

A Model to Evaluate Sustainability and Yield of Proposed MPA Plans

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What is Sustainability?

The ability of a population to avoid collapse.

The same as:

- Persistence
- Resilience
- Biomass
- Fraction of coastline persistent
- Total larval supply

Why model Sustainability?

All MLPA goals require Population Sustainability

Our models will show the BRTF the effect of proposed MPAs on population sustainability

What is yield?

Total fishery catch of a species in the NCC Region

Why model Yield?

So the BRTF can account for the economic impact of proposed MPAs on fisheries

What does this model do?

BRTF needs to know difference between 'no action' and the effects of MPA packages

Our model summarizes long-term benefits and costs of each package, in terms of

- Sustainability
- Yield

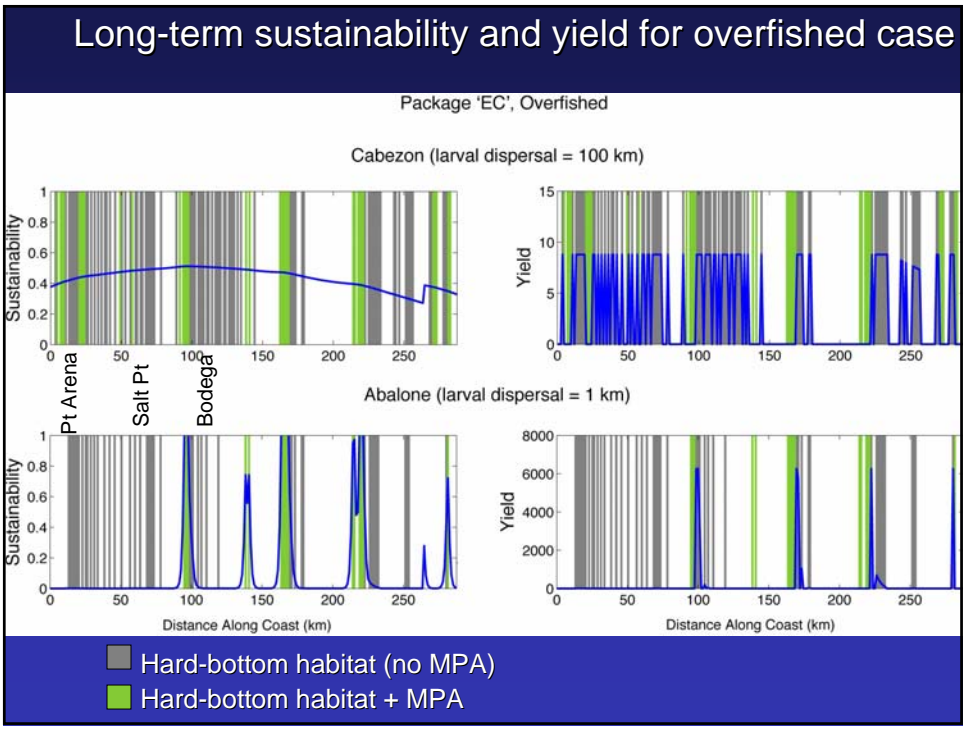
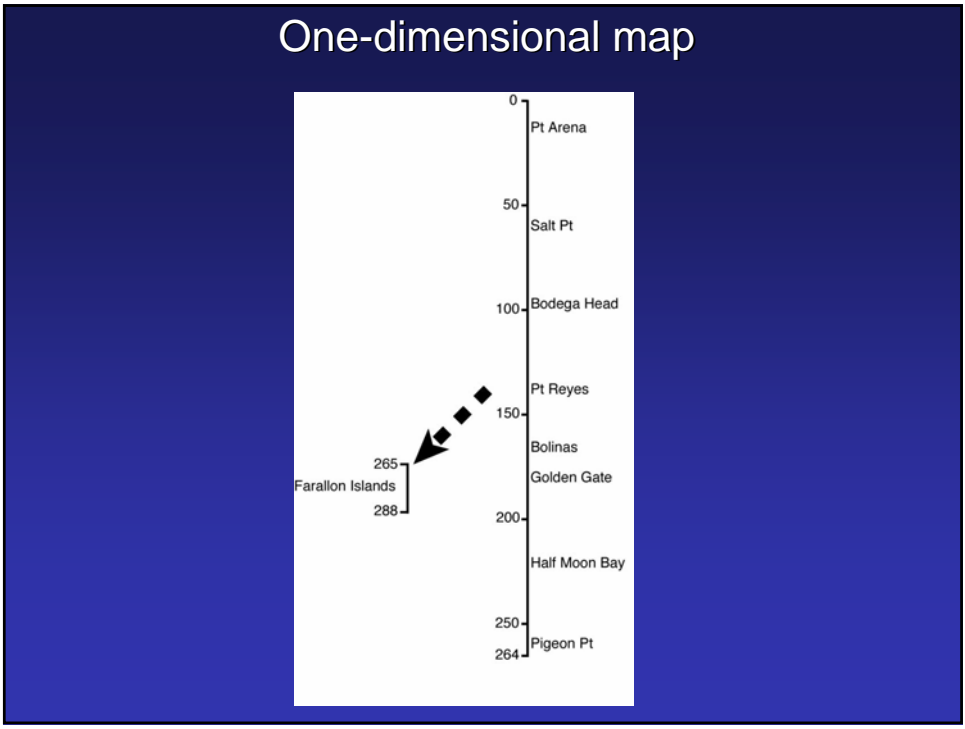
(For five representative species)

