

The background of the slide is a photograph of ocean waves. The water is a vibrant blue, with white foam from the breaking waves. The perspective is from a slightly elevated angle, looking down at the water's surface. The lighting is bright, creating a shimmering effect on the water's surface.

Frameworks for Implementing Ecosystem- Based Management (EBM): NOAA's Integrated Ecosystem Assessment and the Global Large Marine Ecosystem Programs

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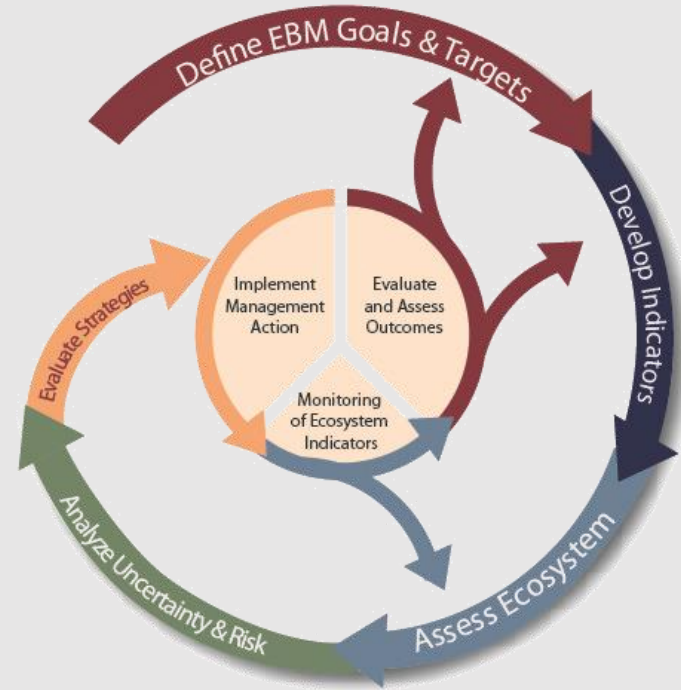
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Outline

- NOAA's Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) Program – A Framework for Science-Based Ecosystem Approaches to Management
- The Global Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) Program: 2-Tier Approach for Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services

NOAA's Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) Program

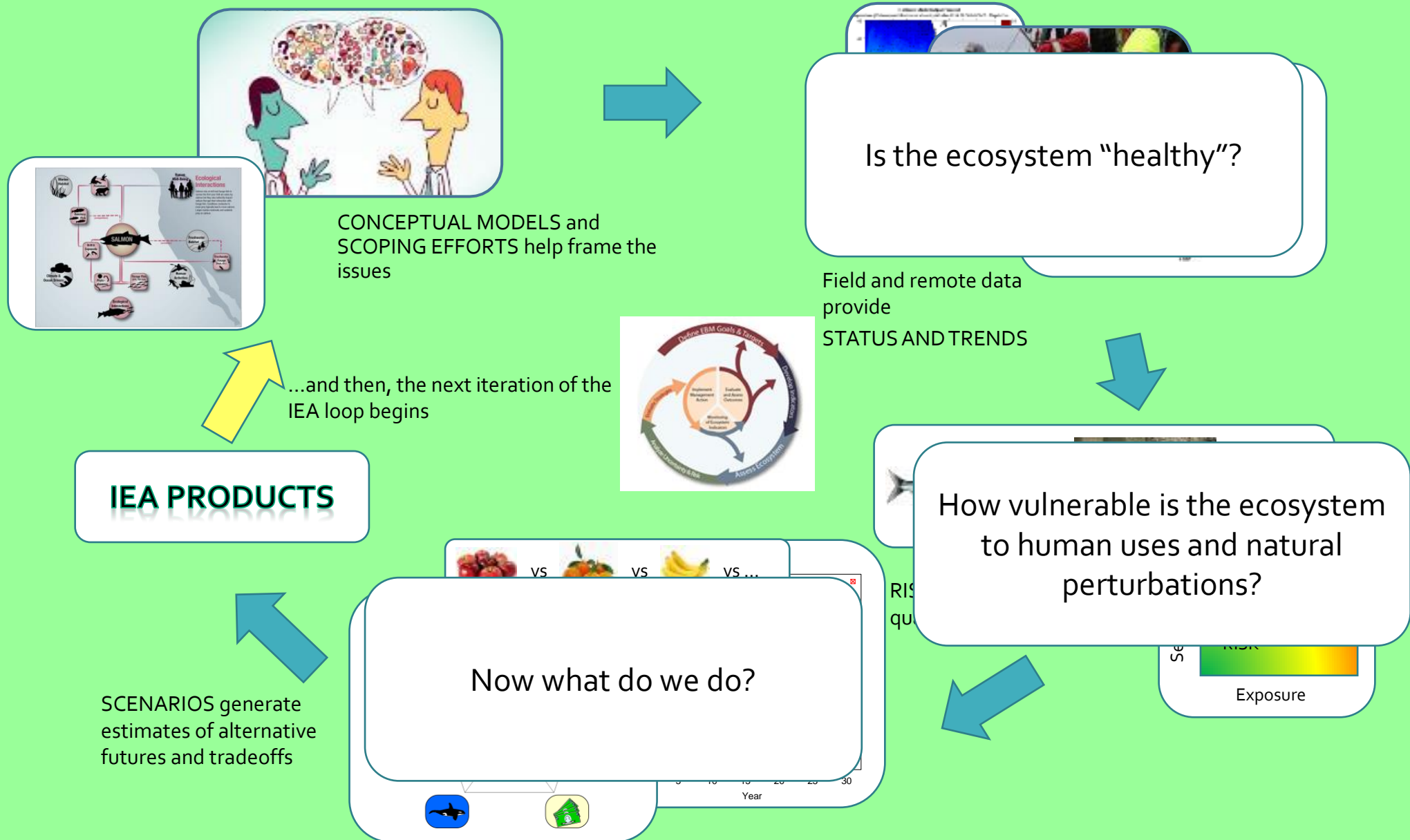
IEAs Provide an Analytical Framework to Implement EBM



