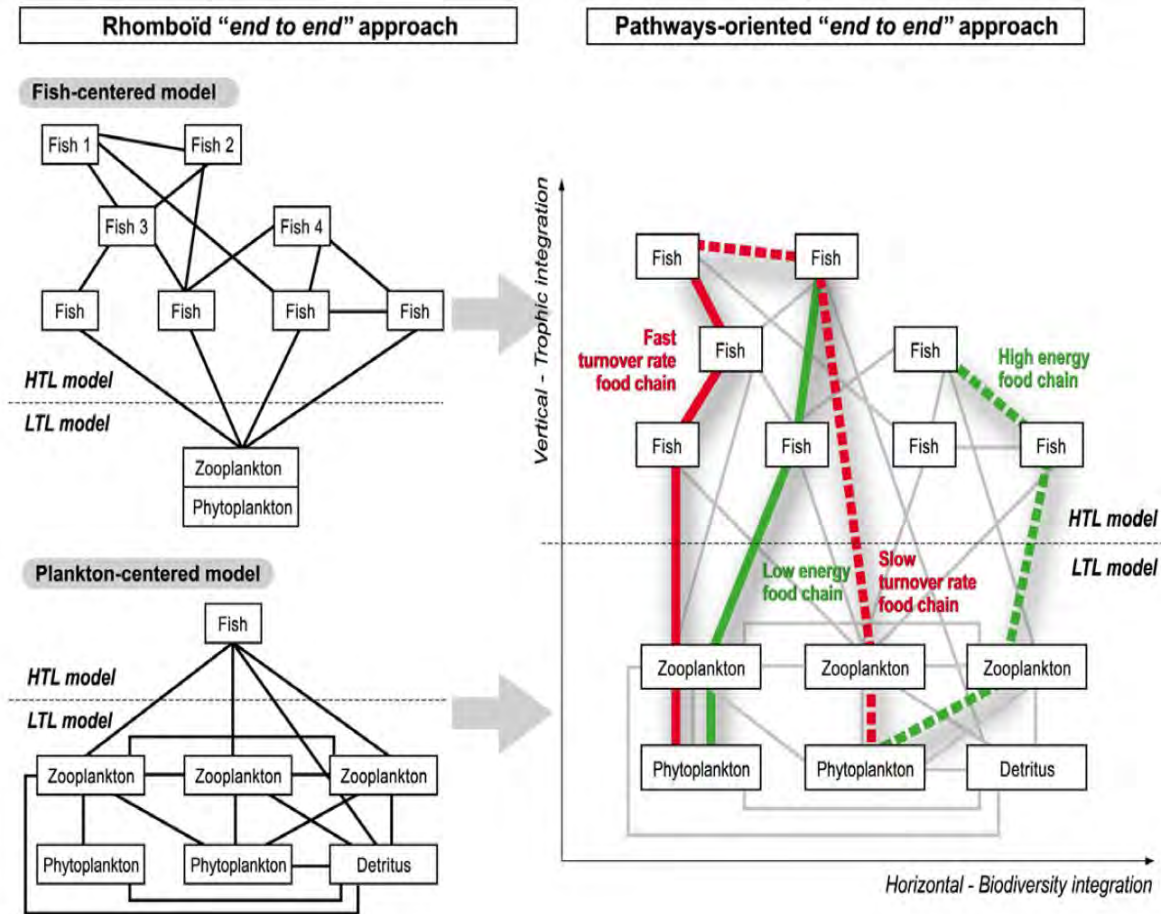


Modelling Change

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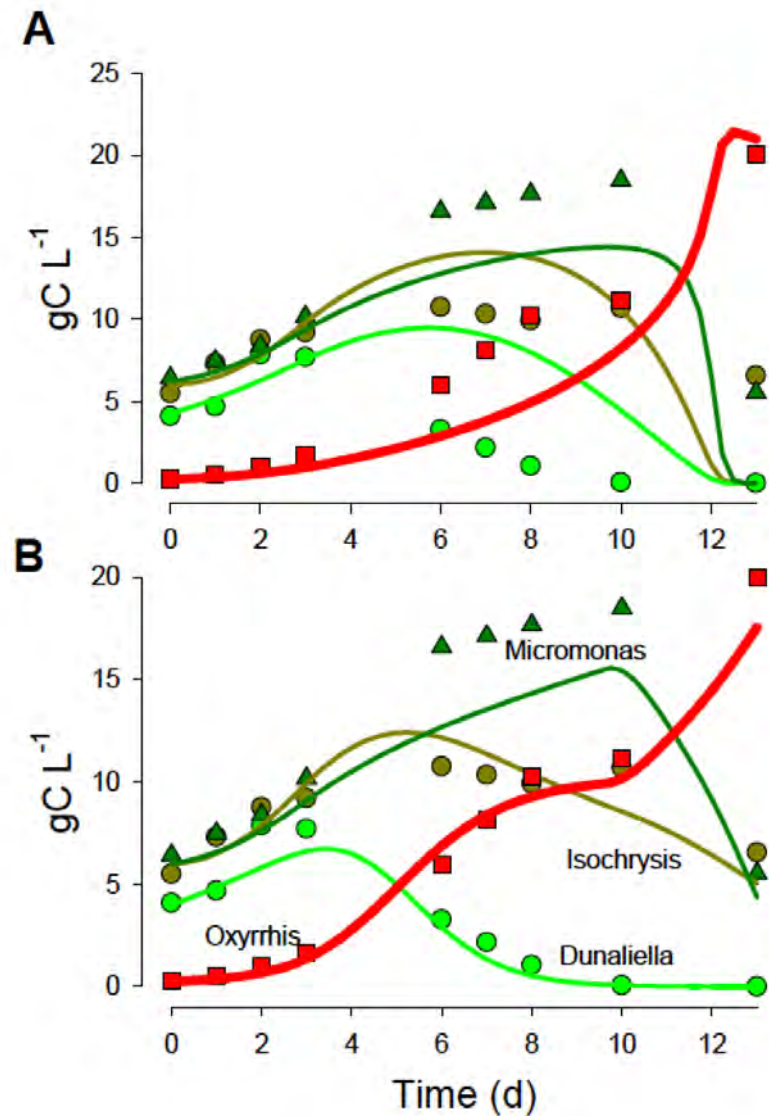
Model flexibility