What assumptions does it make?

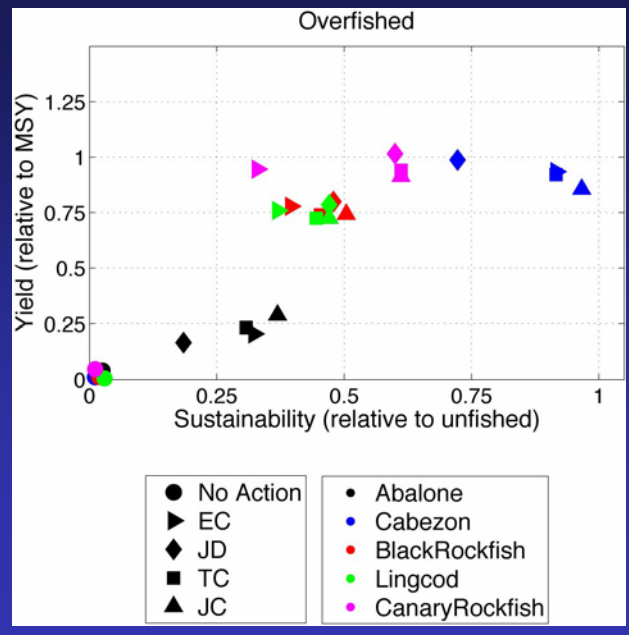
- Larval dispersal patterns, by species
 - Adults move within a home range
 - When larvae settle, only a certain maximum number can recruit at each location in each year
- Constant effort (others can be used)
- Status of species (fishing/overfishing, e.g.BRF)
 - not overfished
 - overfished
 - heavily overfished

What data does it use?

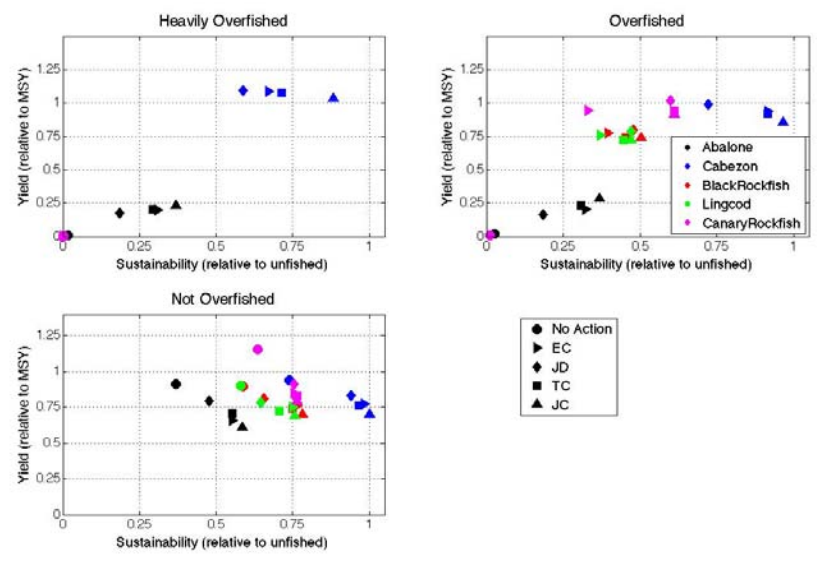
- Fishing mortality rate
- Natural mortality rate
- Growth rate
- Fecundity (number of offspring produced)
- Distribution of hard bottom habitat
- Location & regulations of proposed MPAs

