

Marianas Reef Fishery Sustainability – What do we know so far?

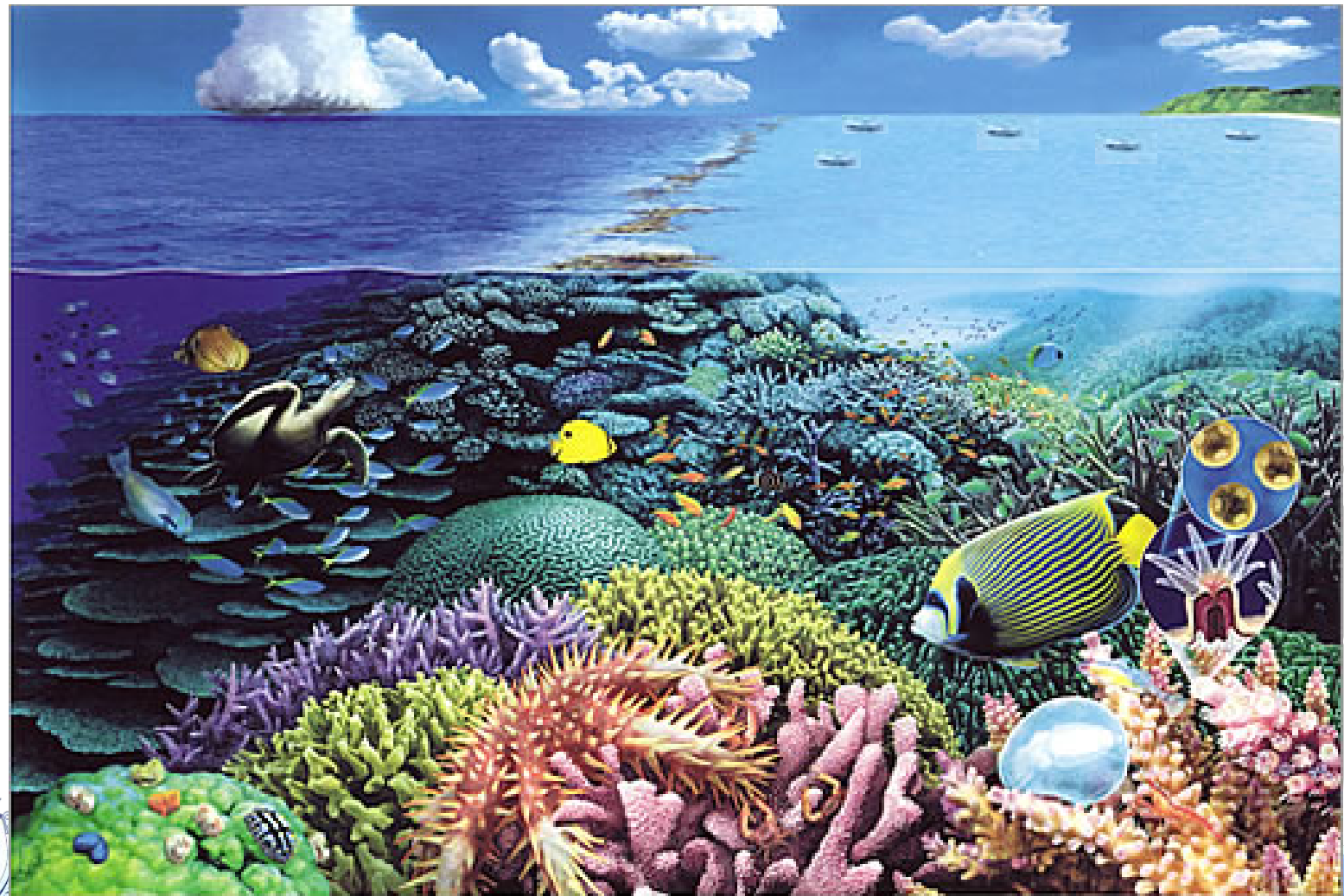
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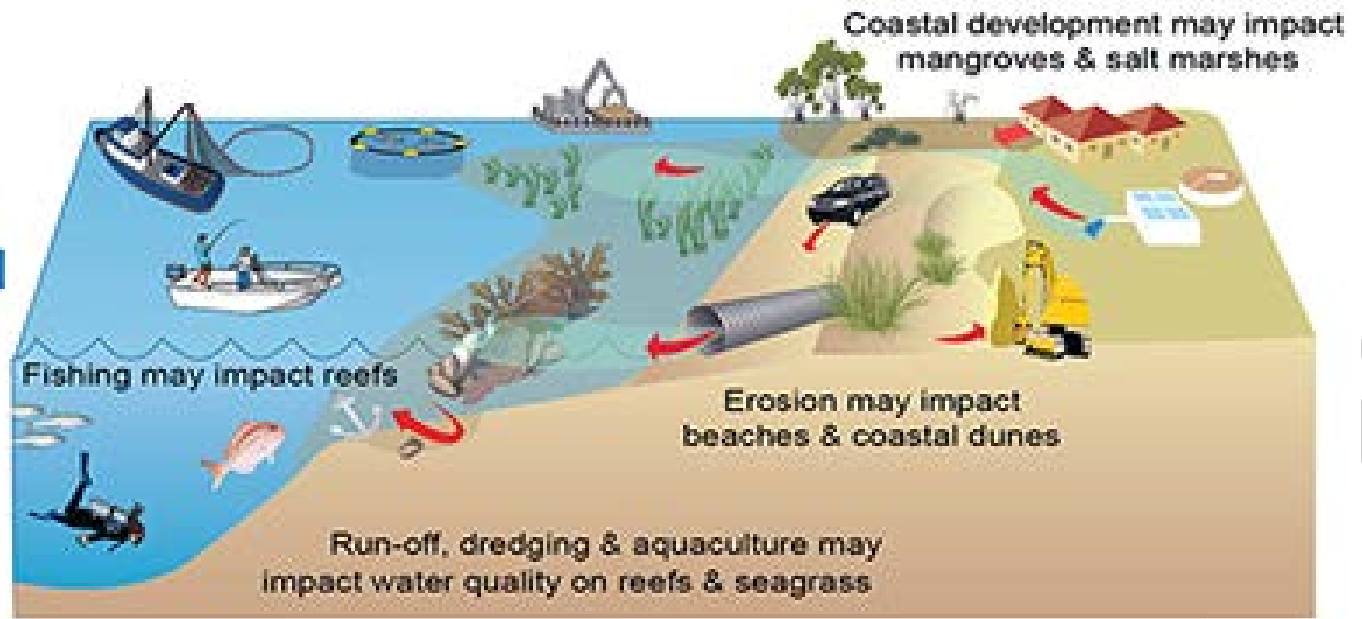
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Coral reef ecosystem and fisheries

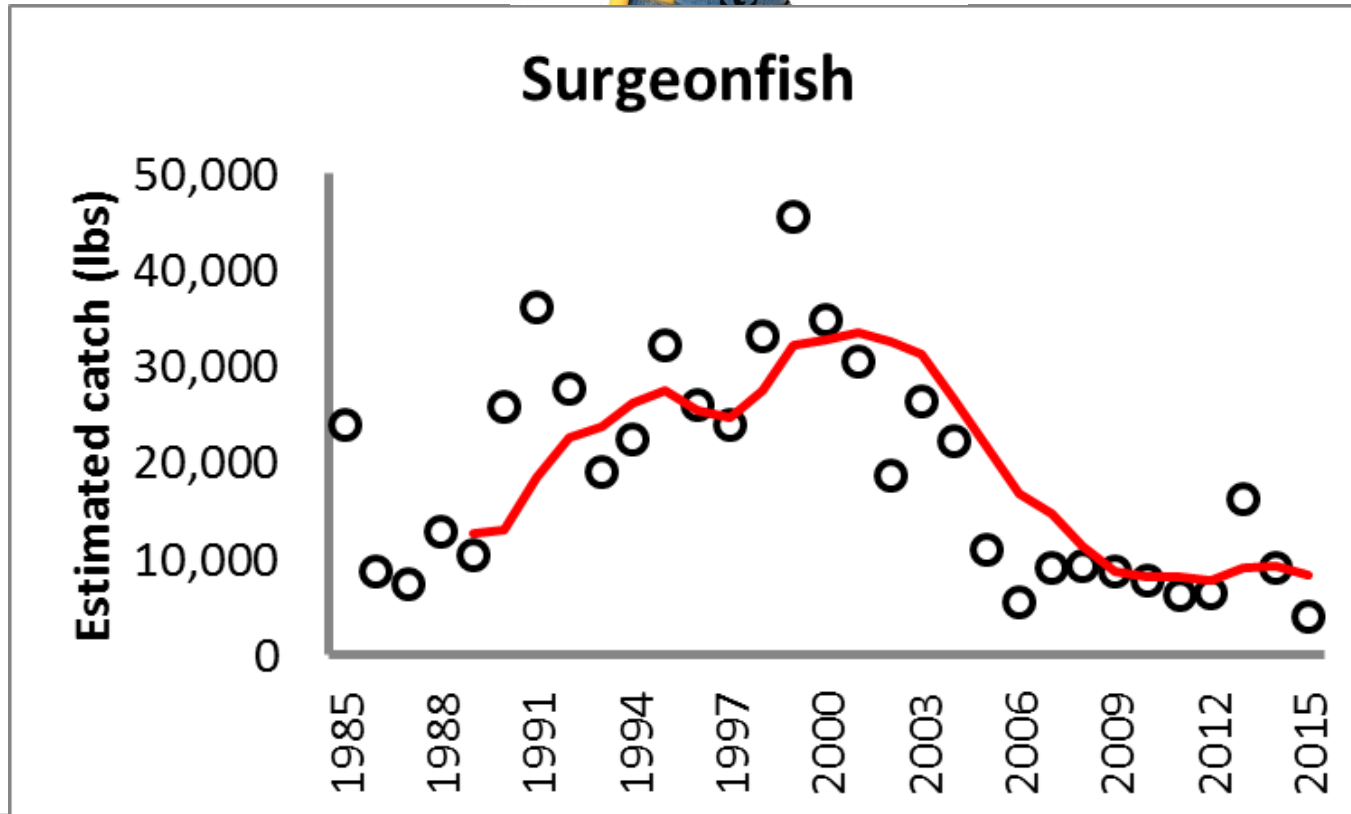


Ecosystem health

Good & Services
Food
Recreation
Tourism
Biodiversity
Trapping sediment
Coastal erosion control
Mining
Shipping
Aesthetic landscapes
Culturally important places