- Model structures that allow for multiple composition expression



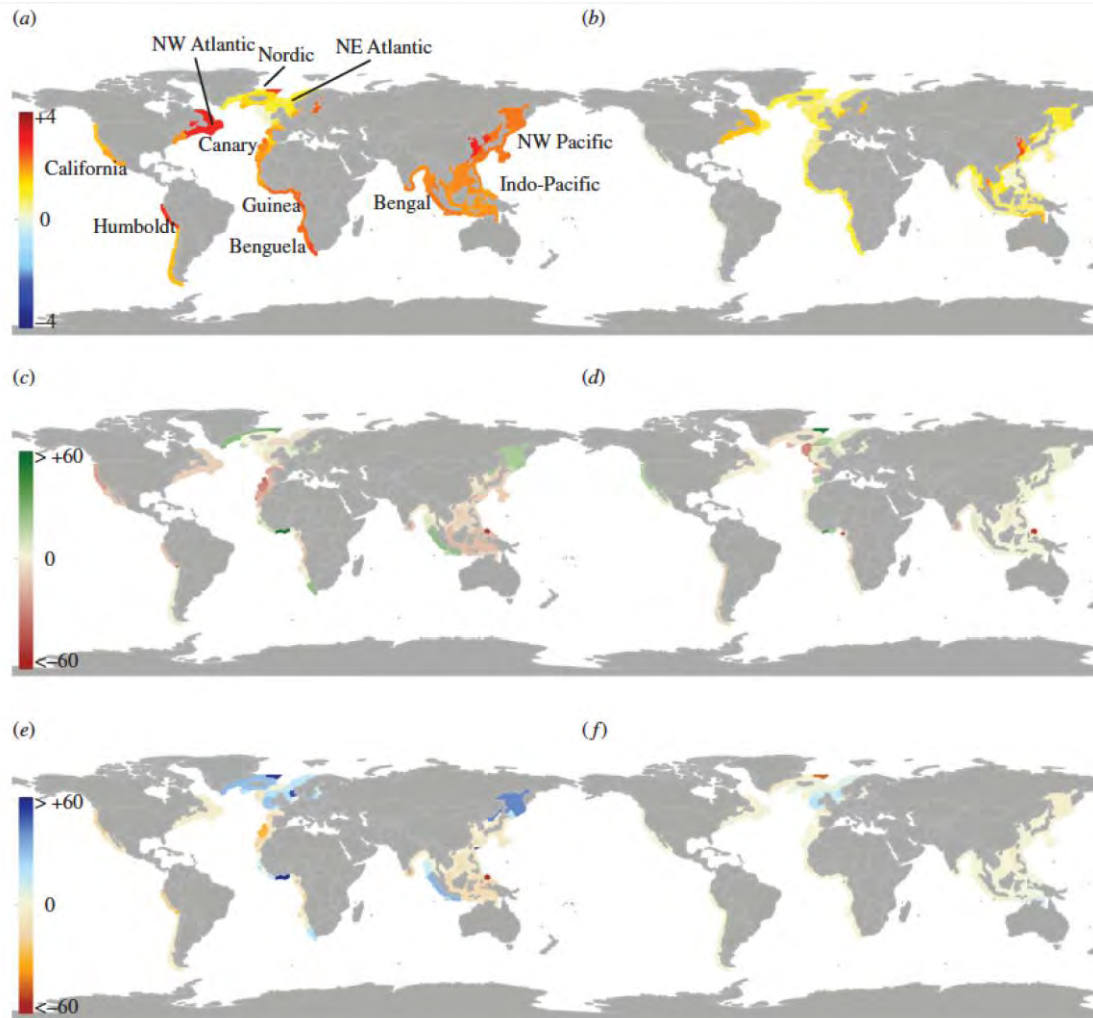
Revise processes

- Models reformulated with more knowledge
 - Multiple “errors” look like “truth”
 - “Right for right reasons” in case it influences dynamic shifts

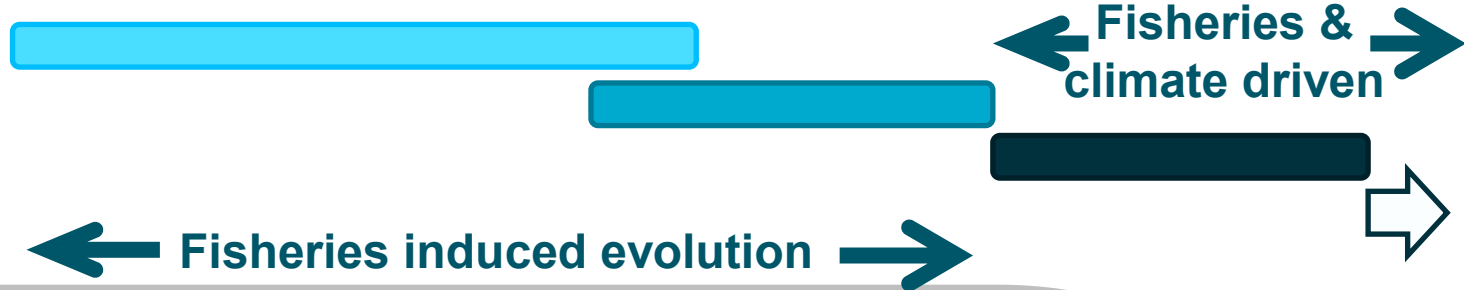
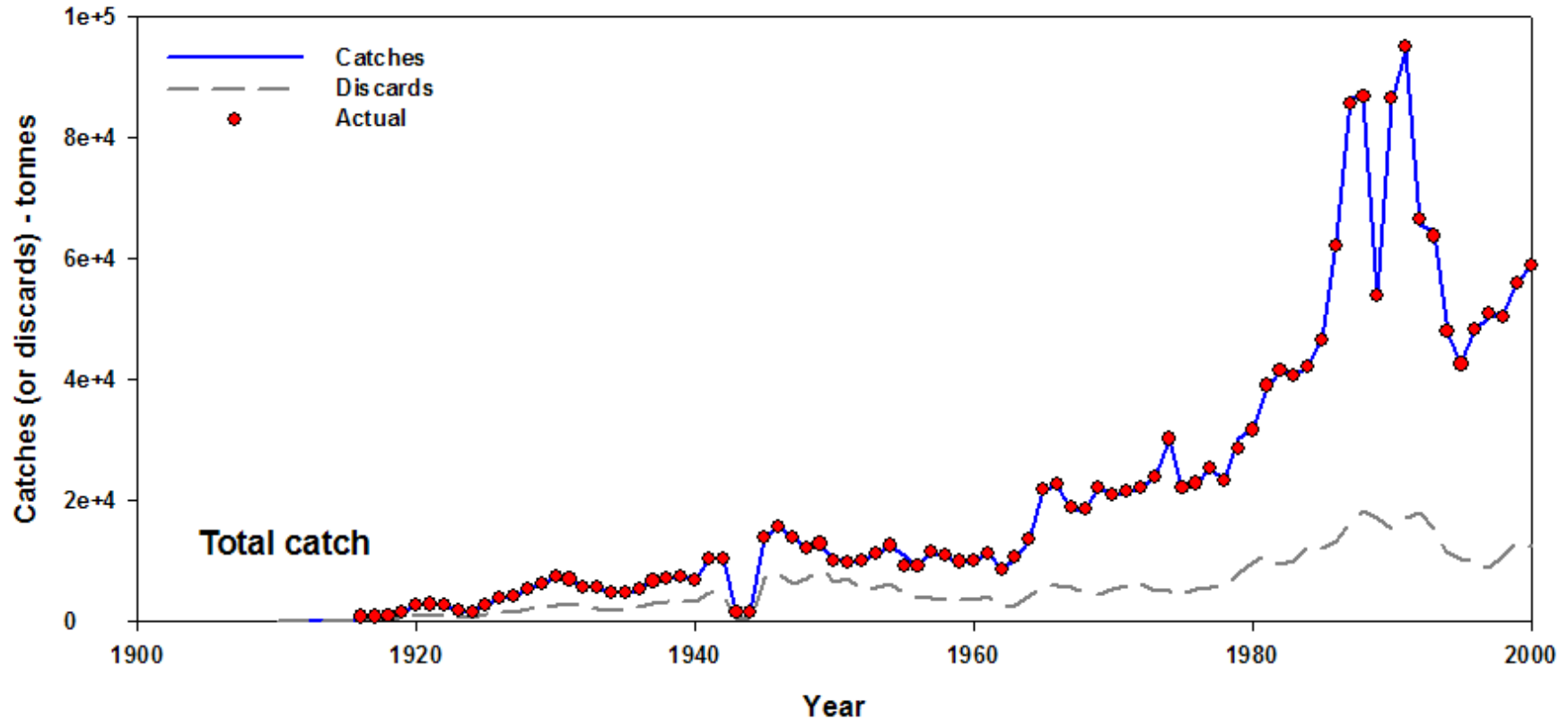