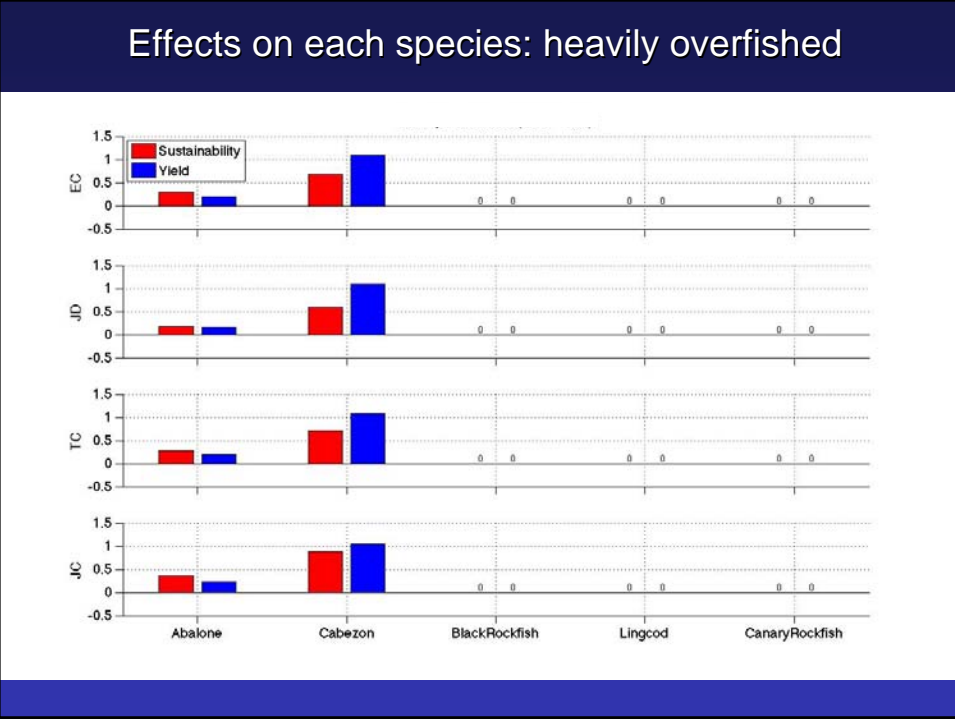
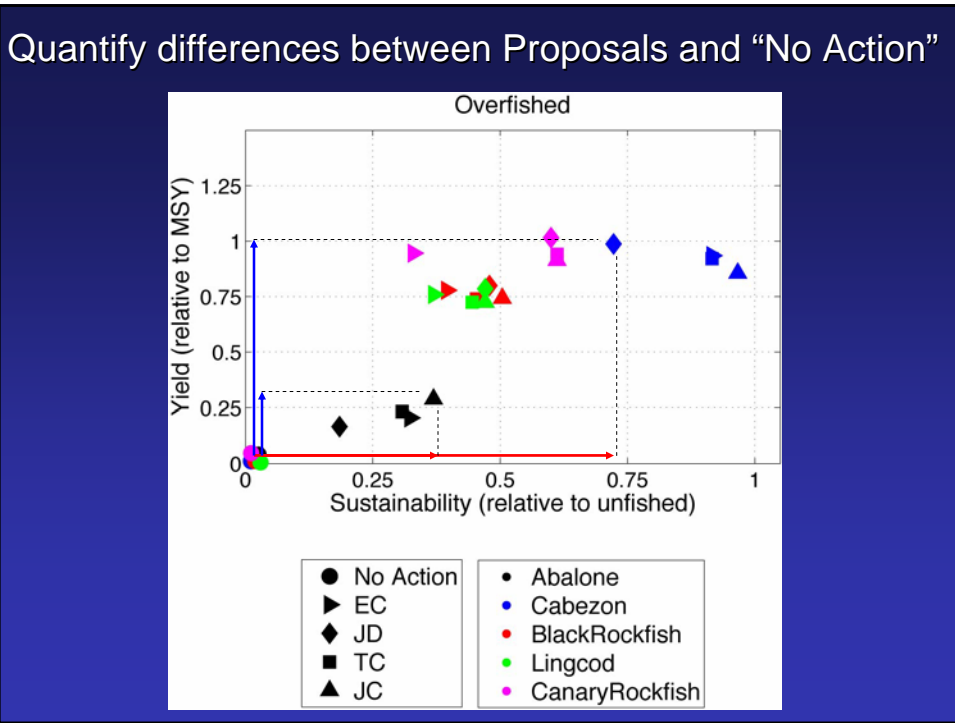


