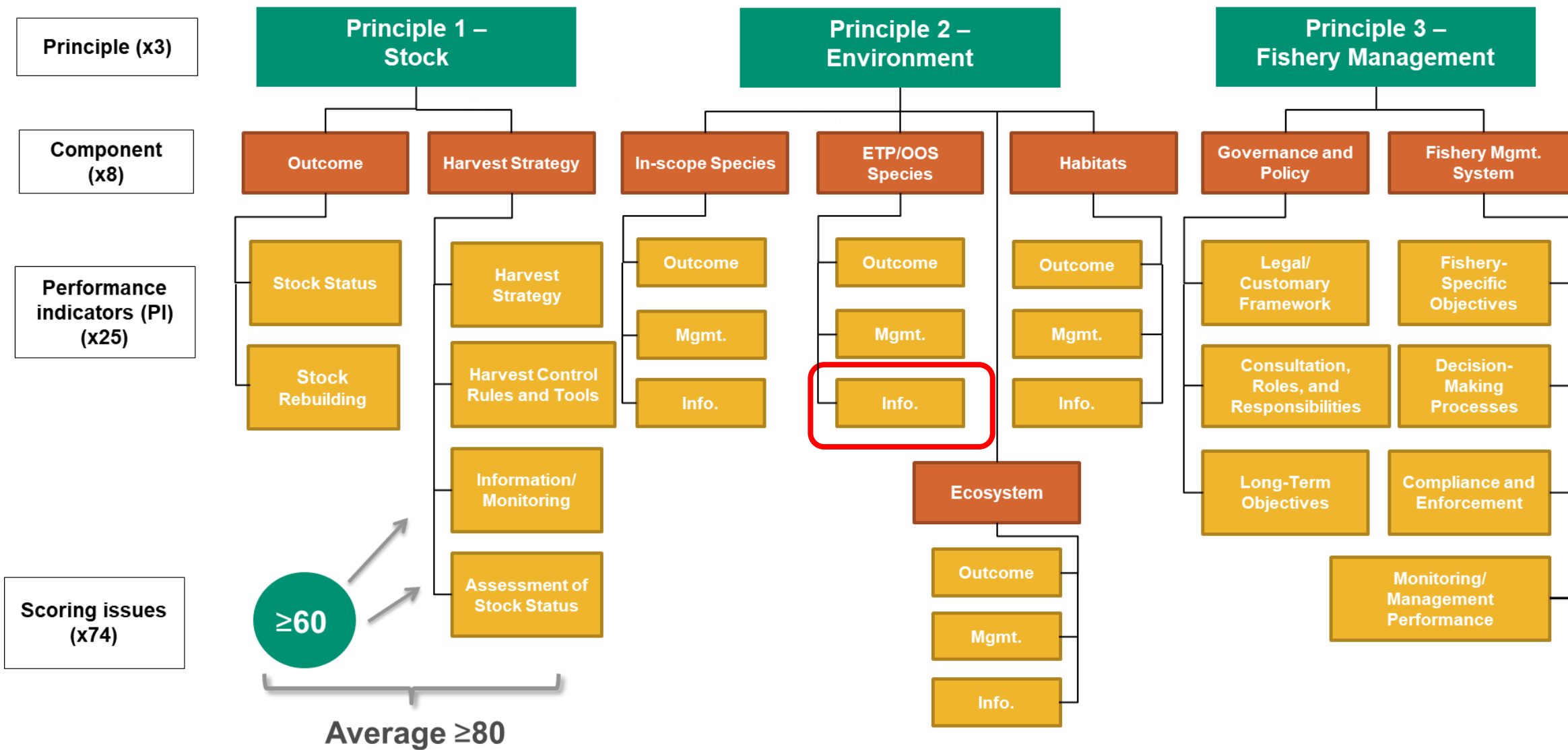
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Evidence for being effective