Go global

- Take existing model structures & apply variant on global scale

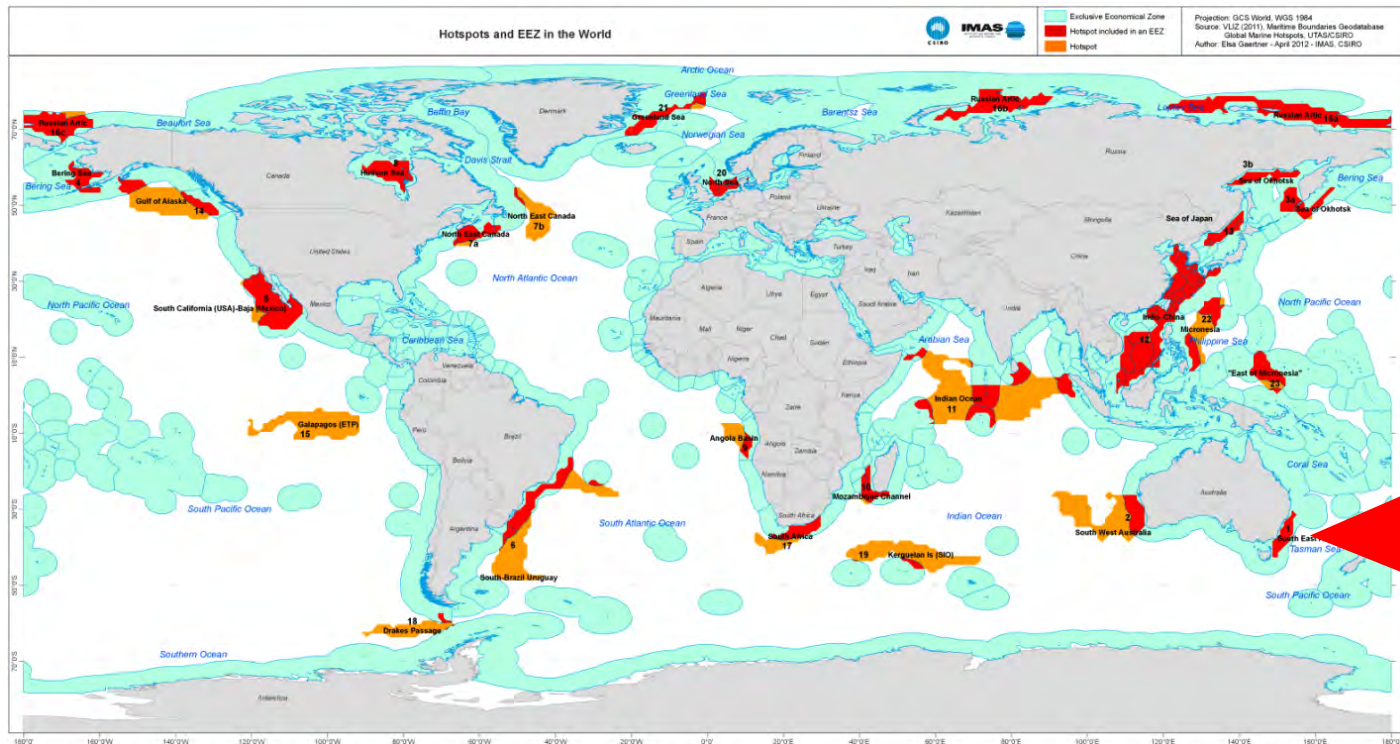


Allow for evolution



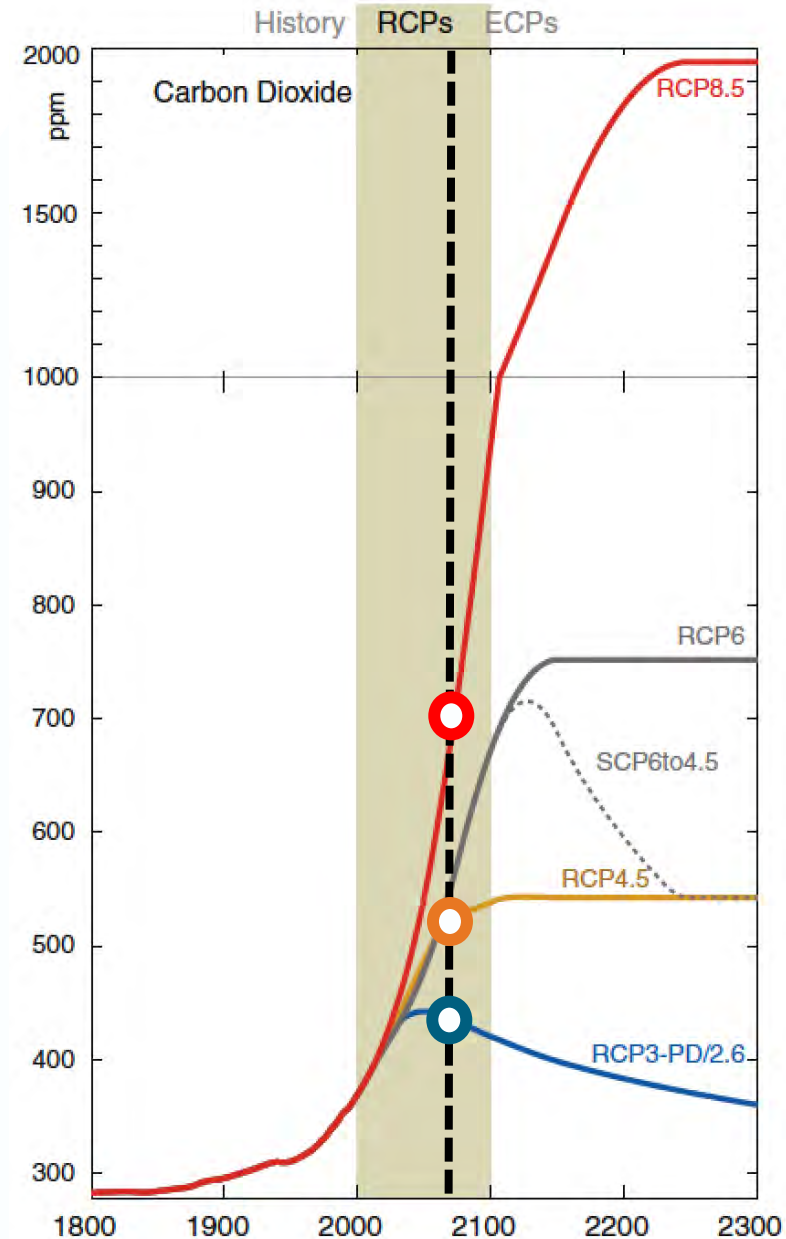
SEAP background

- SE Australia = hotspot of physical change
- Adaptation program (risk analysis, simulations etc)