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Biological Overfishing

So many taken out they make baby slower



Recruitment overfishing

not enough fish to make baby fish



Over Fishing

fishing to much



Growth Overfishing

more fish being caught less fish being born



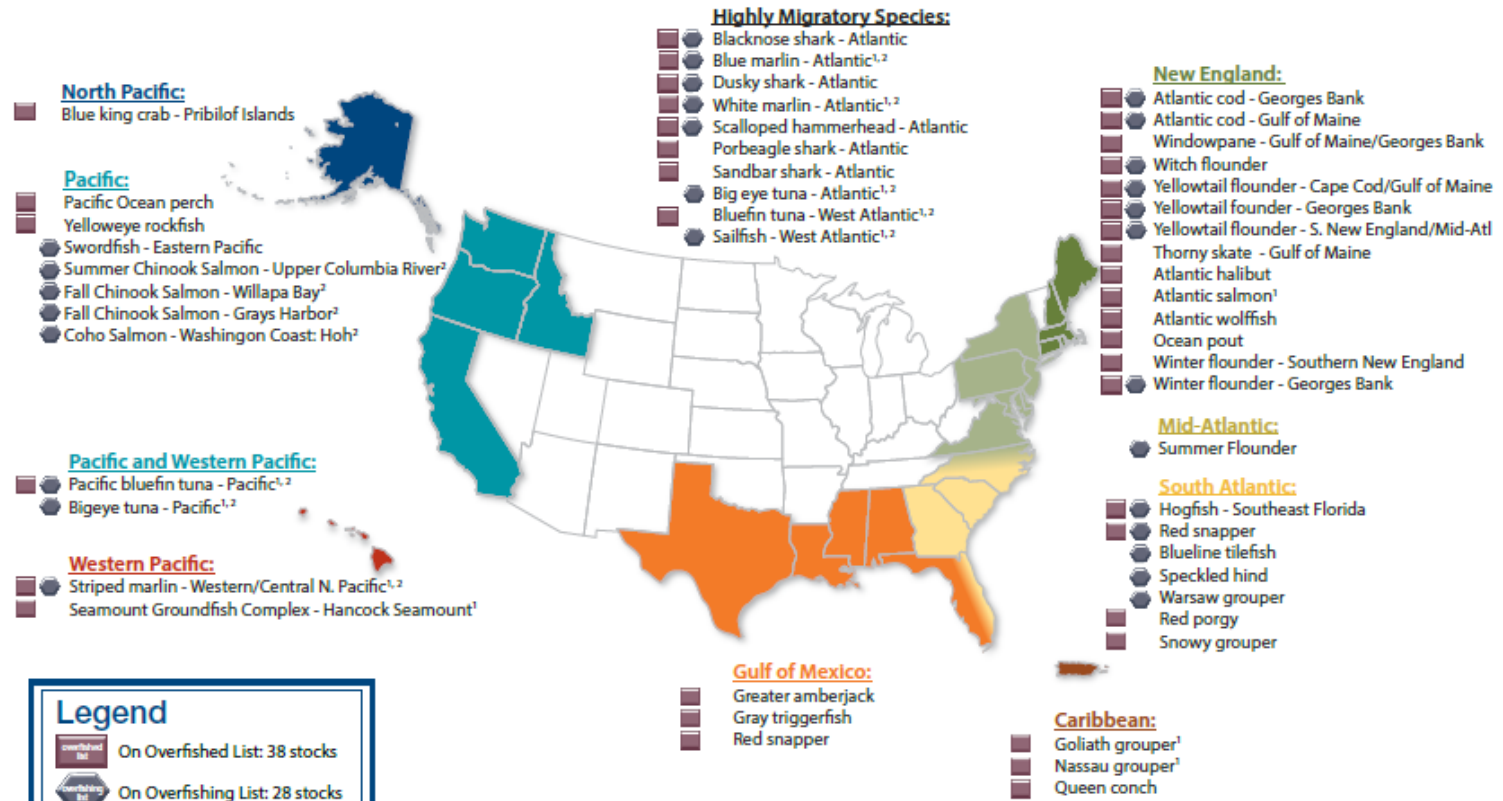
Ecosystem Overfishing

when so many are taken it affects the ecosystem

Stocks: overfished & overfishing



NOAA FISHERIES
Stock Status as of
December 31, 2015



Legend

- On Overfished List: 38 stocks
- On Overfishing List: 28 stocks

1. Non-FSSI stock
2. Stock is fished by US and International fleets



Stock assessment recipe

With Fishing

▶ Basic Equation

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = rB \left(1 - \frac{B}{K} \right) - qEB$$

- ▶ r : intrinsic growth rate
- B : Biomass
- K : Carrying Capacity
- q : Catchability Coefficient
- E : Fishing Effort

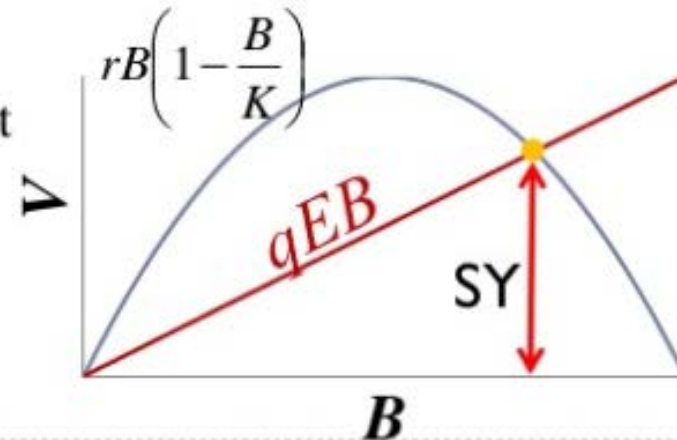
$$u = Y_e / X = q\bar{P}$$

$$\bar{P} = u / q$$

▶ At Sustainable Yield

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = 0$$

$$SY = qEB = rB \left(1 - \frac{B}{K} \right)$$



How would you know the status of the stock?

CPUE and E at equilibrium

$$Y = qEB = rB\left(1 - \frac{B}{K}\right) \quad Y = qEB = qEK\left(1 - \frac{qE}{r}\right)$$

$$qE = r\left(1 - \frac{B}{K}\right) \quad Y = qKE - \frac{q^2K}{r}E^2$$

$$\frac{qE}{r} = 1 - \frac{B}{K} \quad \frac{Y}{E} = qK - \frac{q^2K}{r}E$$

$$\frac{B}{K} = 1 - \frac{qE}{r}$$

$$CPUE = qK - \frac{q^2K}{r}E$$

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Estimation of MSY from CPUE

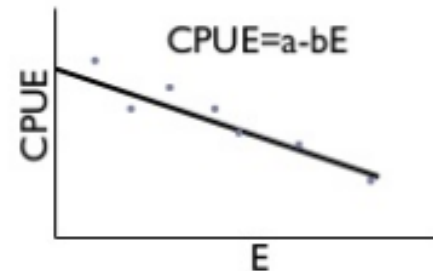
$$CPUE = a - bE$$

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$$CPUE = qK - \frac{q^2 K}{r} E$$

$$qK = a$$

$$q^2 K/r = b$$



$$MSY = \frac{rK}{4} = \frac{(qK)^2}{4(q^2 K/r)} = \frac{a^2}{4b}$$

$$E_{MSY} = \frac{r}{2q} = \frac{1}{2}(qK) \left(\frac{r}{q^2 K} \right) = \frac{a}{2b}$$

$$MSY = a^2/4b$$

$$E_{MSY} = a/2b$$



Marianas Fisheries



Coral Reefs
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REPORT

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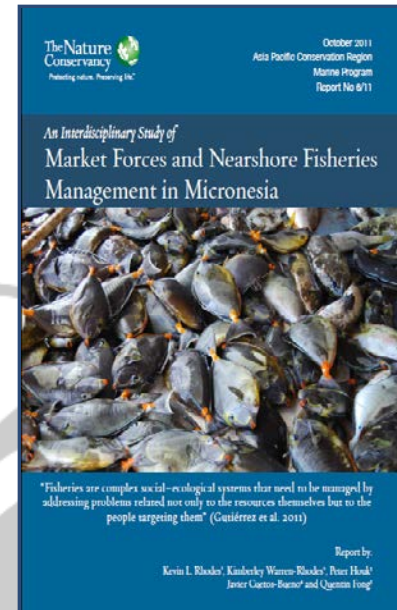
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Current and Future Sustainability of Island Coral Reef Fisheries



Report



Biological Characteristics of the Spotcheek Emperor, *Lethrinus rubrioperculatus*, in the Northern Mariana Islands¹

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Comparative demography of commercially important parrotfish species from Micronesia

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Age-based demographic and reproductive assessment of orangespine *Naso lituratus* and bluespine *Naso unicornis* unicornfishes

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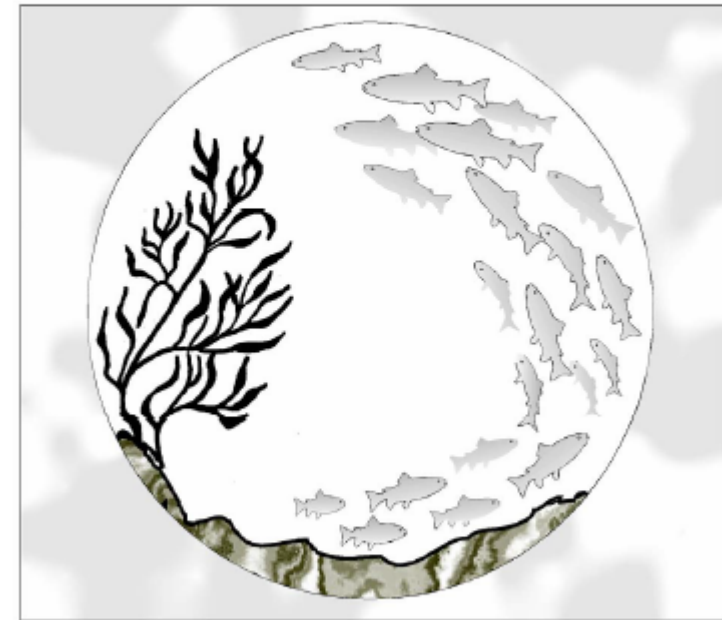
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Reconciling conservation agenda & fishery management



Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act



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A simple method for estimating MSY from catch and resilience

Steven Martell¹ & Rainer Froese²

chapter eleven

*Augmented catch-MSY approach
to fishery management in
coral-associated fisheries*

Marlowe Sabater and Pierre Kleiber

An integrated Catch-MSY model for data poor stocks

Steven Martell



Biomass-augmented Catch-MSY

SOURCE: Martell and Froese 2012; Sabater and Kleiber 2014

Schaefer Model

$$b_{t+1} = \left[\left(b_t + r b_t \left(1 - \frac{b_t}{k} \right) - c_t \right) e^{x_t} \right]$$