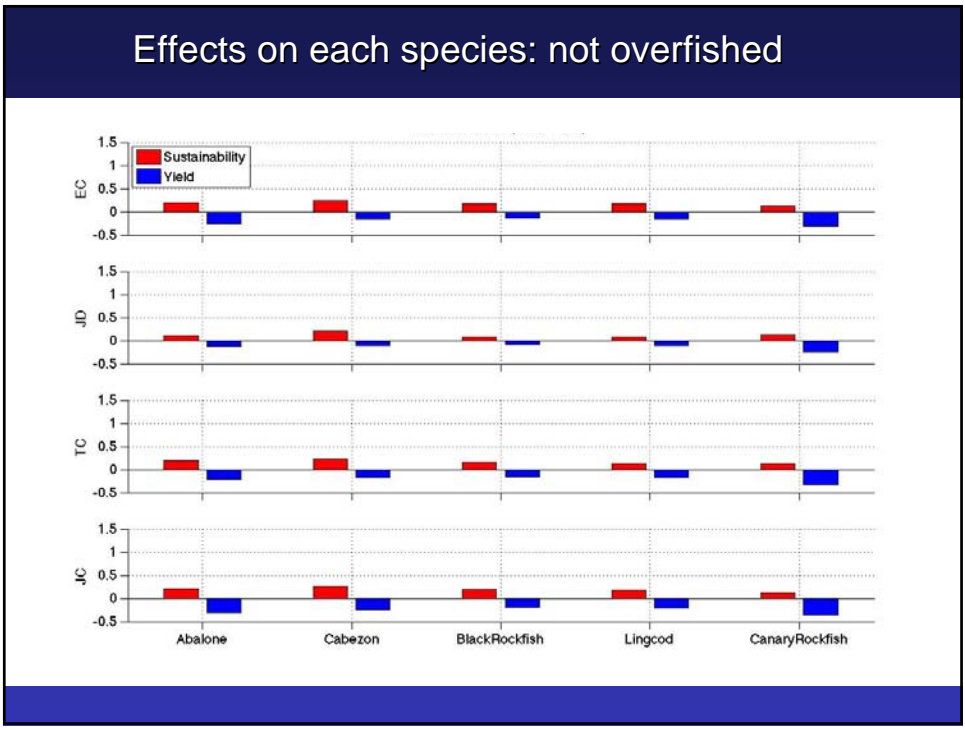
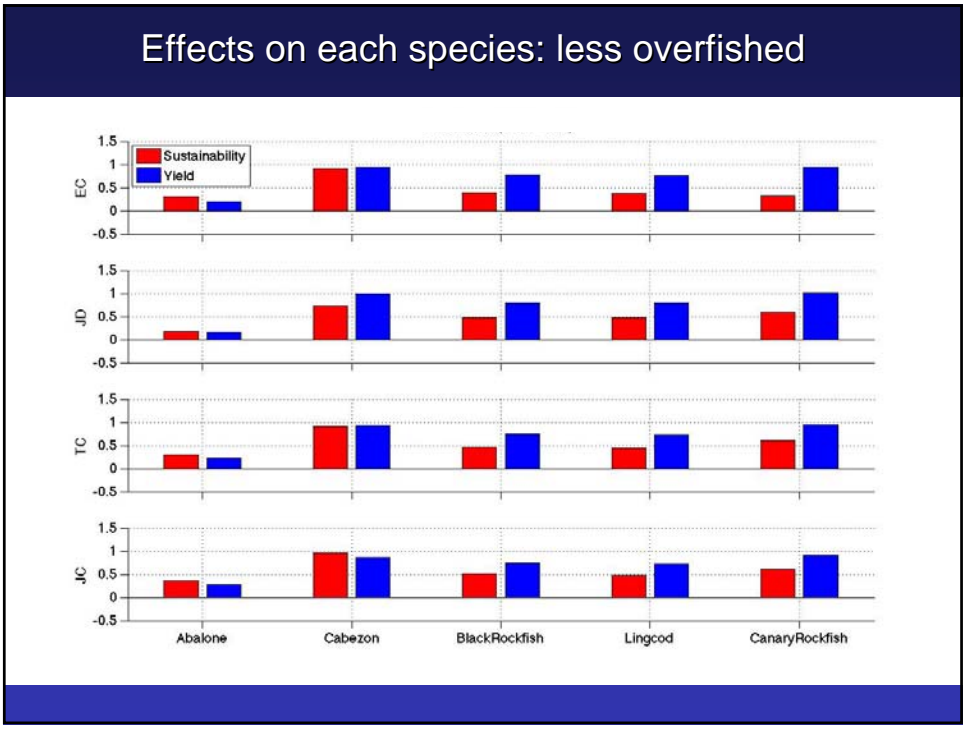
Example: summarizing results across NCC region