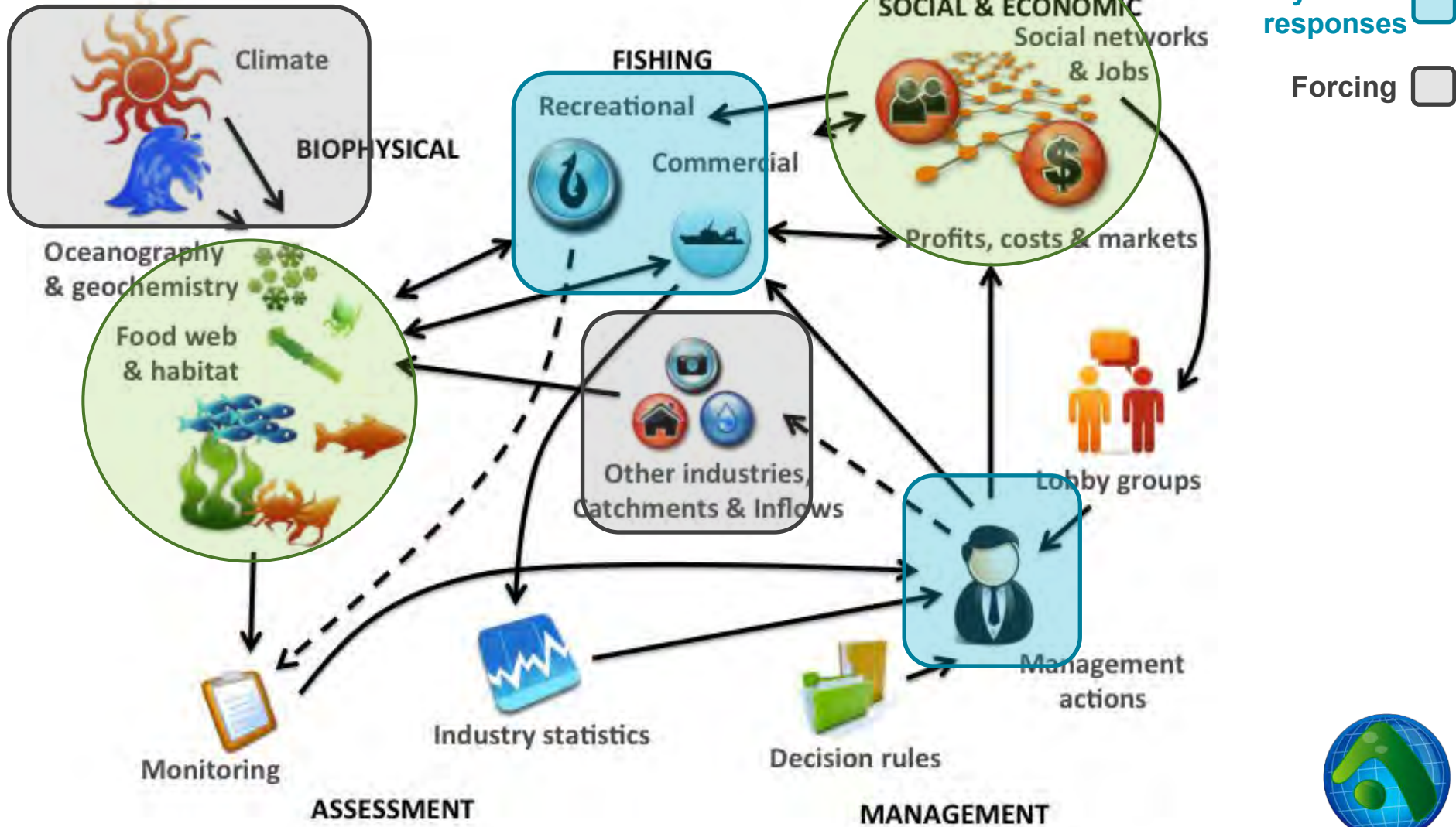
RCP context

- RCP 8.5, 4.5 and 3
- GCM derived forcing
 - Currents (horizontal & vertical)
 - Temperature, Salinity, pH, oxygen
- Extreme events (e.g. storms, pathogens)
- Changed level of other sectors (shipping, catchments, development aggregate mining etc.)



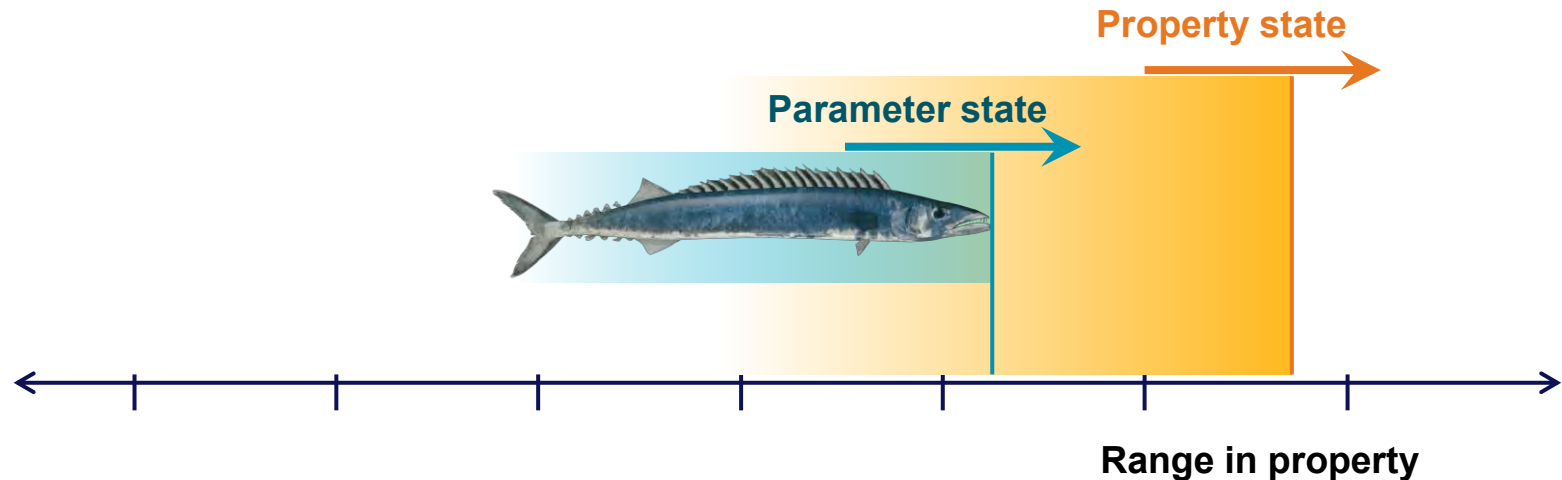
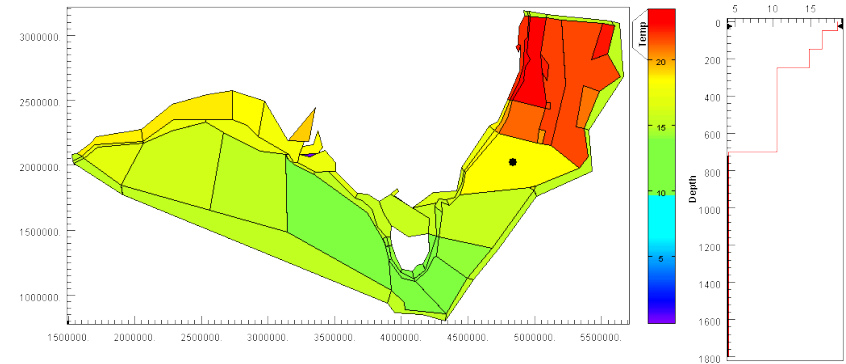
Meinshausen et al (2011)

Model structure



Acclimation

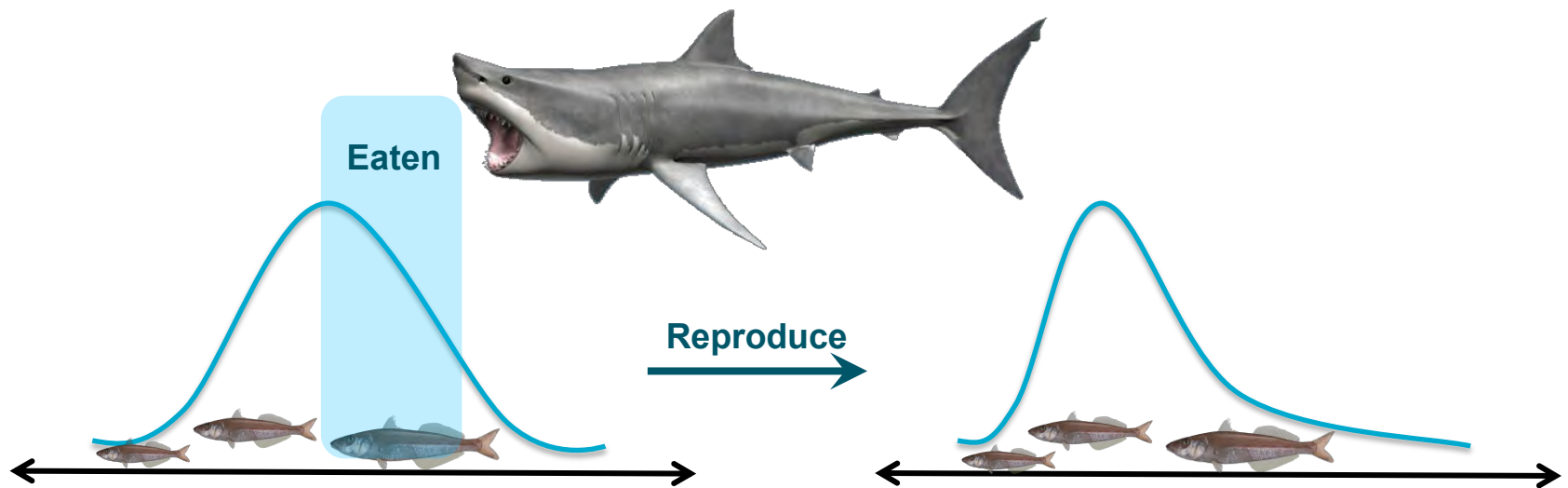
- Forage and density dependent geographic distributions
- Slow acclimation of parameterisation (to physical conditions; capped at observed laboratory & physiological ranges)



$$\text{New optima} = \text{Old optima} + (\text{Gap between optima and new state}) * \text{rate of shift}$$

Evolution & Biodiversity Turnover

- Size based feeding & reproduction
- Physiological rates, reproduction (and nutritional value) environmentally impacted
- Survivors reproduce (with heritability and stochasticity) so population's distribution of parameters evolves through time