Performance indicator scoring

MSC Assessment Tree



INFORMATION – ETP/OOS

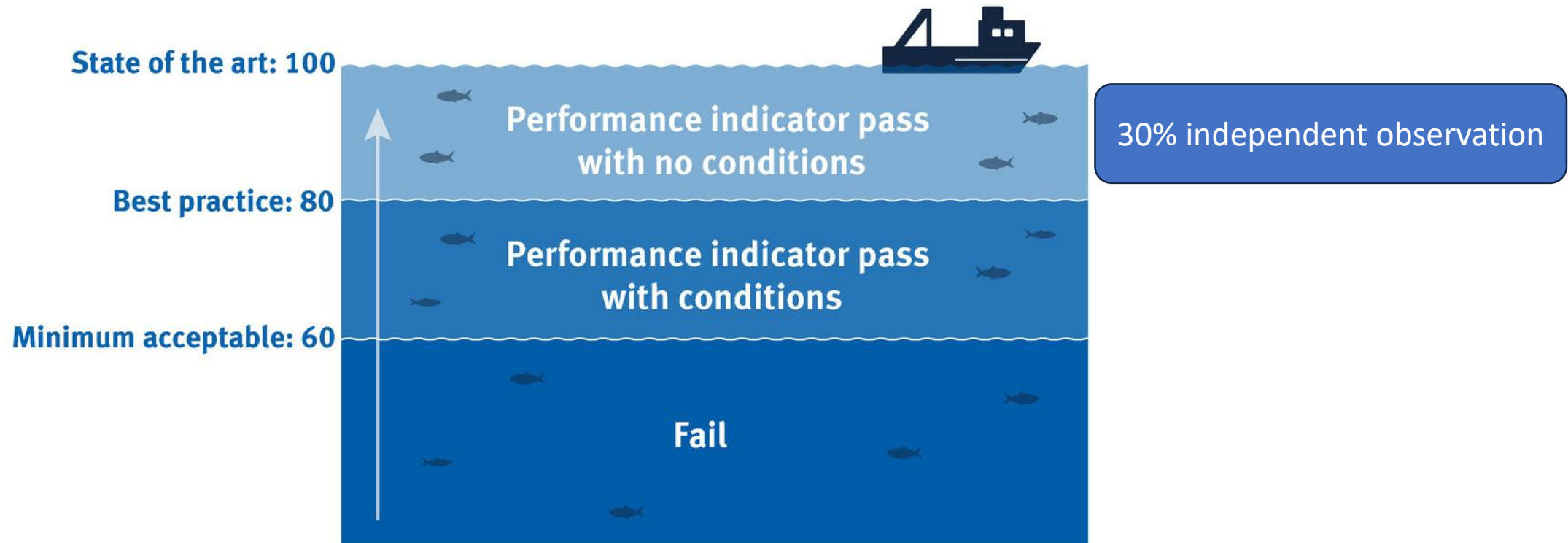


- Information needs to be adequate to assess impact and efficacy of management.
- **Evidence Requirements Framework**
 - Used to evaluate information quality
 - 30% independent observation as ‘best practice’ for fisheries that:
 - Operate in the high seas ✓
 - Have ETP/OOS interactions ✓
 - Managed by an RFMO ✓

Information – ETP/OOS



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Standard Implementation



26 October 2022

Fisheries may choose to be assessed against v3.0

01 Feb 2026

Fisheries entering assessment for the first time must adhere to v3.0

01 November 2030

Certified fisheries seeking reassessment must have transitioned to v3.0

WCPFC Managed Implementation



WCPFC managed fisheries

Moving to v3.0 in the next few years

Further resources and training



- [MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 Masterclass](#)
- [V3.0 summary of changes online module](#)
- [FSR training Supplementary Reading](#)
- [Fisheries Assessor training webinars](#)
- [Change tracker report](#)
- [Capacity Building Training Level 1](#)



Thank You and Questions