Biomass trajectories (green lines) depend on parameters

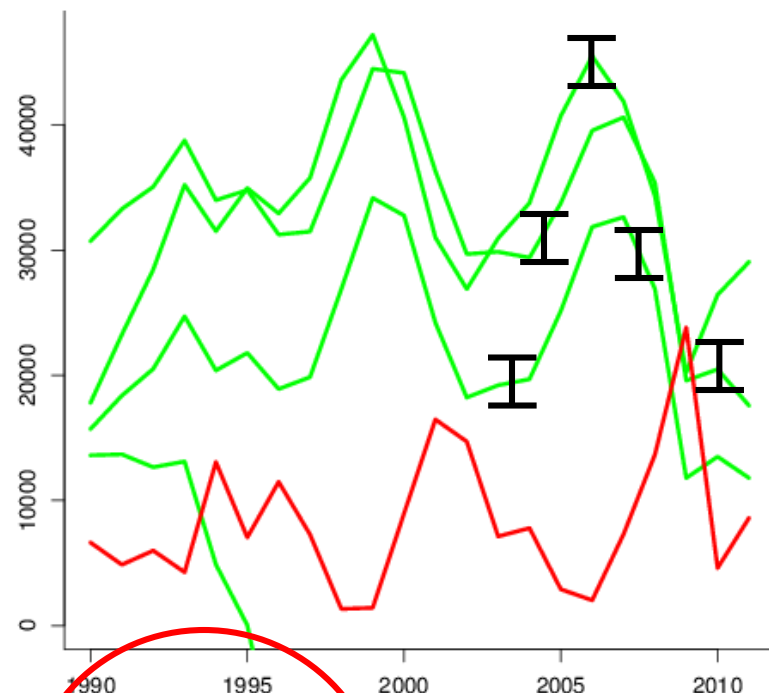
Task is to find workable combinations of r and k values which are chosen from reasonable priors and can accommodate the catch series while keeping biomass within set boundaries

These combinations give a list of possible MSY values from which we get a mean or median and distribution for MSY

b_t = biomass in year t

b_0 = biomass at start

c_t = catch in year t



$$MSY = \frac{rk}{4}$$

Analyses with Real Data

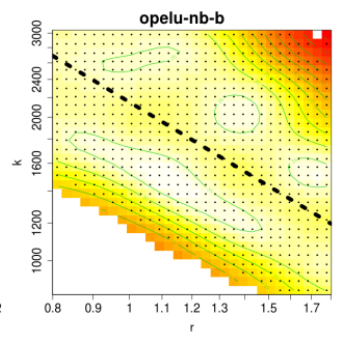
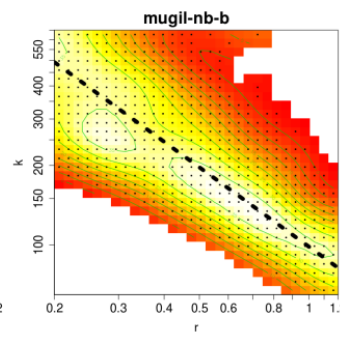
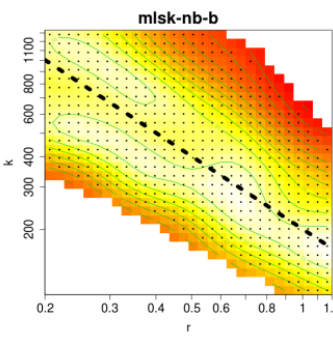
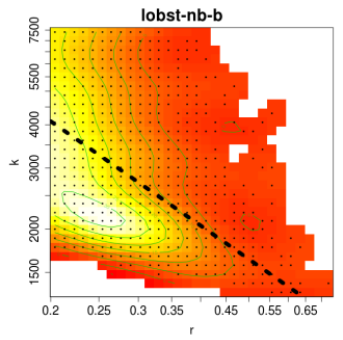
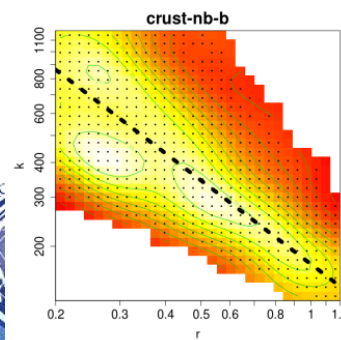
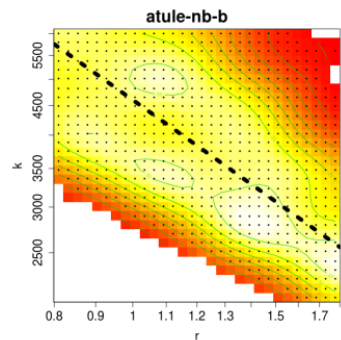
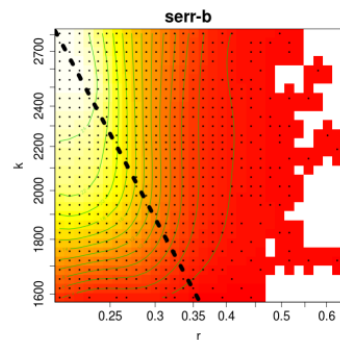
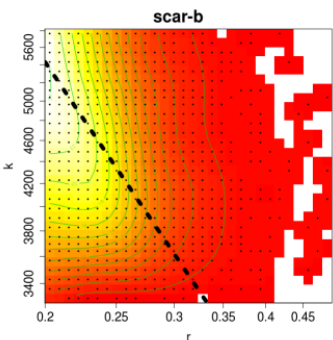
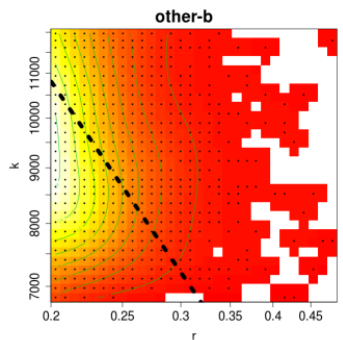
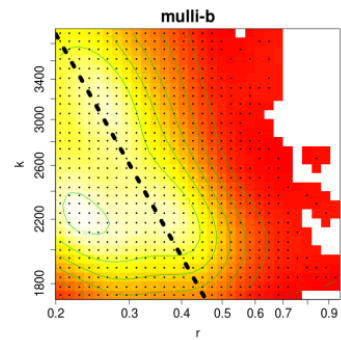
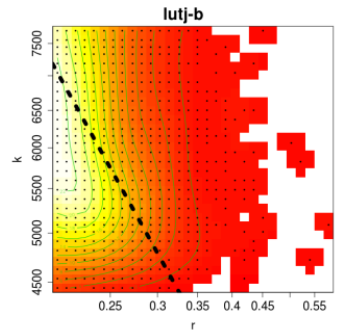
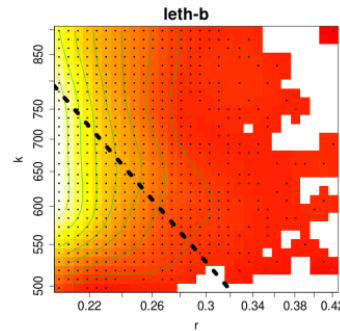
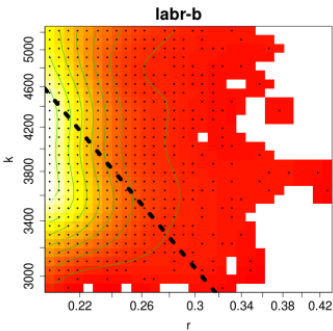
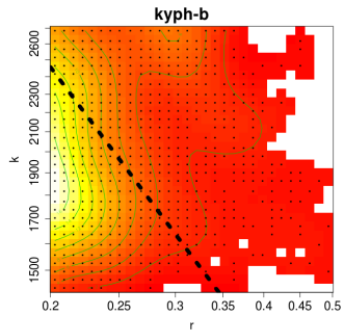
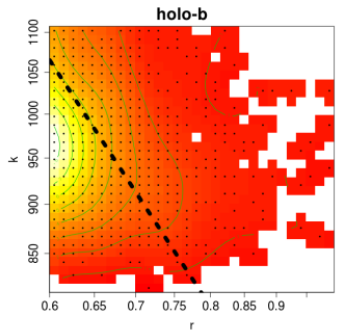
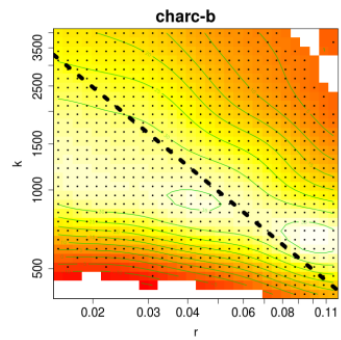
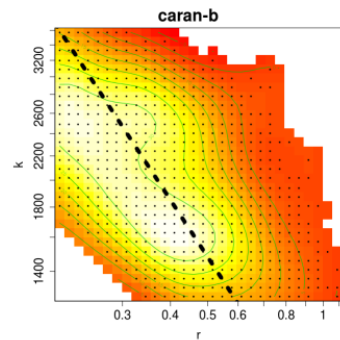
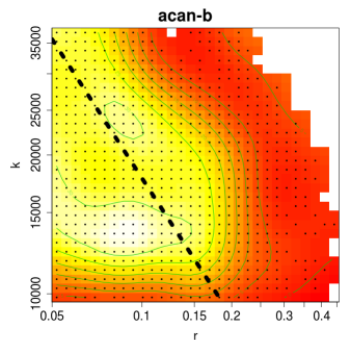
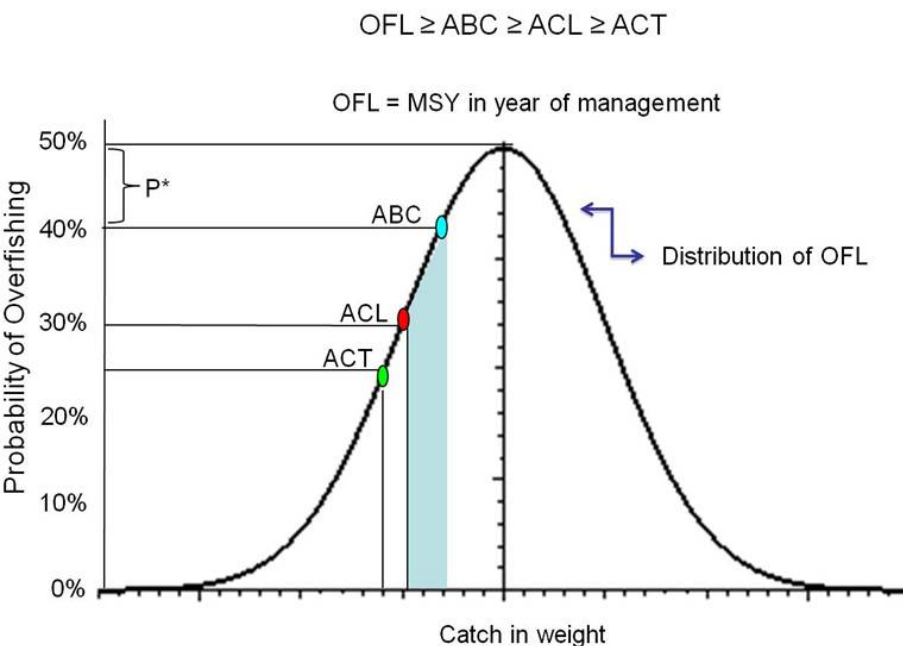