- Seeing 1-10cm drop in mean adult size over 50yrs

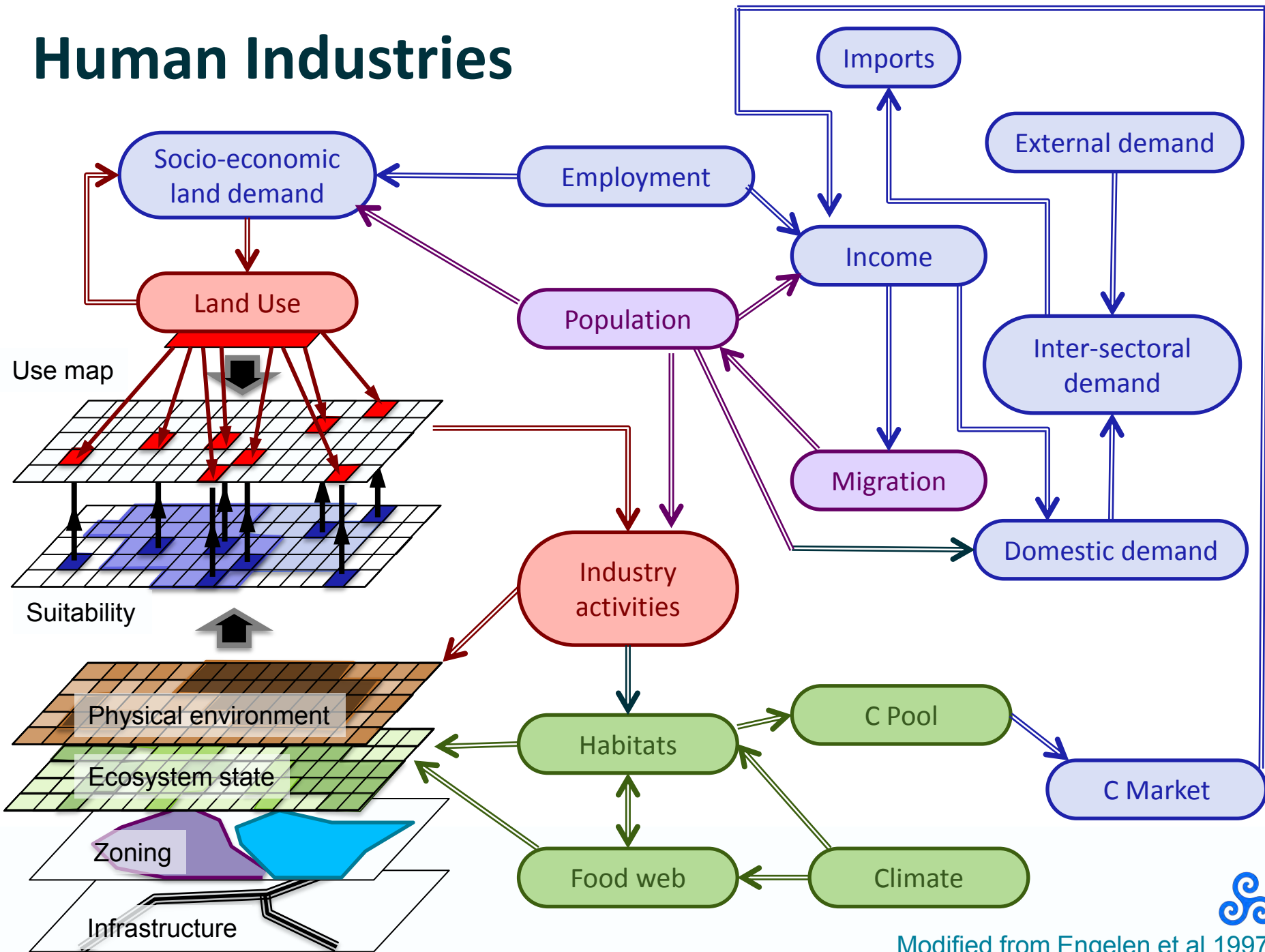
Human Industries

- Dynamic social and economic driven effort allocation decision model
 - can shift ports, trade quota, sell up, invest etc
 - Full MSE (adaptive management loop complete)



- One-way coupled marine and coastal industries model (human pressure along the coast line)

Human Industries



Management Options

- Objective remains sustainability; >100 options explore

Class of management action

Governance: centralised, cross border co-op, “go it alone”

Spatial management: static, shifting, closures (10%, 30%, 75%)

Integrated management

Monitoring schemes: annual, periodic, per-state, coordinated

Management delays: short, long

Stock enhancement (including stocking densities for aquaculture)

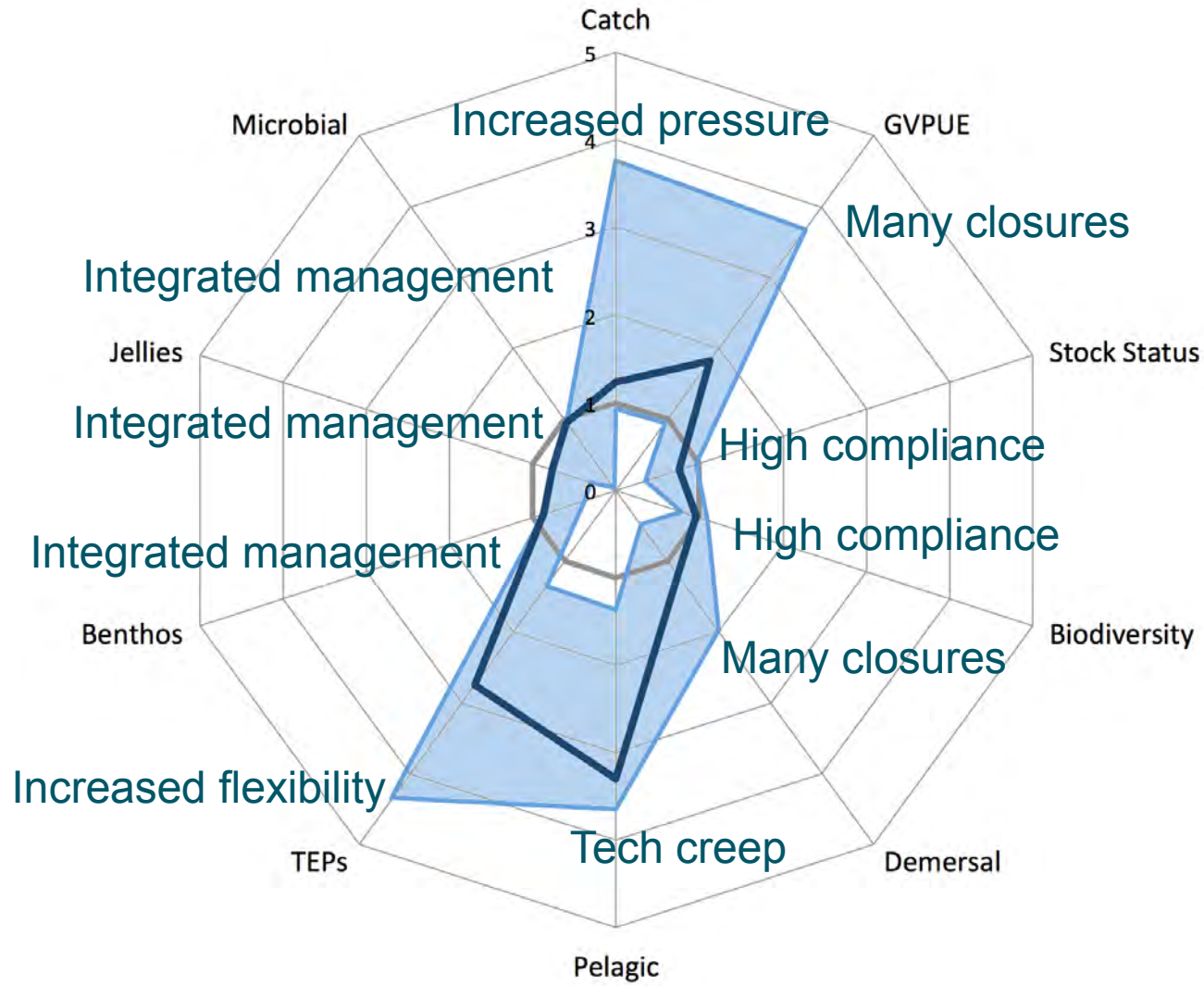
Markets: classical, diversified

Costs: low, high (fisheries and aquaculture)

