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Terms of Reference for the Management Issues Theme

The overall purpose of the Management Issues Theme is to provide scientific advice to the Commission on management measures, both existing and potential, that can assist the Commission achieve its adopted management objectives. Ideally, the impacts of management measures adopted by the Commission should be considered before implementation and scientific research can help inform the Commission on the utility of potential management options.

Specific functions of the Management Issues theme will include:

- Review and evaluate, from a scientific point of view, the potential of existing CMMs in achieving their stated management objectives and the trade-offs associated with reconciling multiple objectives;
- Evaluate from a scientific point of view the utility of additional management measures on achieving the stated objectives of existing CMMs and the overall management objectives adopted by the Commission;
- Review, evaluate and identify, from a scientific point of view, appropriate reference points and harvest strategies that will assist the Commission achieve its management objectives;
- Develop, and review, biological, ~~economic and social~~ performance, as well as economic and social ones upon the request of the commission, indicators against which the achievement of management objectives can be assessed;
- ~~Develop, and review, appropriately structured multi-species, multi-fleet, bio-economic and / or ecosystem based operational models that can be used to evaluate management measures;~~
- ~~Develop, and review, user friendly software to assist fishery managers in understanding the implications of potential management measures and longer term strategies;~~
- Identify research and data required to support the evaluation of management measures;
- Provide advice and make recommendations to the Commission on the above.