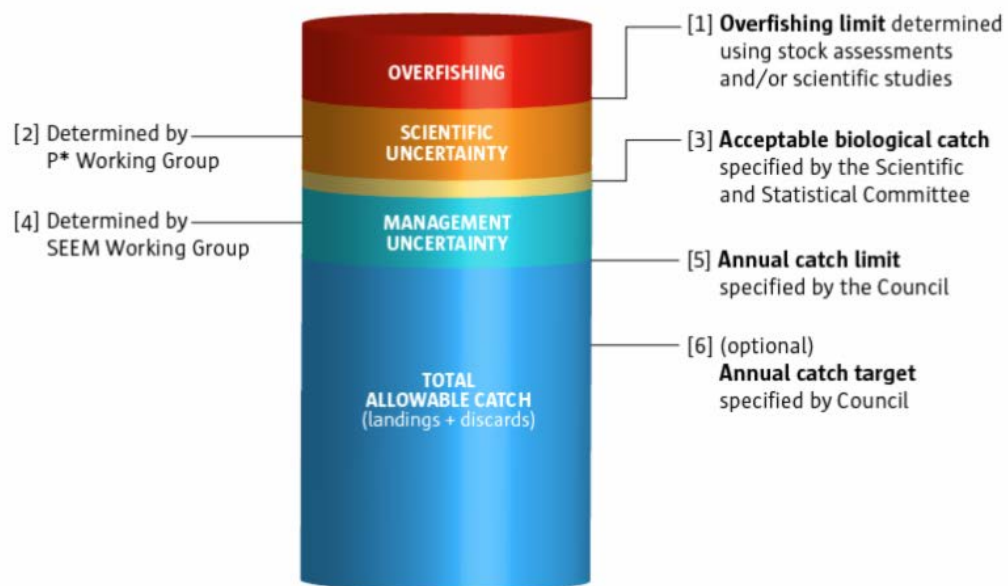
Table 44. Best available MSY estimates for the coral reef MUS in Guam

Coral Reef MUS Complex	MSY (lbs)
<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i> – atulai or bigeye scad	61,300
Acanthuridae – surgeonfish	118,000
Carangidae – jacks	31,700
Crustaceans – crabs	8,600
Holocentridae – squirrelfish	13,900
Kyphosidae – chubs/rudderfish	10,300
Labridae – wrasses ¹	28,500
Lethrinidae – emperors	78,000
Lutjanidae – snappers	21,800
Mollusks – turbo snail; octopus; giant clams	29,000
Mugilidae – mullets	26,200
Mullidae – goatfish	16,400
Scaridae – parrotfish ²	87,100
Serranidae – groupers	28,600
Siganidae – rabbitfish	19,700
All Other CREMUS Combined	211,300
- Other CRE-fish	
- Other invertebrates	
- Misc. bottomfish	
- Misc. reef fish	
- Misc. shallow bottomfish	
<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i> – humphead (Napoleon) wrasse	N.A.
<i>Bolbometopon muricatum</i> – bumphead parrotfish	N.A.
Carcharhinidae – reef sharks	2,900

Biomass-augmented Catch-MSY

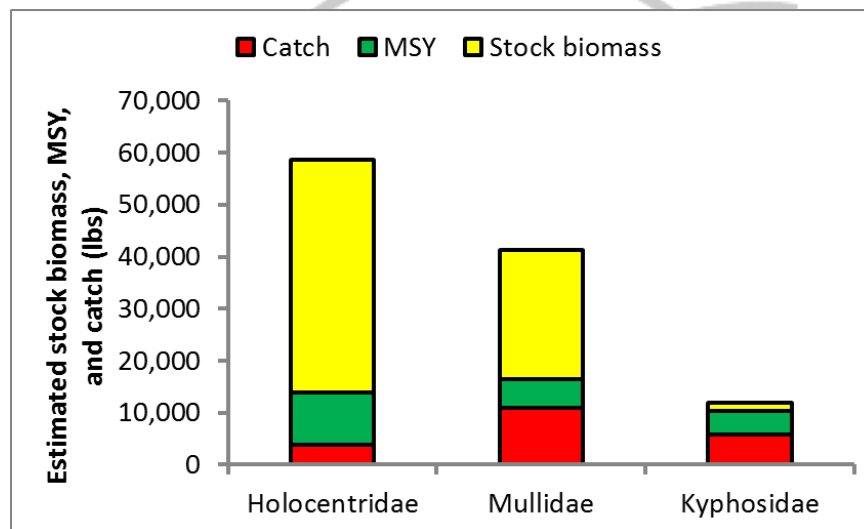
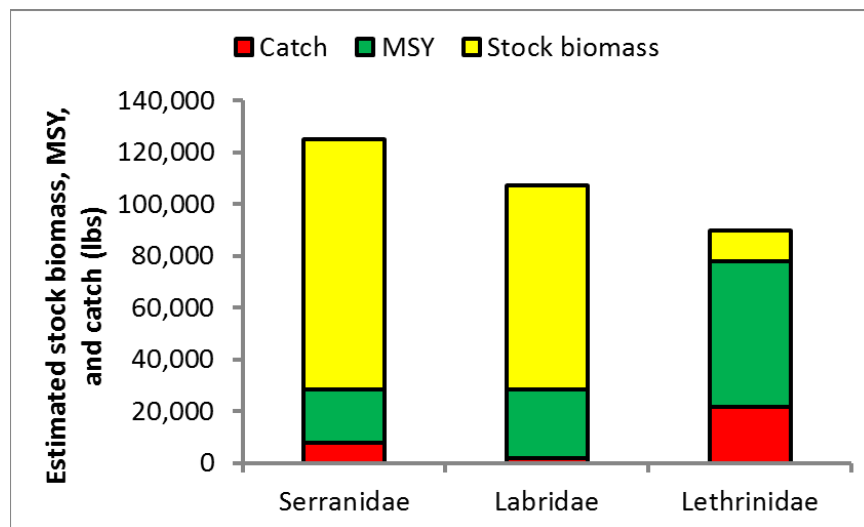
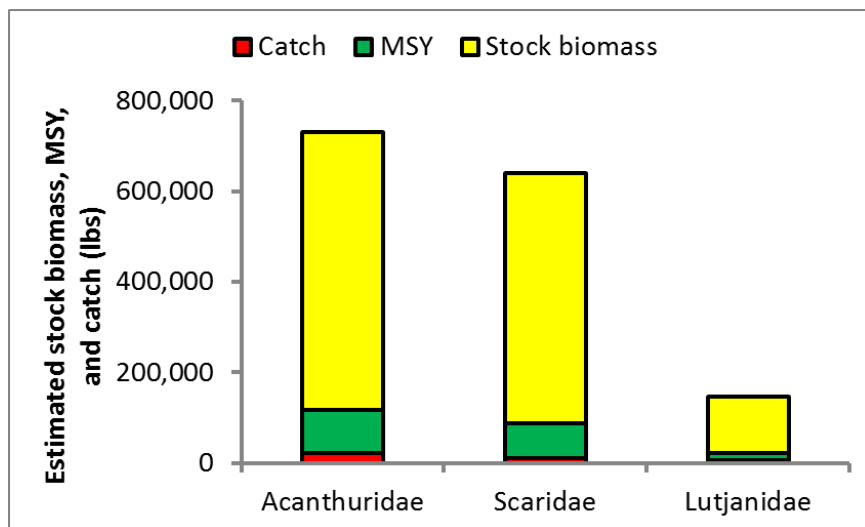


Process for Specifying Annual Quotas



CREMUS Groupings - GUAM	MSY	OFL	ABC	ACL
<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i> – atulai	61,300	60,800	52,300	50,200
Acanthuridae – surgeonfishes	118,000	114,700	101,700	97,600
Carangidae – jacks	31,700	32,200	29,900	29,300
Carcharhinidae – reef sharks	2,900	2,900	2,000	1,900
Crustaceans - crabs	8,600	8,600	7,600	7,300
Holocentridae – squirrelfishes	13,900	13,800	12,000	11,400
Kyphosidae – rudderfishes	10,300	10,300	9,800	9,600
Labridae – wrasses ¹	28,500	28,200	25,800	25,200
Lethrinidae – emperors	78,000	76,600	58,000	53,000
Lutjanidae – snappers	21,800	20,700	18,600	18,000
Mollusks – turbo snail; octopus; giant clam	29,000	28,600	25,000	23,800
Mugilidae – mullets	26,200	24,500	19,400	17,900
Mullidae – goatfishes	16,400	16,300	15,600	15,300
Scaridae – parrotfishes ²	87,100	86,500	75,000	71,600
Serranidae – groupers	28,600	27,400	23,700	22,500
Siganidae – rabbitfishes	19,700	19,200	18,800	18,600
<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Unknown	Unknown	1,960	1,960
<i>Bolbometopon muricatum</i>	Unknown	Unknown	797	797
All Other CREMUS Combined	211,300	209,200	191,300	185,000