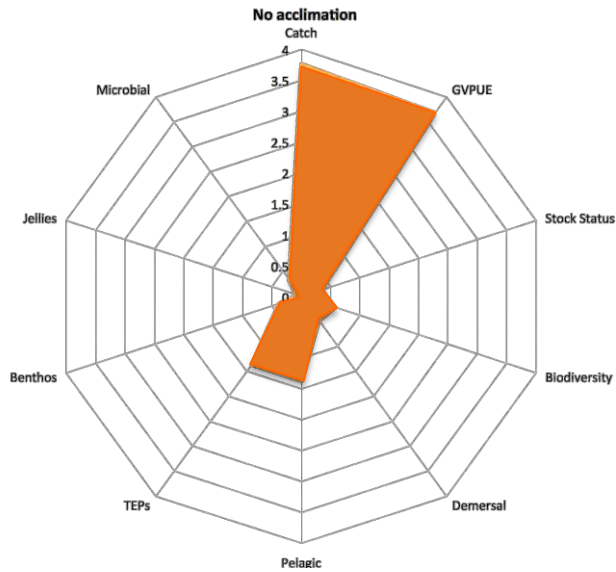
New fisheries (e.g. mesopelagics, immigrant species, biofuel)

Changing pressure (including tech creep, gear switching, compliance levels)

Tradeoffs – conservation & industry

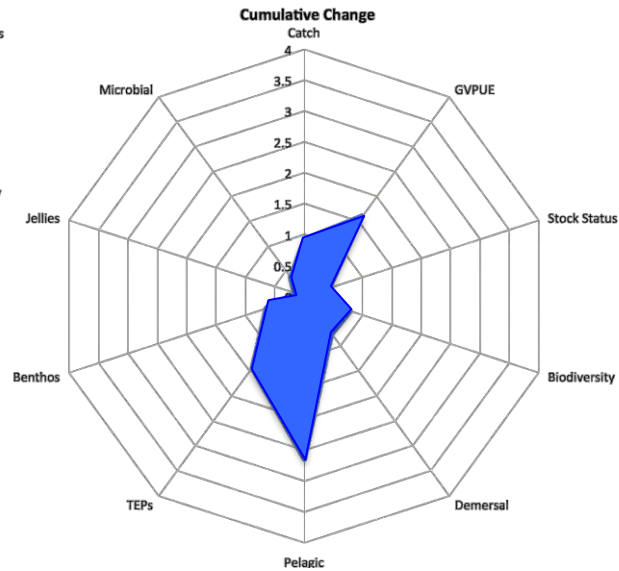


Adaptation



No acclimation

- Vertebrates suffer
- Some invertebrates explode (or crash)

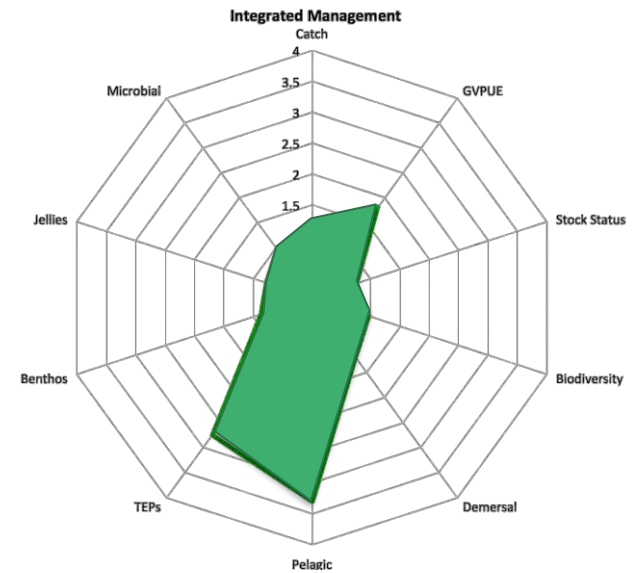


Cumulative impacts

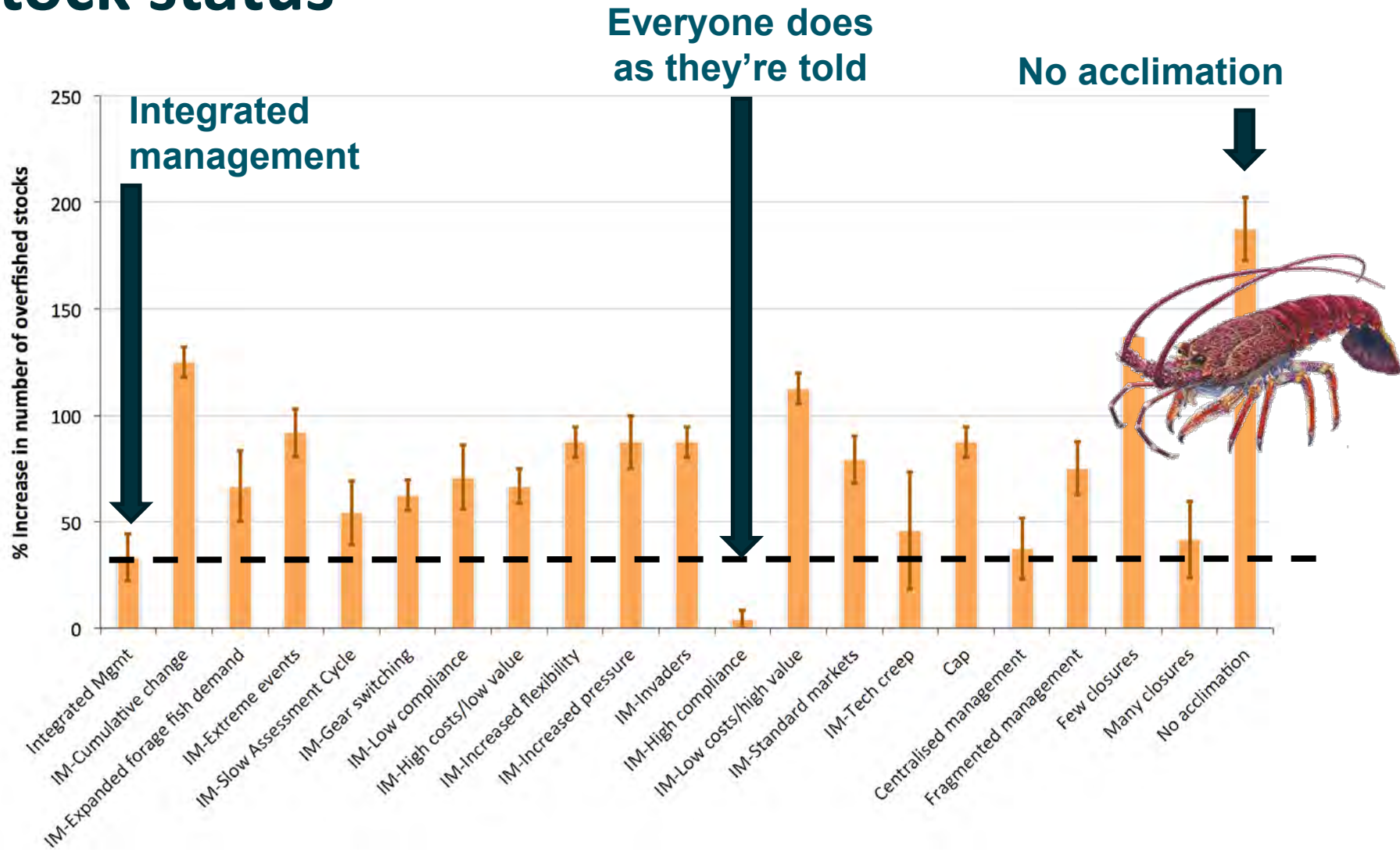
- Industries interfere
- End up with weedy system

