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Harvest Strategies in ICCAT: North Atlantic albacore

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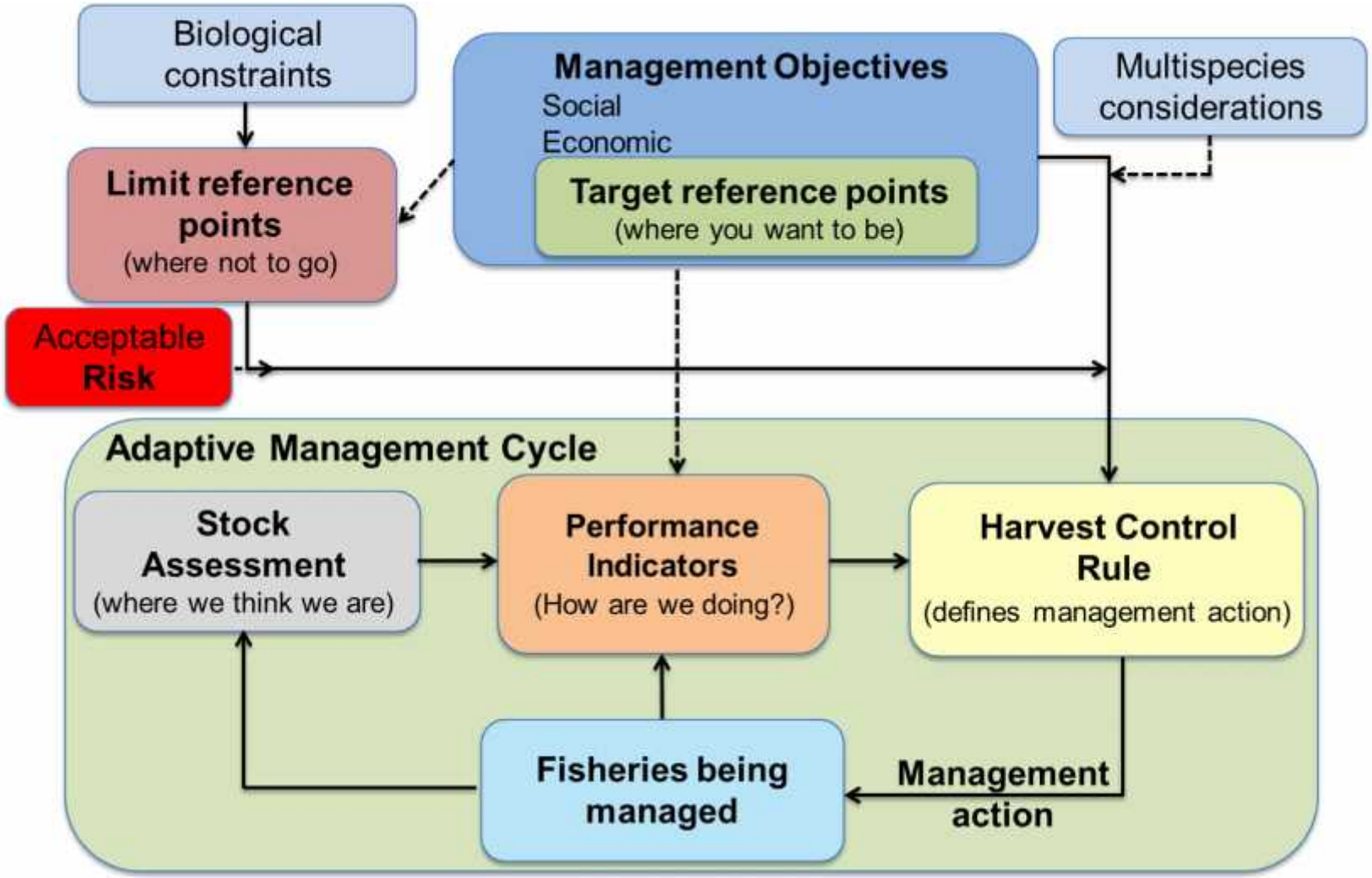