Standing stock-MSY-Catch: GUAM 2015

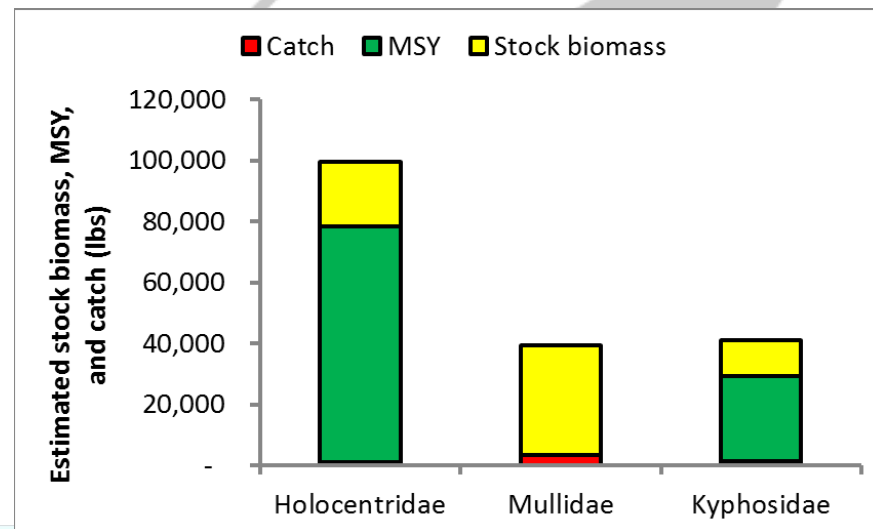
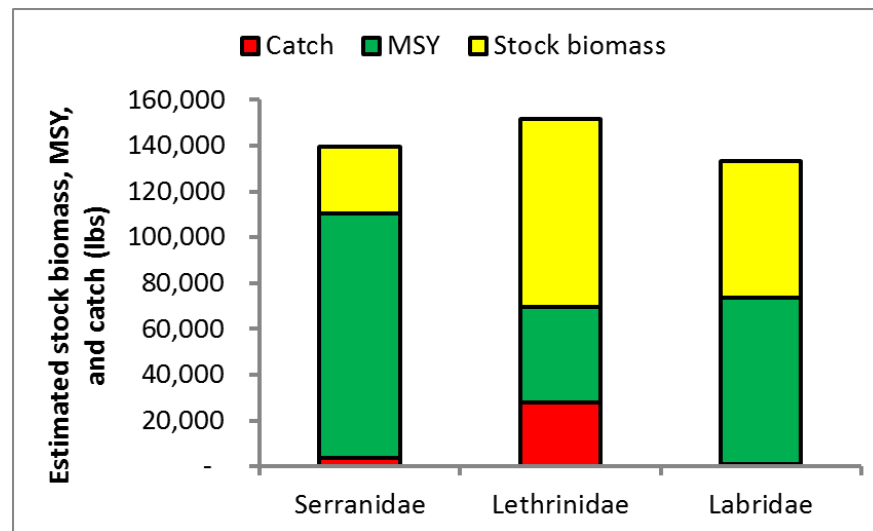
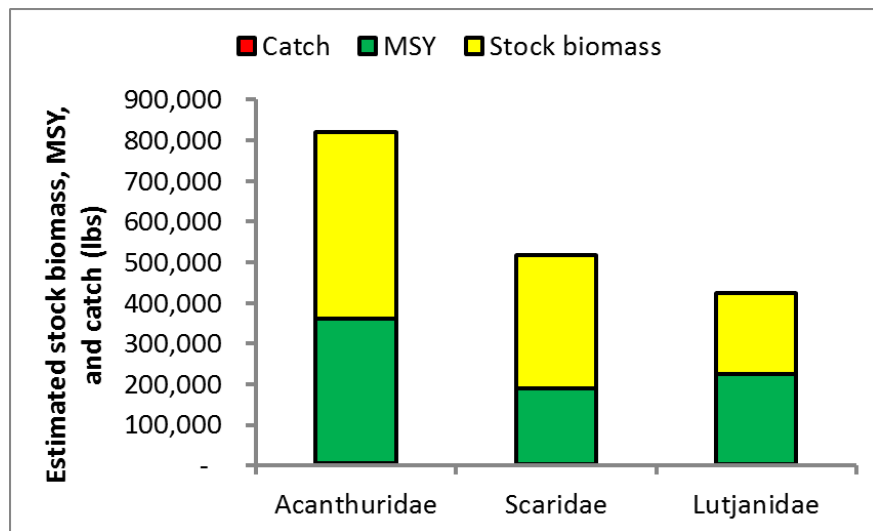


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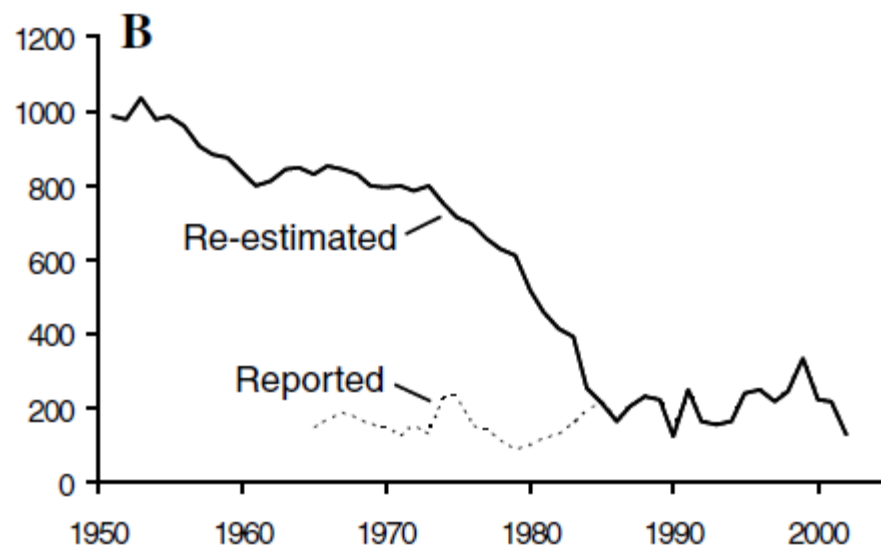
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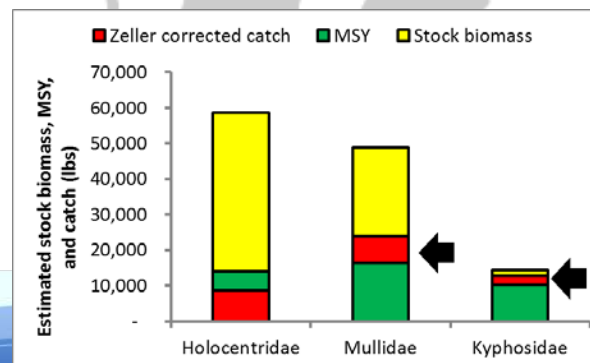
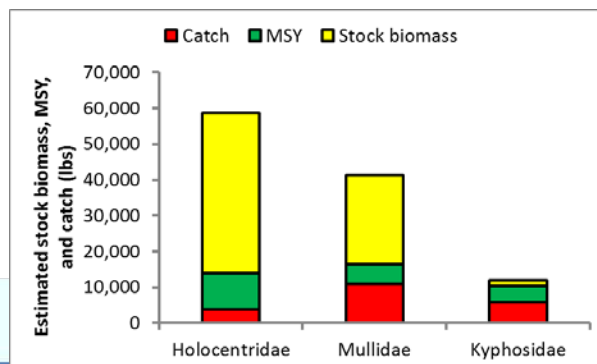
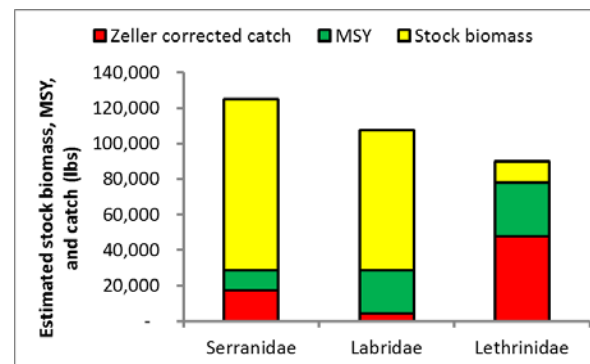
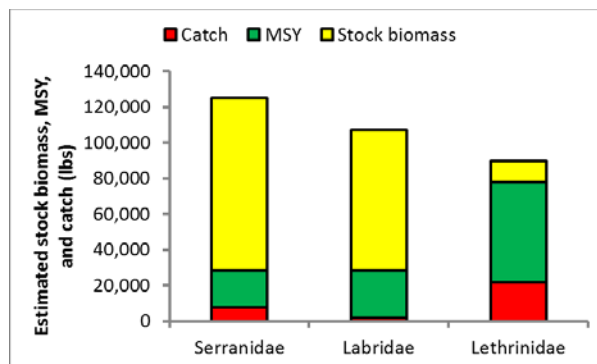
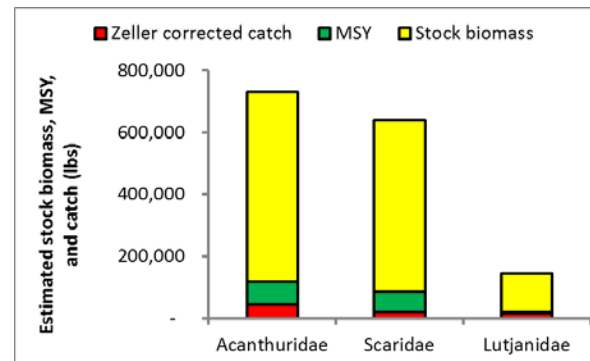
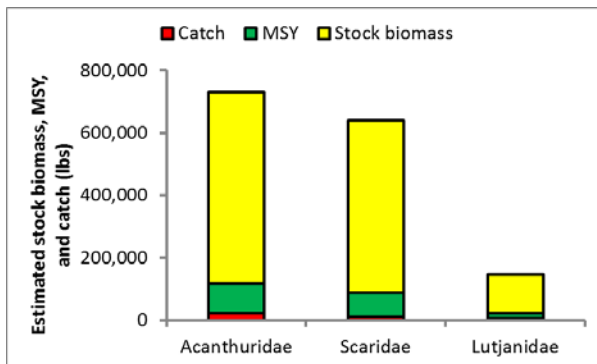
Guam has 2.5 fold under-reporting