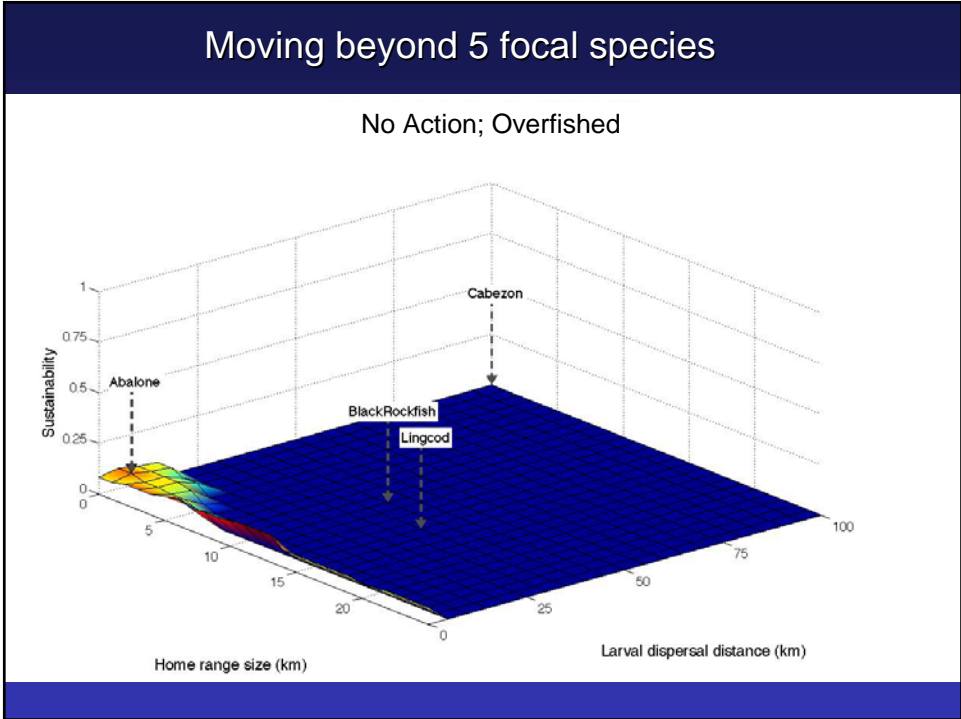
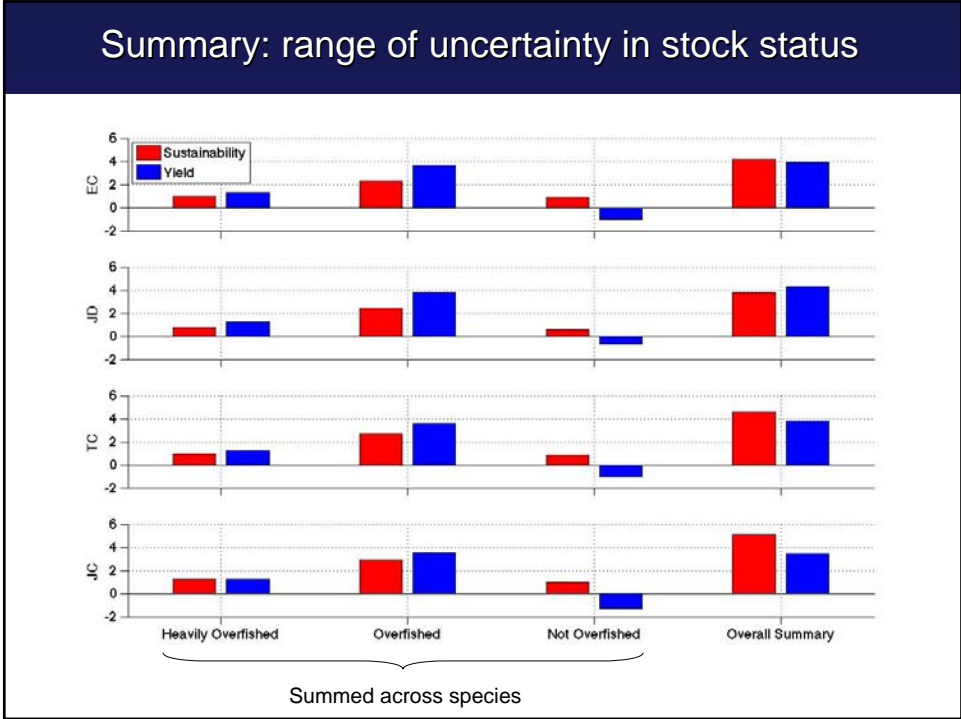