Integrated management

- Can deliver on sustainable objectives
- Social licence required for delivery

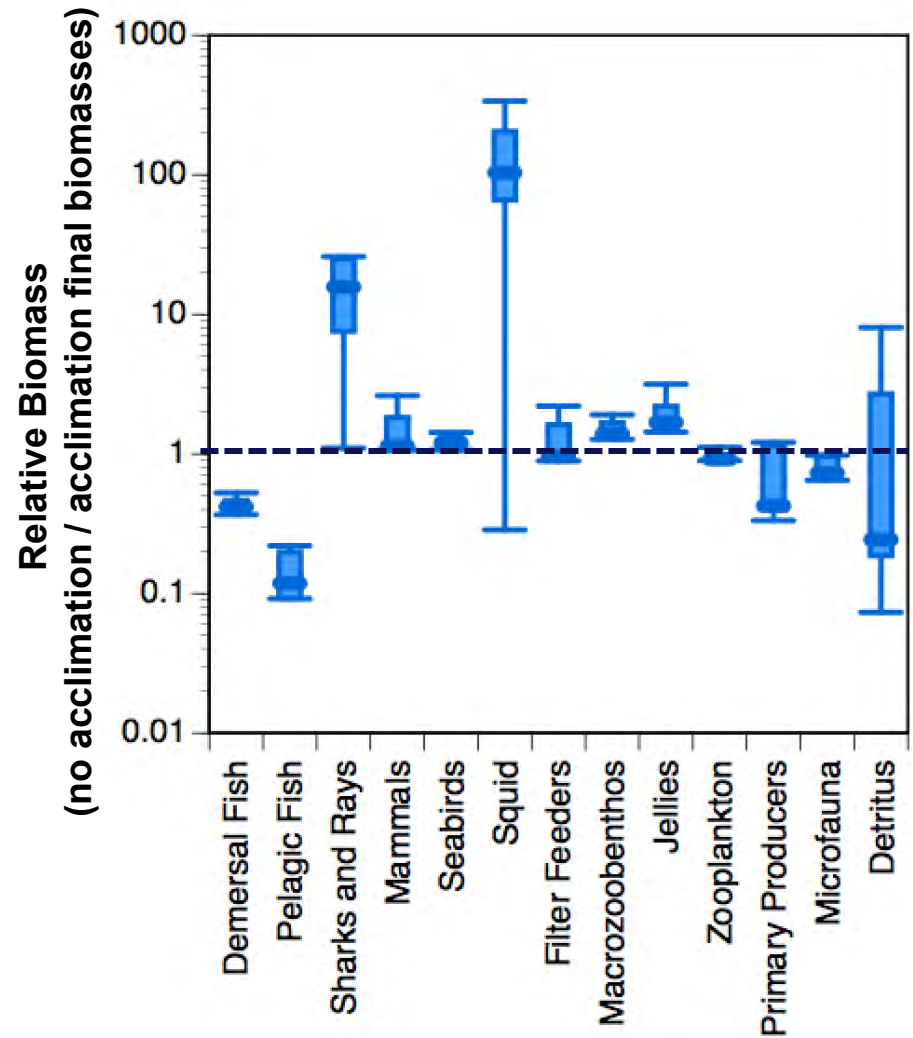


Stock status



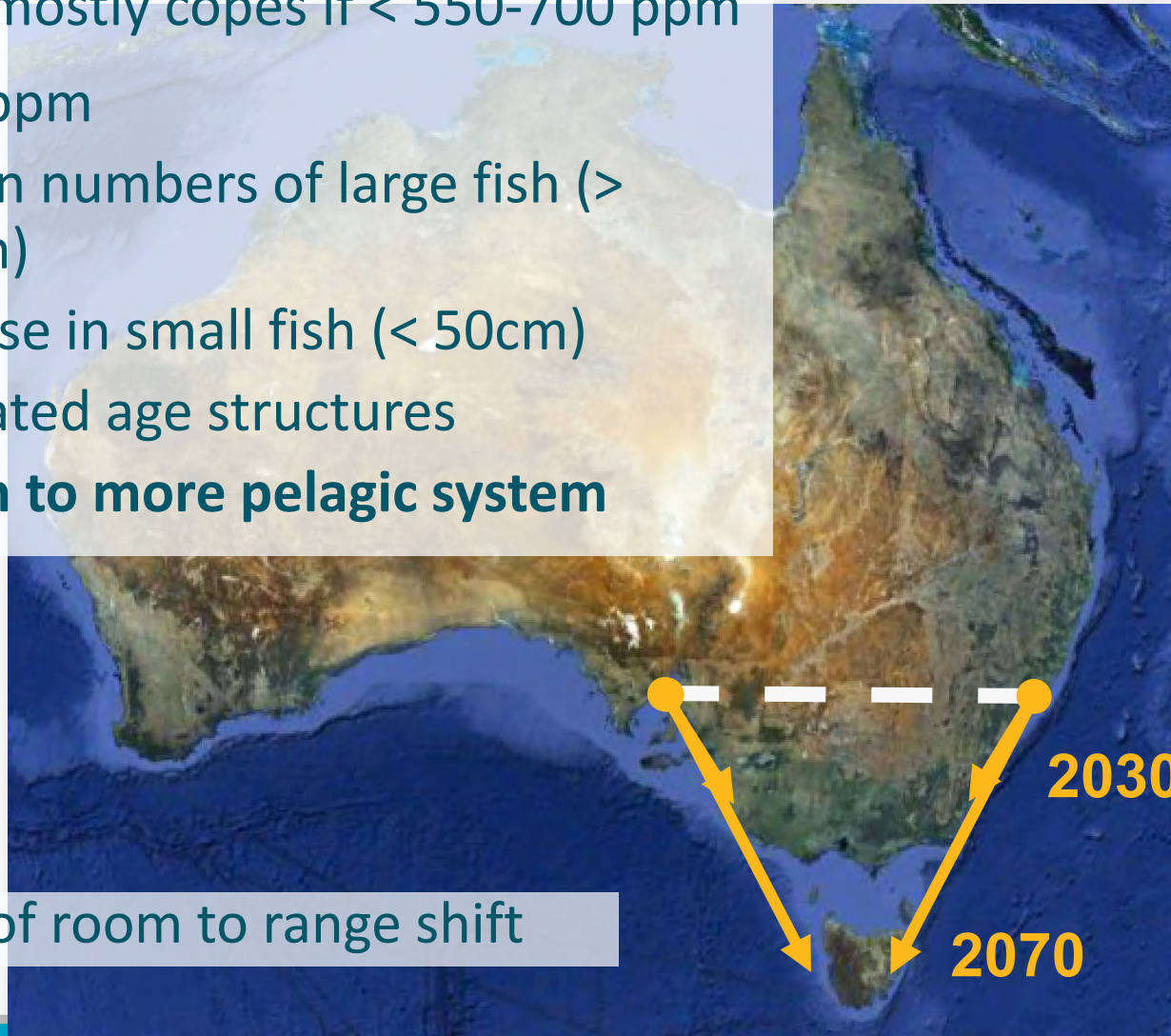
Not as dire with acclimation

- No acclimation
 - Squids boom/bust
 - Jellies & non-calcifiers win
 - Weedy & pelagic
 - Fast turnover system
- With acclimation & evolution
 - While system copes, little gross change (some turnover in dominant spp)
 - Tipping point exists