SOURCE: Zeller et al. 2007



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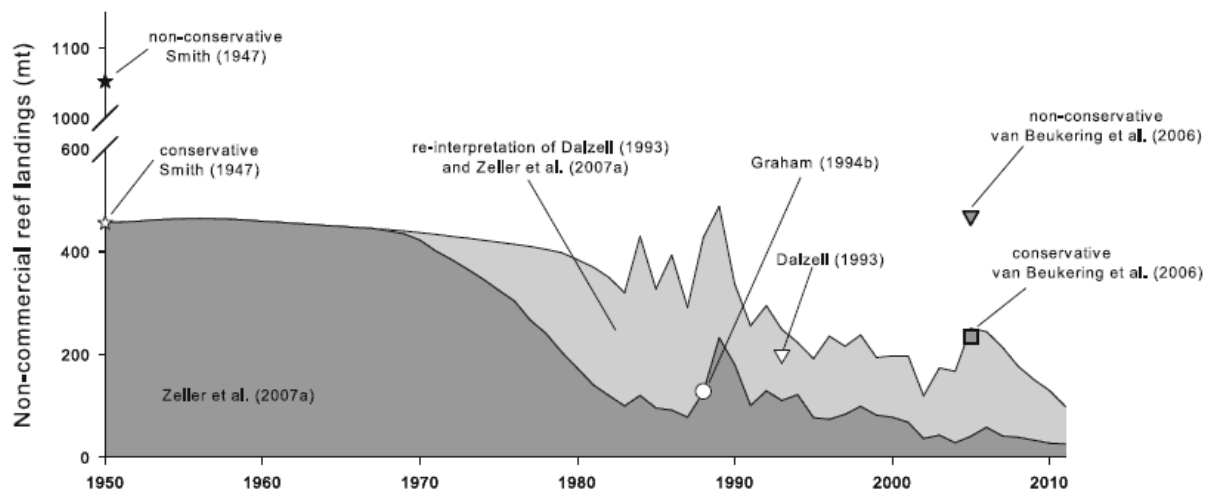
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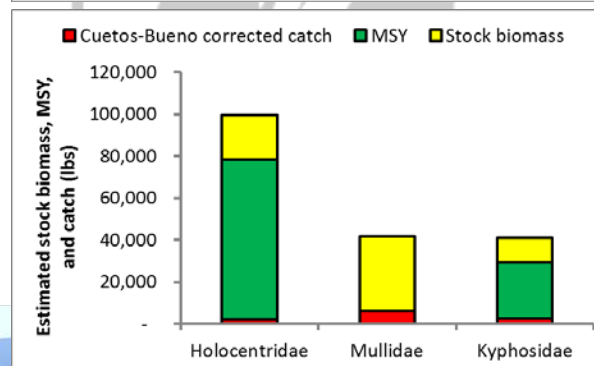
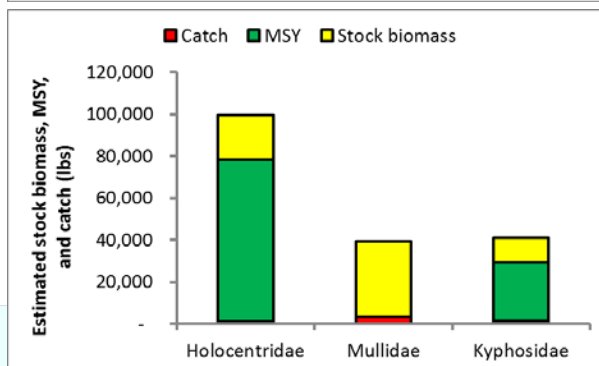
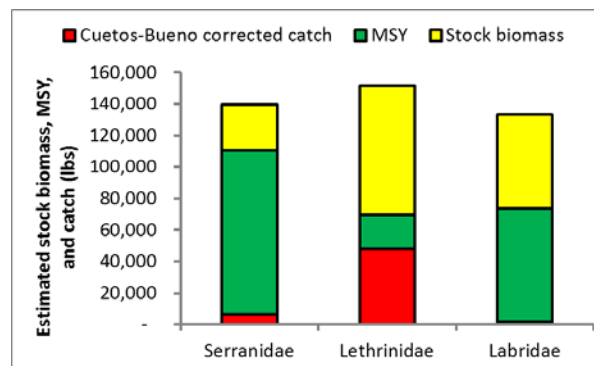
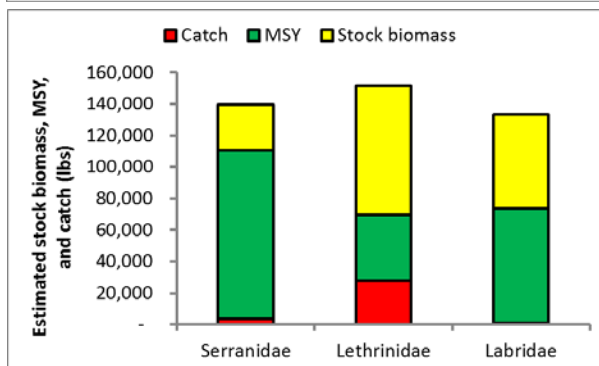
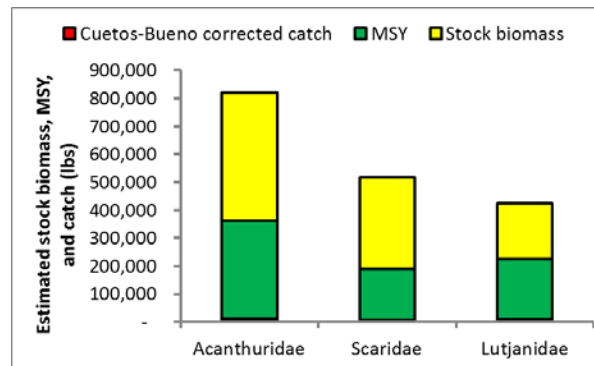
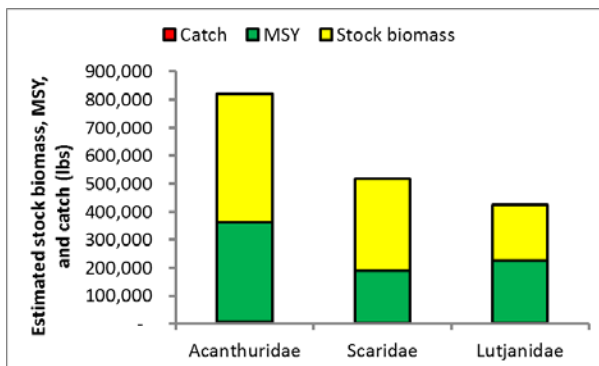
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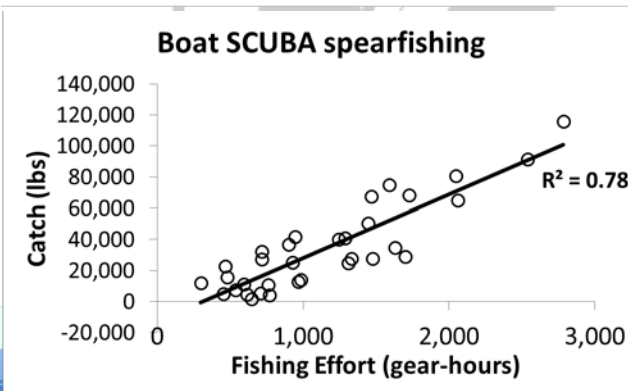
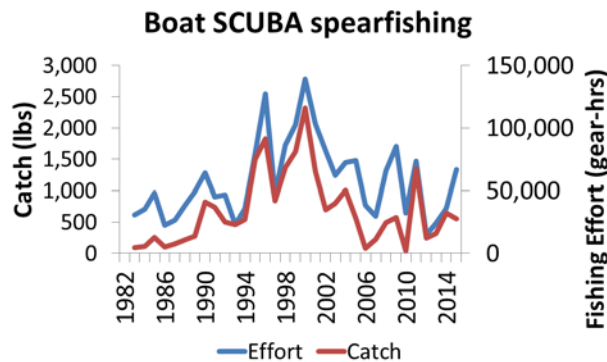
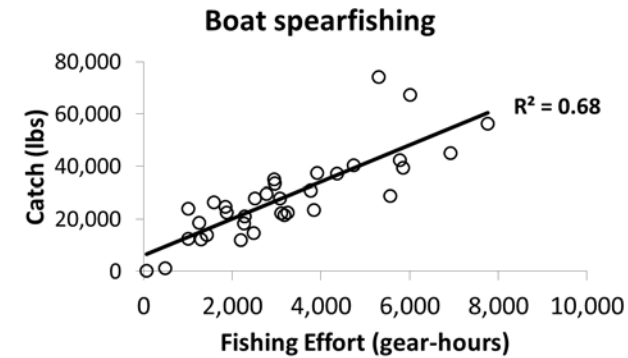
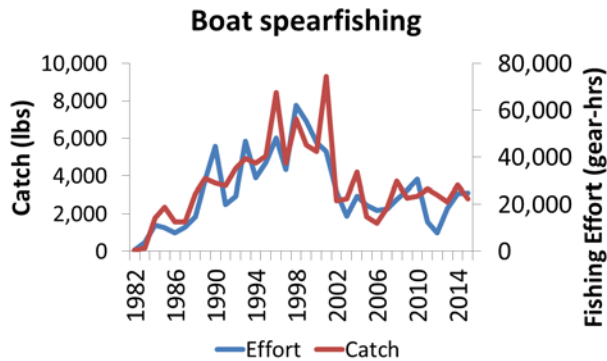
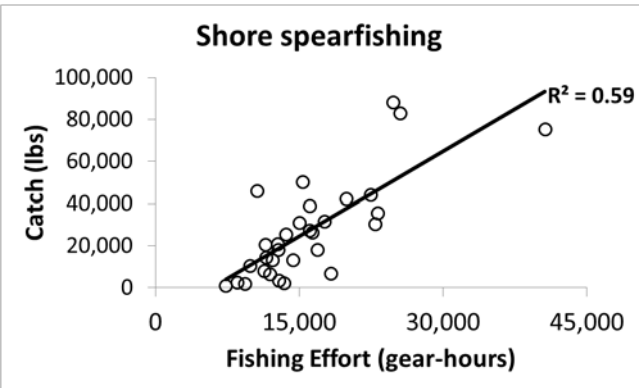
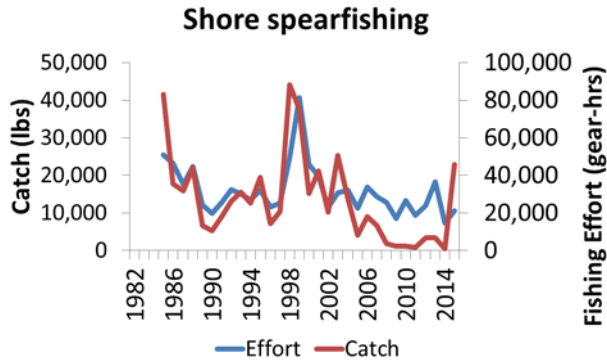
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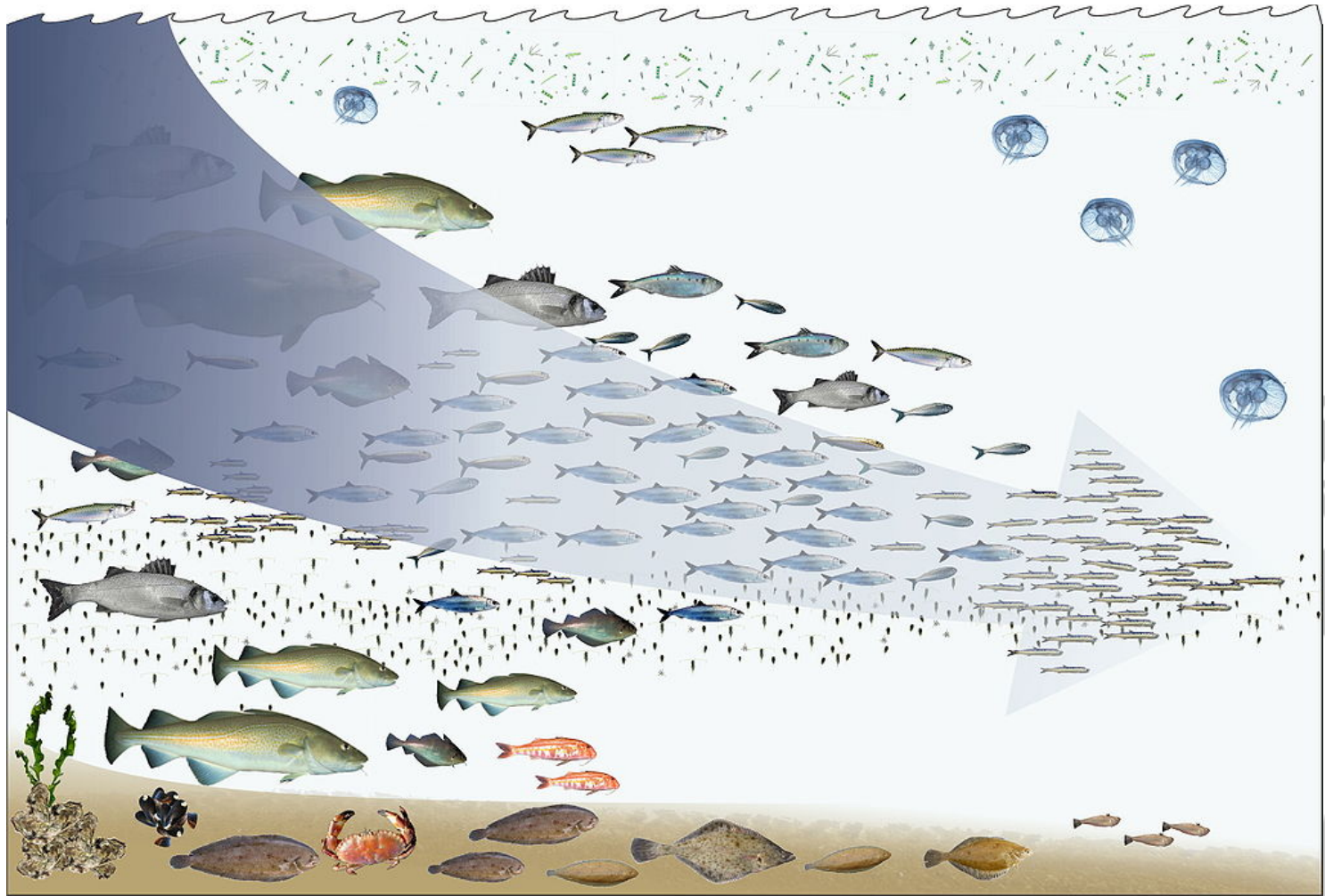
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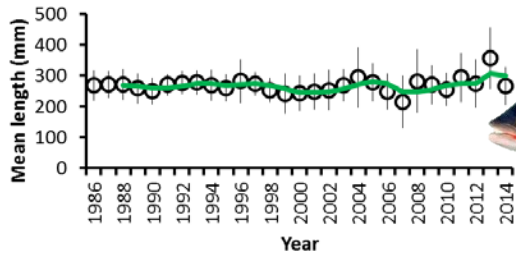
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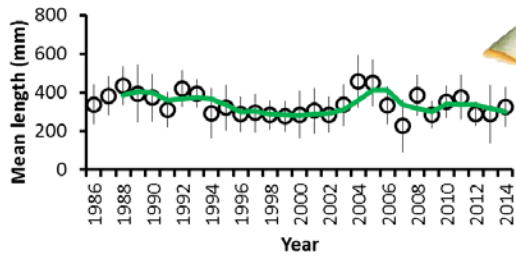
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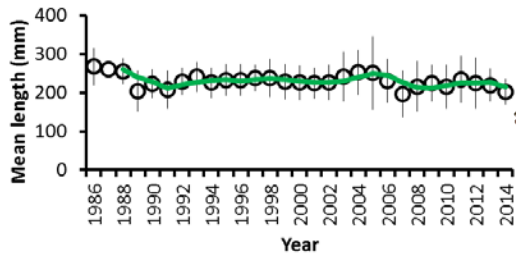
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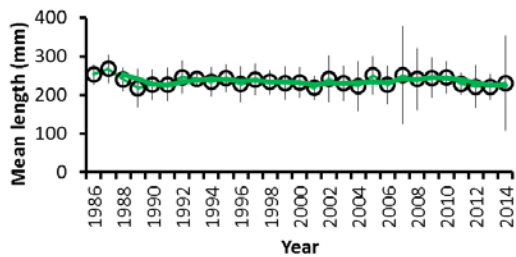
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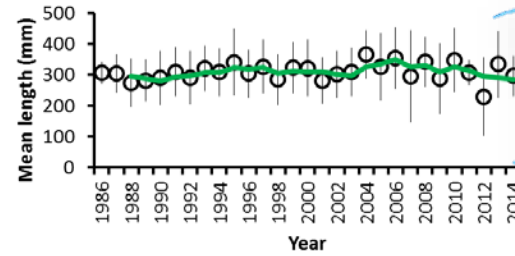
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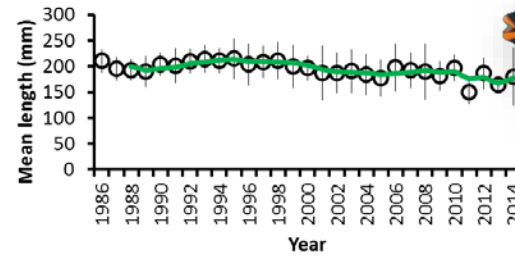
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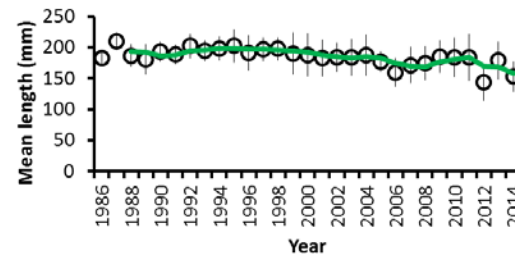
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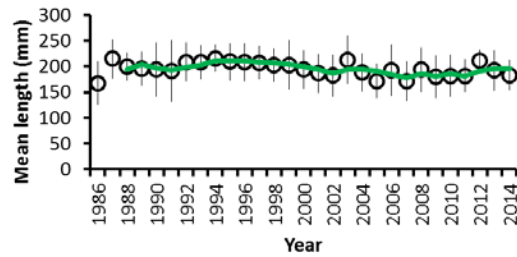