Effects of uncertainty in stock status

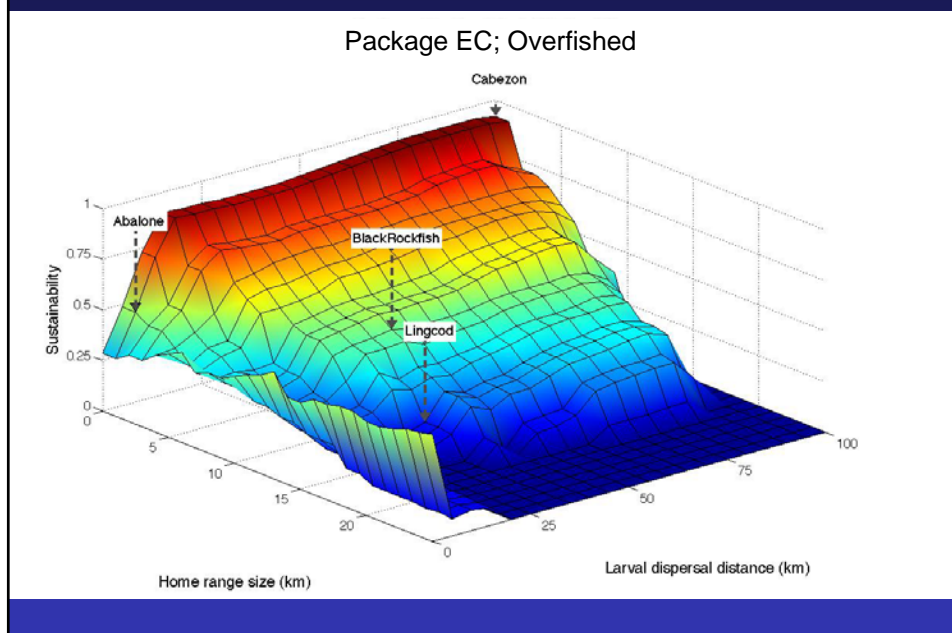








Moving beyond 5 focal species



Further work needed

What is overfishing status of each of these species?