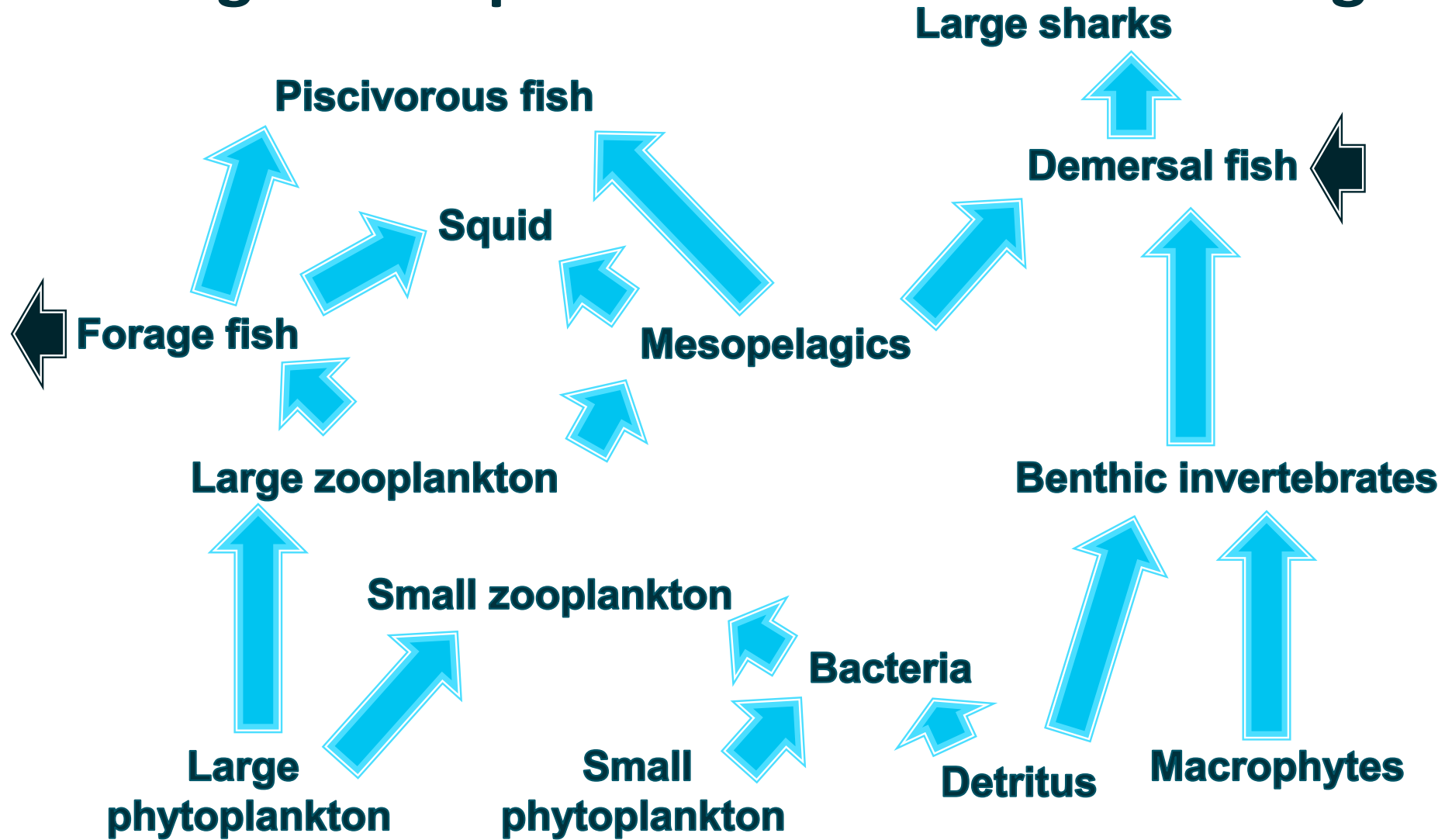
Biological adaptation: Shifting size & location

- Ecology mostly copes if < 550-700 ppm
- If > 700 ppm
 - Drop in numbers of large fish (> 450cm)
 - Increase in small fish (< 50cm)
 - Truncated age structures
 - **Switch to more pelagic system**



- Run out of room to range shift

Biological adaptation: Facilitators of change



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Large sharks

Piscivorous fish

Demersal fish

Squid

Forage fish

Mesopelagics

Large zooplankton

Benthic invertebrates

Small zooplankton

Bacteria

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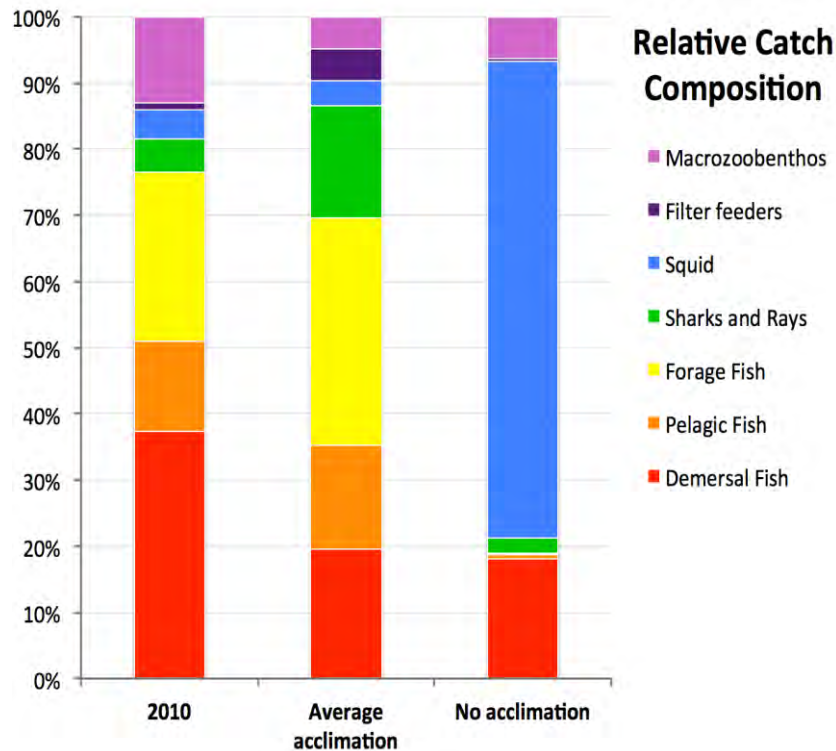
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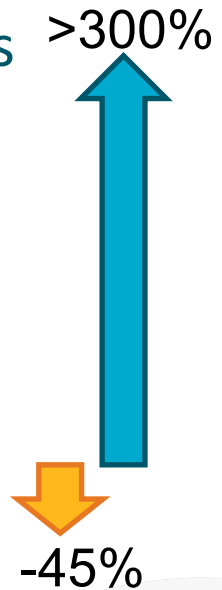
Macrophytes

Social & economic change

- Compositional change (interaction ecology, value, ease of access)



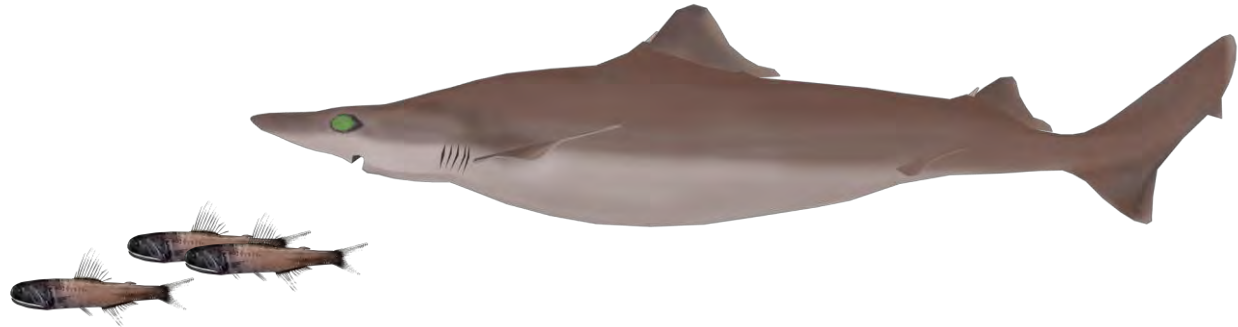
- Cost structures shift (extreme events exposure, sunk costs, transit costs)
- Differential outcomes across jurisdictions (& fleets) $>300\%$
- **VPUE** outcome variable
- **Employment** halved
- Larger vessels more robust



Barriers to adaptation

- ① **Biological and ecological**
 - distribution, composition & productivity change; thresholds
- ② **Behavioural, cognitive and social**
 - flexibility & personality; intuition & perception; cultural influence
- ③ **Governance and regulation**
 - supportive vs constraints & delays (hardship potential)
- ④ **Economic and markets**
 - compound barriers; larger operators typically have more capacity
- ⑤ **Technological**
 - facilitate change vs lock in maladaptive behaviour; [info access](#)
- ⑥ **Scientific**
 - remaining gaps; more change focus needed

Barriers to modelling & implementation



- Data gaps
 - physiological adaptation of higher trophic levels
 - human responses (e.g. institutional dynamics)

- Social licence



Summary

- Real world systems are non-stationary
- Models and management often based on equilibrium (or at least stationary parameterisations)
- Get a different picture if include acclimation
- Many of ecological key players are not focus of regulation
- Most effective management = integrated & adaptive
- Barriers to adaptation
 - Biology copes through until 550+ ppm
 - Human barriers to adaptation = major blocks

Thank you

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