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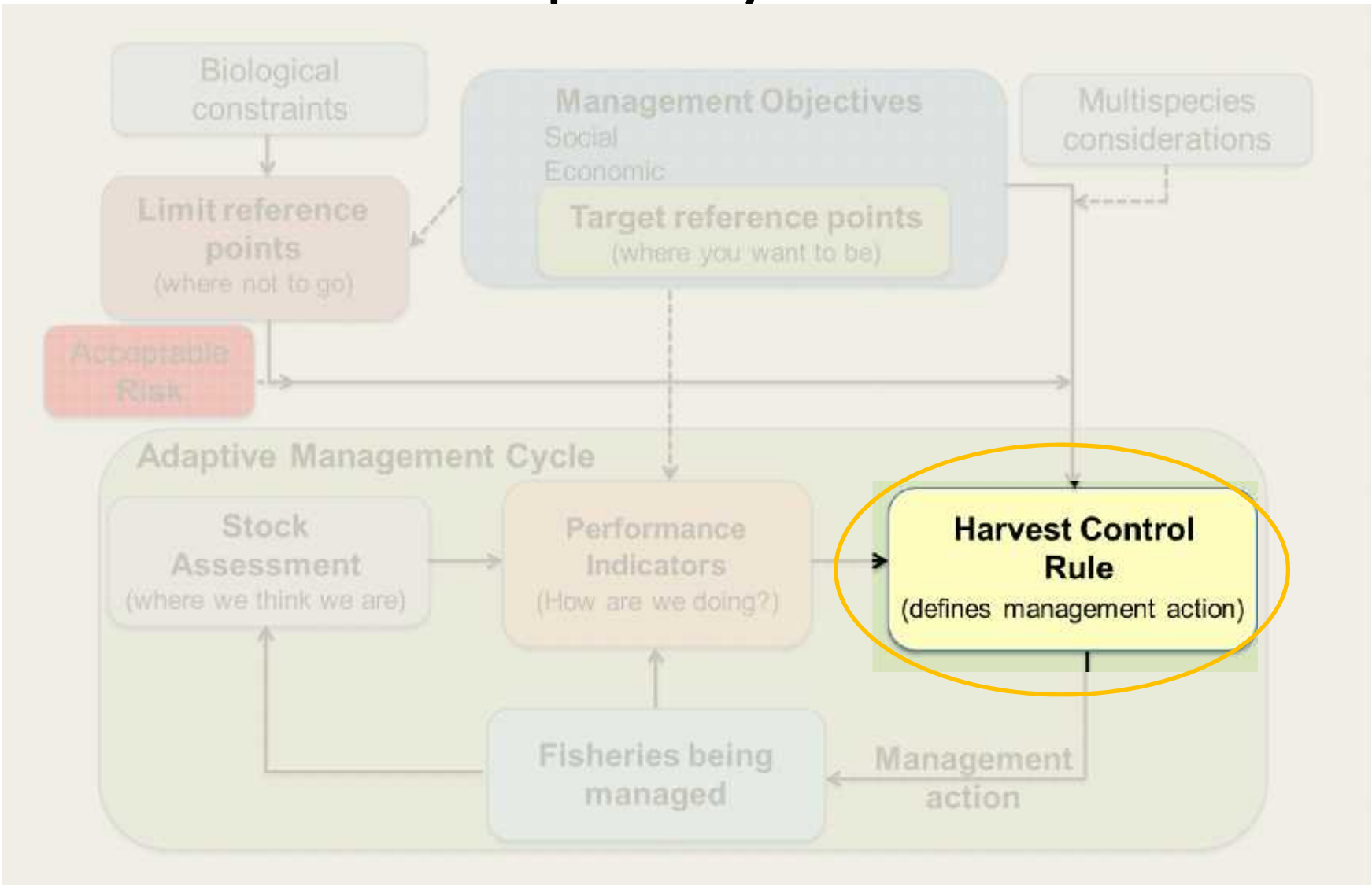