Effects of effort shift

Two-dimensional model.

Continue working on combination with MARXAN

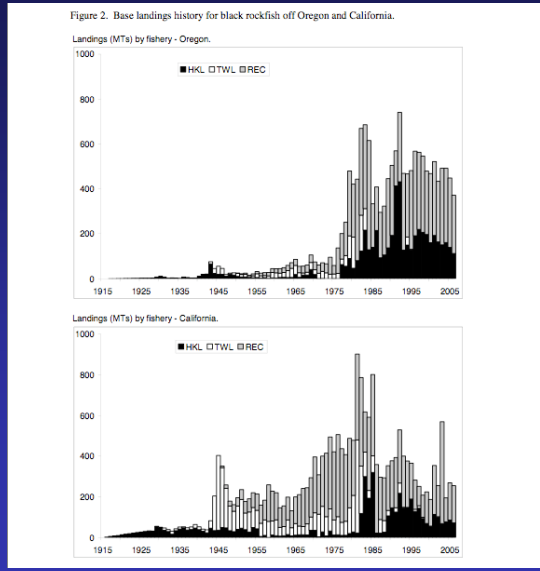
Fast version with graphical user interface???

Present results with fishery management changed to optimize catch???

Conclusions

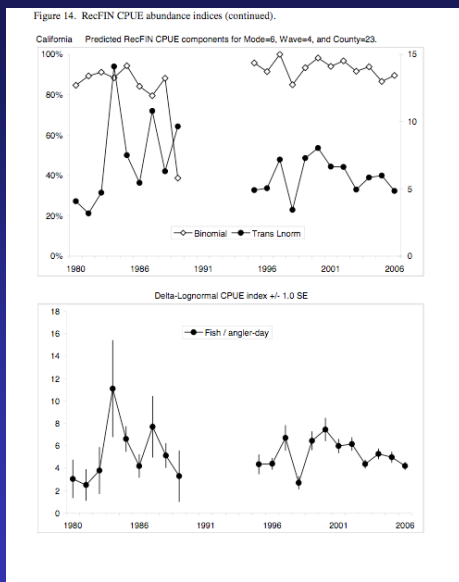
- MLPA goals require population sustainability
- Our model shows BRTF effects of MPAs on
 - Sustainability
 - Yield
- Results for 5 species + other 'generic' species
- MPA impacts depend on current population status
 - Considerable uncertainty about current status

Black Rockfish Landings



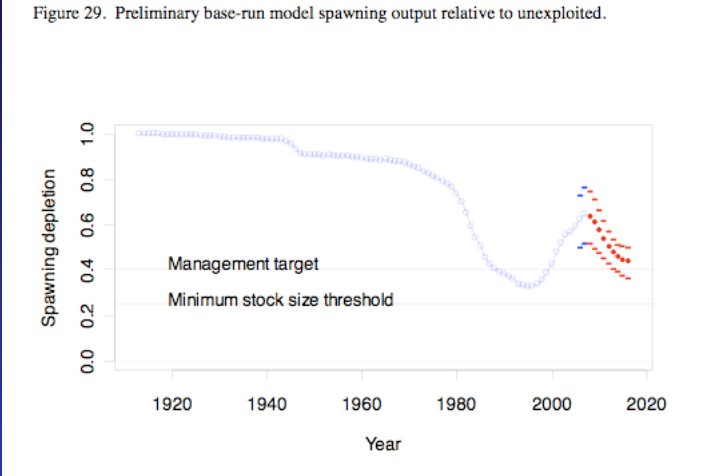
from Sampson (2007) Black Rockfish Stock Assessment

Black Rockfish Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE)



from Sampson (2007) Black Rockfish Stock Assessment

Recent decline in predicted Black Rockfish spawning output



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