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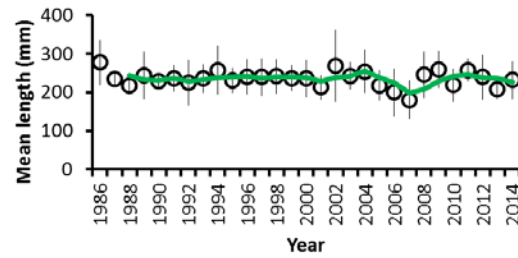




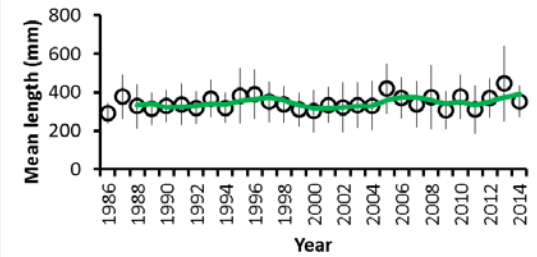
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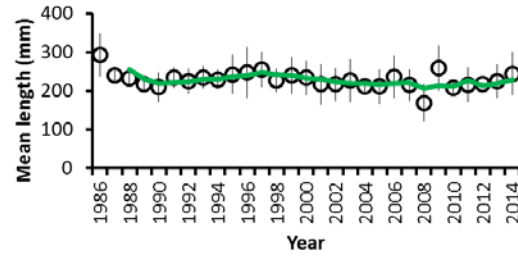
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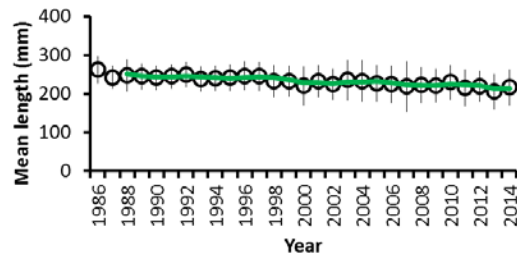
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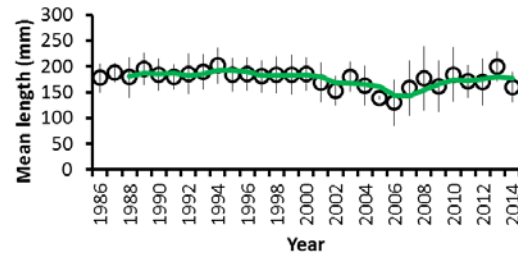
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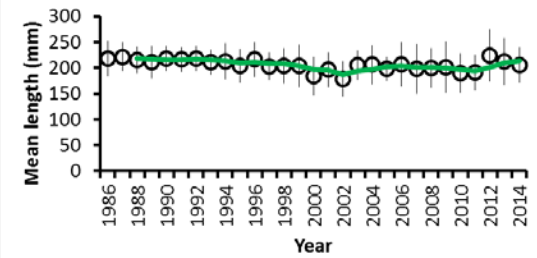
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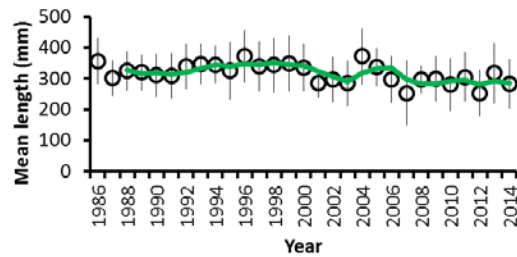
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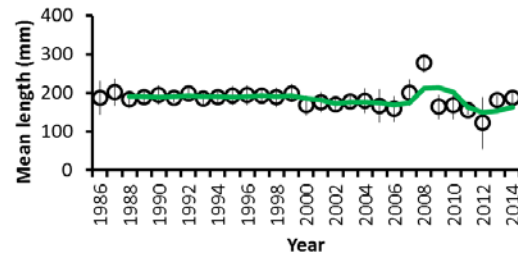
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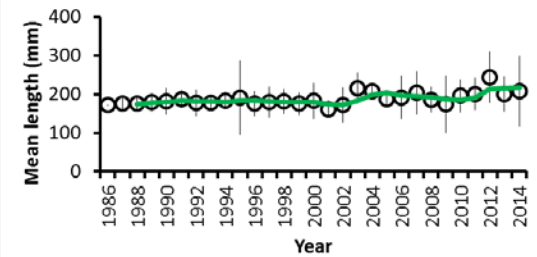
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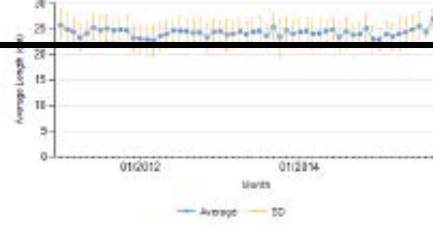
Leiurus abbinacci Actual Average Length