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- **Designed to achieve management objectives** (desired outcomes):
  - ✓ *"ICCAT aims at achieving Maximum Sustainable Yield"*
  - ✓ PA in ICCAT: "*Undesirable outcomes be anticipated and measures taken to reduce the probability of them occurring"*

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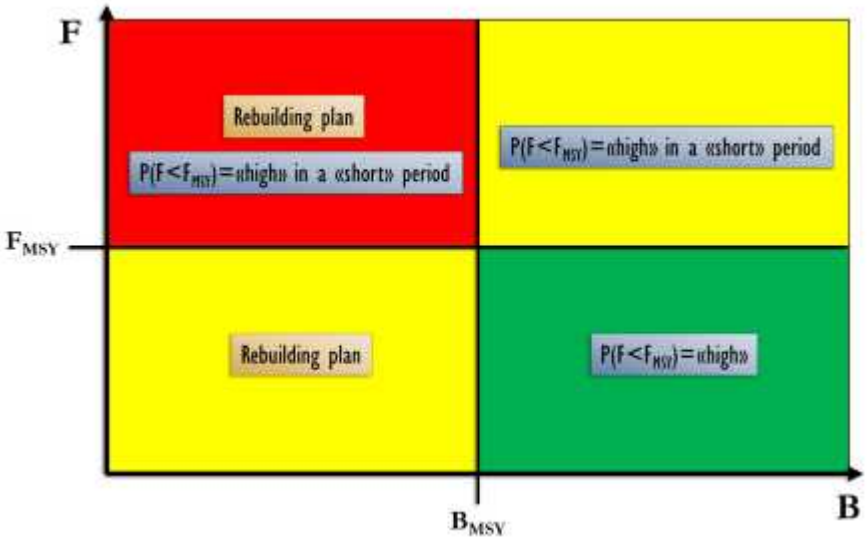

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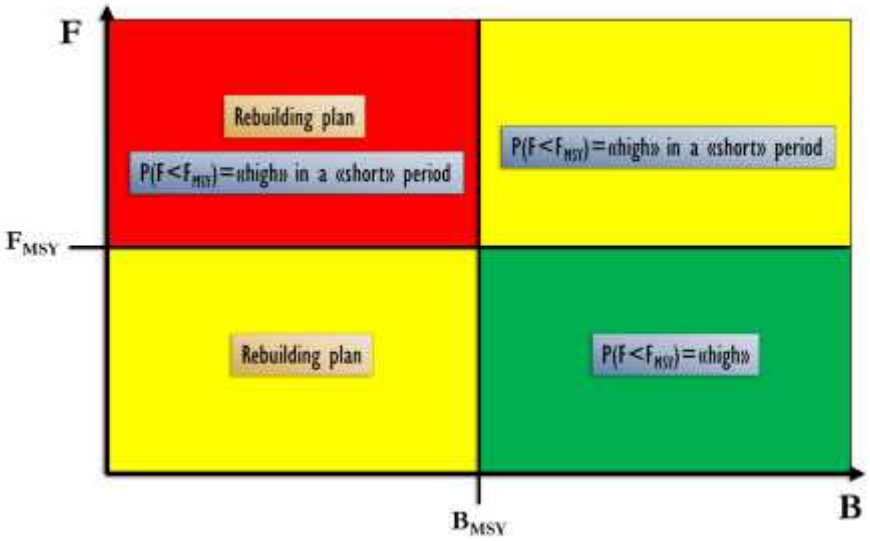

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From the general recommendations ***towards the applicability of Harvest Strategies***

New Reccomendations (2015)

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General Rec (PLE 124C)

3. As first steps of MSE implementation for a specific stock, the Commission shall provide guidance to the SCRS. Therefore, beginning in 2016 and consistent with priorities to be agreed by the Commission in light of the SCRS work program, the relevant ICCAT Panels will identify the following management inputs on a stock-by-stock basis, for, *inter alia*, northern albacore, bluefin tuna, North Atlantic swordfish, and tropical tunas:

   a) Management objectives, such as maximizing average catch, minimizing inter-annual fluctuations in TAC levels, returning or maintaining the stock in the green quadrant of the Kobe plot, etc, taking into account the requirements of Rec. [11-13];

   b) Acceptable quantitative level(s) of probability of achieving and/or maintaining stocks in the green zone of the Kobe plot and avoiding limit reference points; and

   c) Timeframes for halting overfishing on a stock and/or rebuilding an overfished stock.

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NA albacore (PA2-602B)

1. The management objective for northern albacore stock is

   a. to maintain the stock in the green zone of the Kobe plot, with at least a 60% probability, while maximizing long-term yield from the fishery, and
   b. where the spawning stock biomass (SSB) has been assessed by the SCRS as below the level capable of producing MSY (SSB_{MSY}), to rebuild SSB to or above SSB_{MSY}, with at least a 60% probability, and within as short time as possible, by 2020 at the latest, while maximizing average catch and minimizing inter-annual fluctuations in TAC levels.

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2. In 2016, the SCRS shall identify and test candidate reference points (e.g., $SSB_{THRESHOLD}$, SSB_{LIM} and F_{TARGET}) and associated harvest control rules (HCRs) that would support the management objective expressed in paragraph 1 above and/or any other management objectives agreed by the Commission.

3. The result of the analyses described in paragraph 2 will be discussed in a dialogue between scientists and managers to be organised in 2016, either during a meeting of the SWGSM or as an inter-sessional meeting of Panel 2.

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- Objectives
  - i. Maintain the biomass at or above levels required to produce MSY or its proxy and maintain the fishing mortality rate at or below F MSY or its proxy; (**Green quadrant**)
  - ii. Avoid the biomass being below B_{LIM} and the fishing mortality rate being above F_{LIM} (**Red quadrant**);

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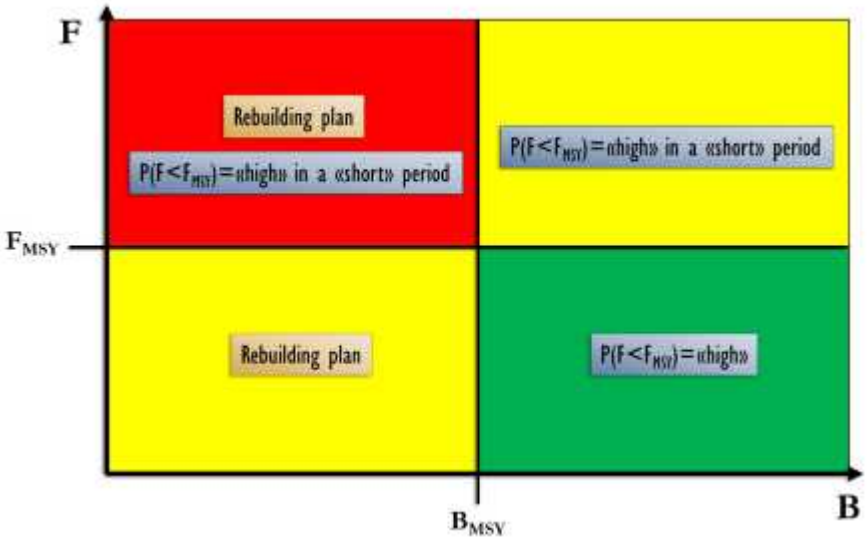
- *"Guidelines" Recommendation 15-10*
- *Equivalent to ICCAT 11-13*
- Interim target and limit reference points:
  - albacore
  - yellowfin
  - Swordfish
  - Bigeye
  - skipjack



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