Parupeneus barberinus Actual Average Length



Calotomus caninus Actual Average Length



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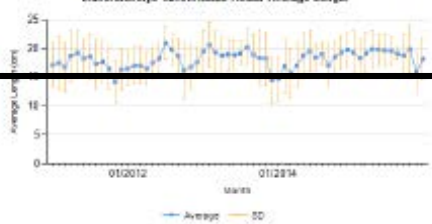
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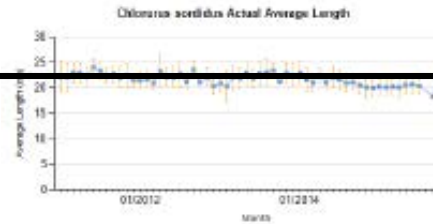
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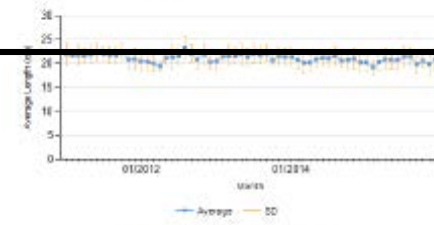
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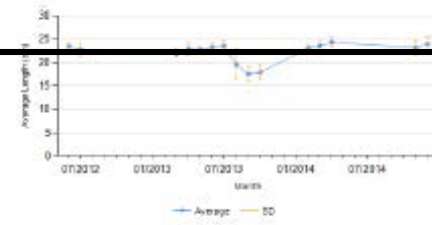
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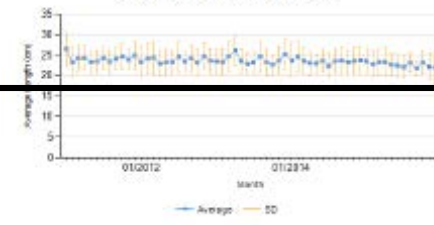
Siganus spinus Actual Average Length



Siganus punctatus Actual Average Length



Scarus globatus Actual Average Length



Serpocentrus spiniferus Actual Average Length

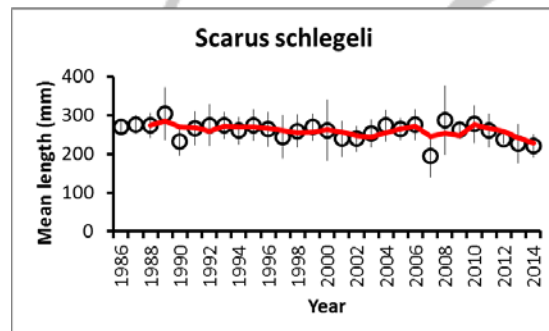
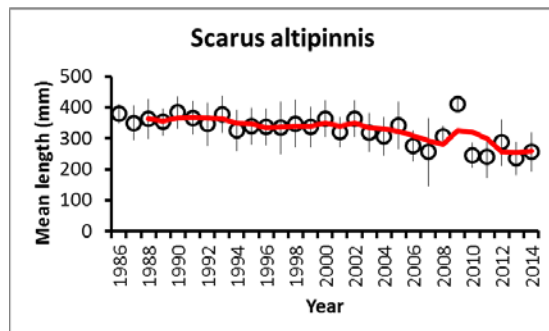
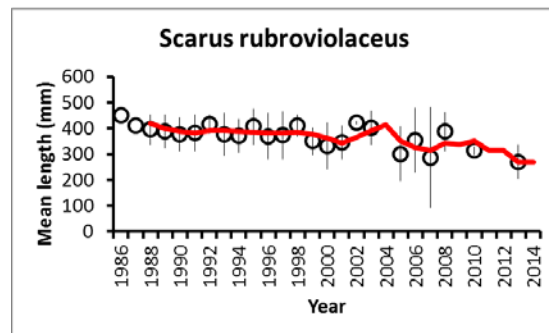
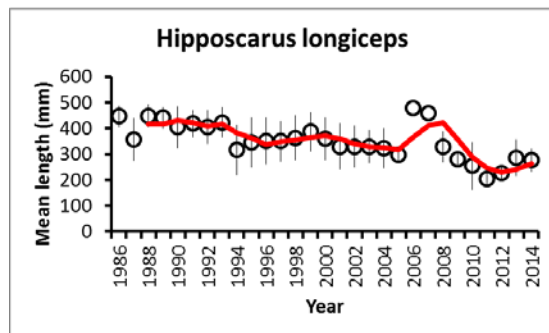
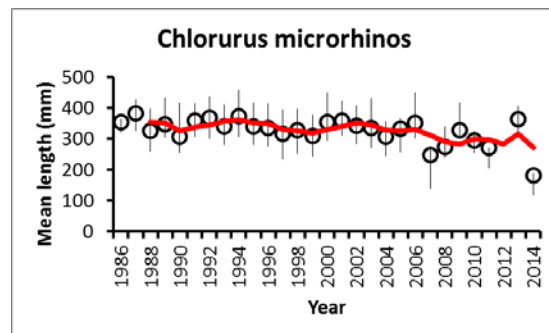
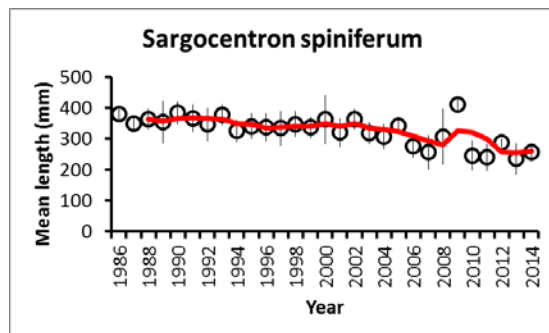


Siganus orpinus Actual Average Length



Scarus rubrivittatus Actual Average Length







Years 2011-2015
Guam & CNMI Commercial *Naso unicornis*

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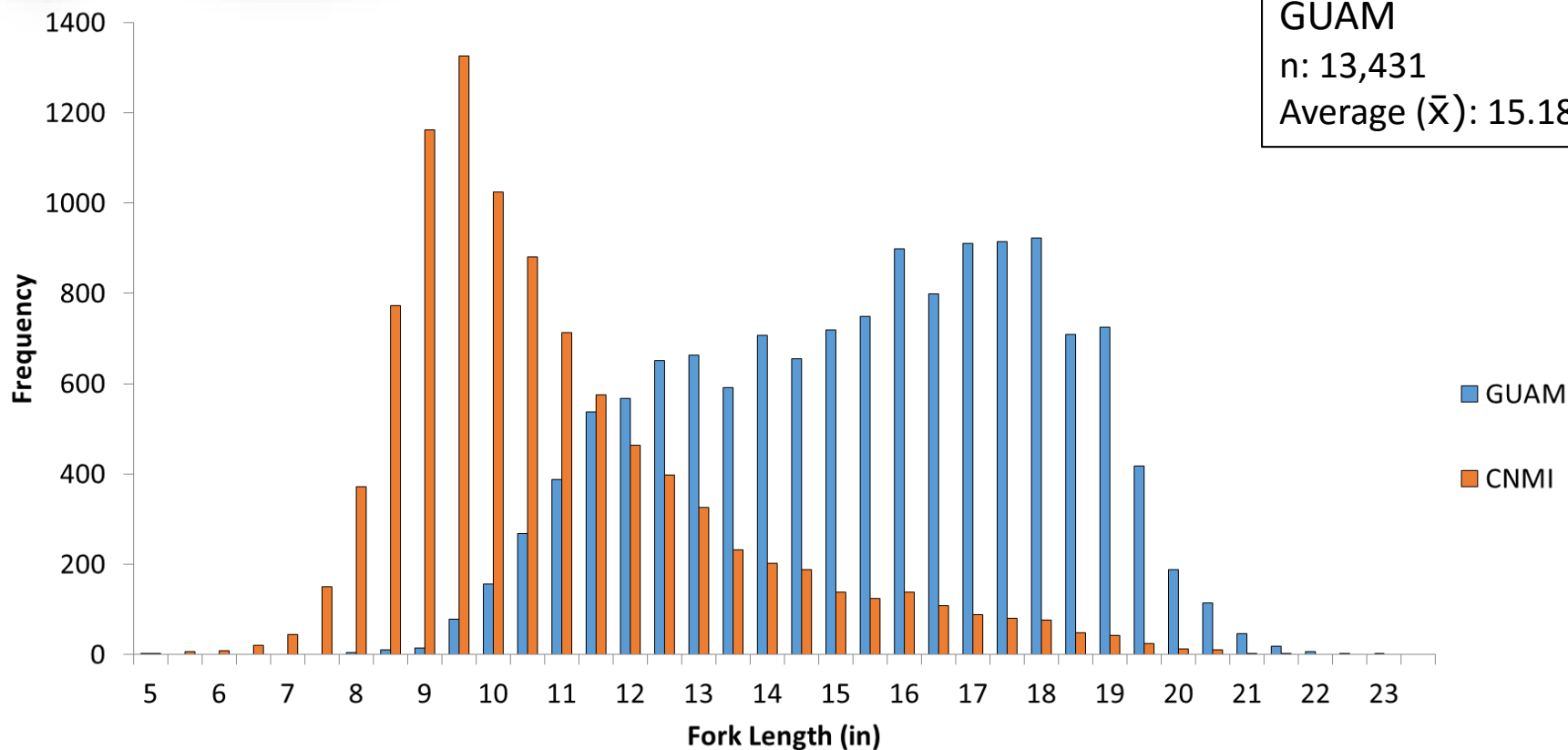
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Average (\bar{x}): 10.64

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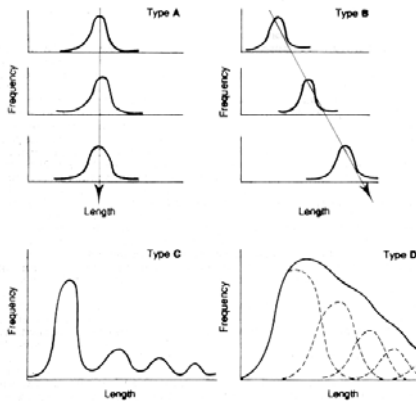
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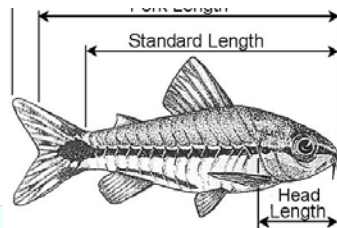
Reduce the number of species via ecosystem component amendment

Single species stock assessments of key species in need of management



An integrated Catch-MSY model for data poor stocks

Steven Martell



But for now... data poor assessment
seemed to indicate majority of the stock
is stable



On a family level, the Marianas coral reef
fisheries are harvesting below MSY except
for goatfish and rudderfish (Guam only)

Representative commercially important
species appears to be stable based on
mean length information

Need to take a good hard look at
parrotfish

Need to continue improving data-poor
assessment models

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