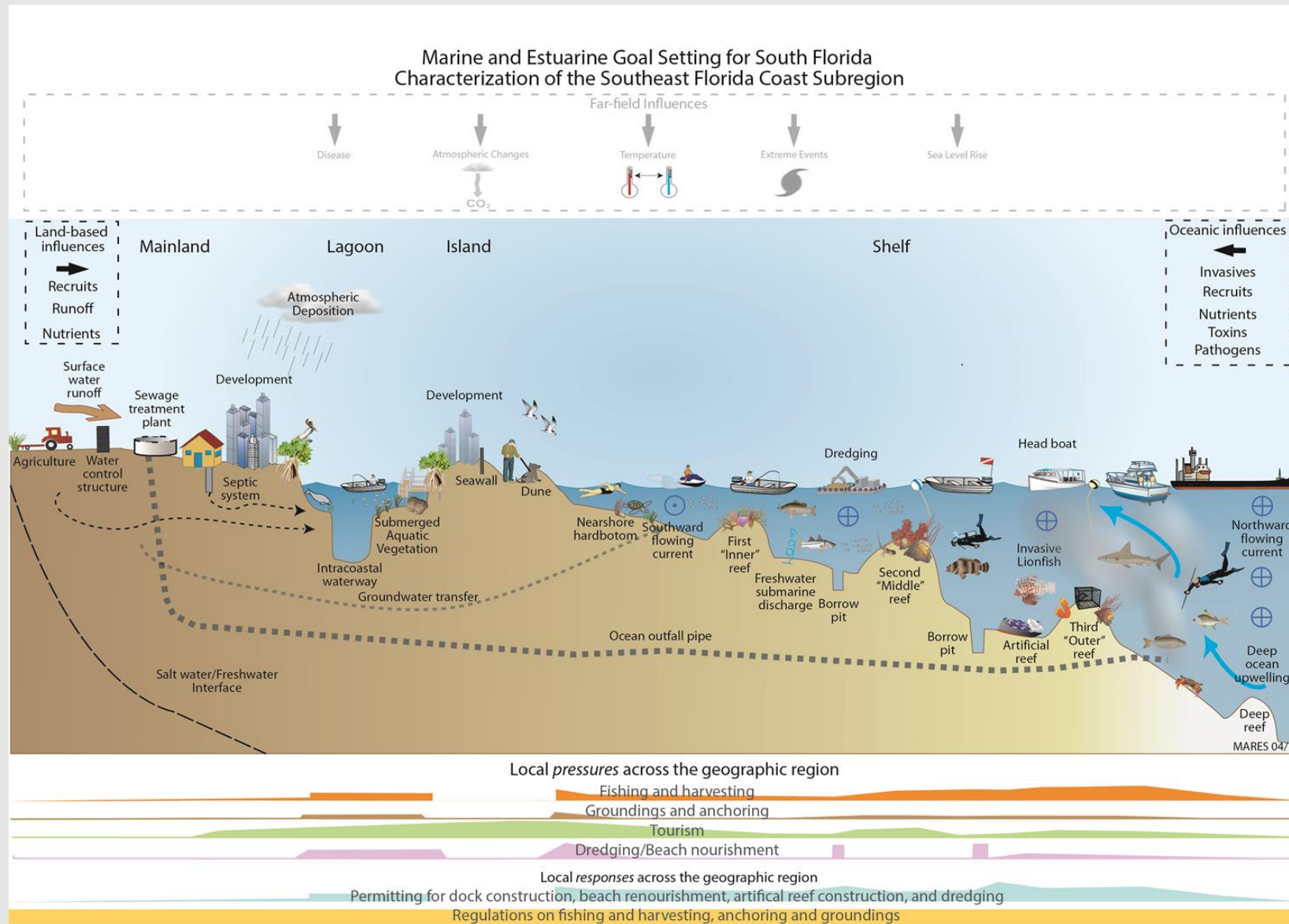
Vision:

To provide the sound interdisciplinary, ecosystem-based science, tradeoff evaluation, and management advice required to ensure the sustainable delivery of a broad spectrum of benefits and services from our Nation's marine, coastal, estuarine, and Great Lakes ecosystems; thus, enhancing the well-being of current and future generations.

NOAA IEA in action



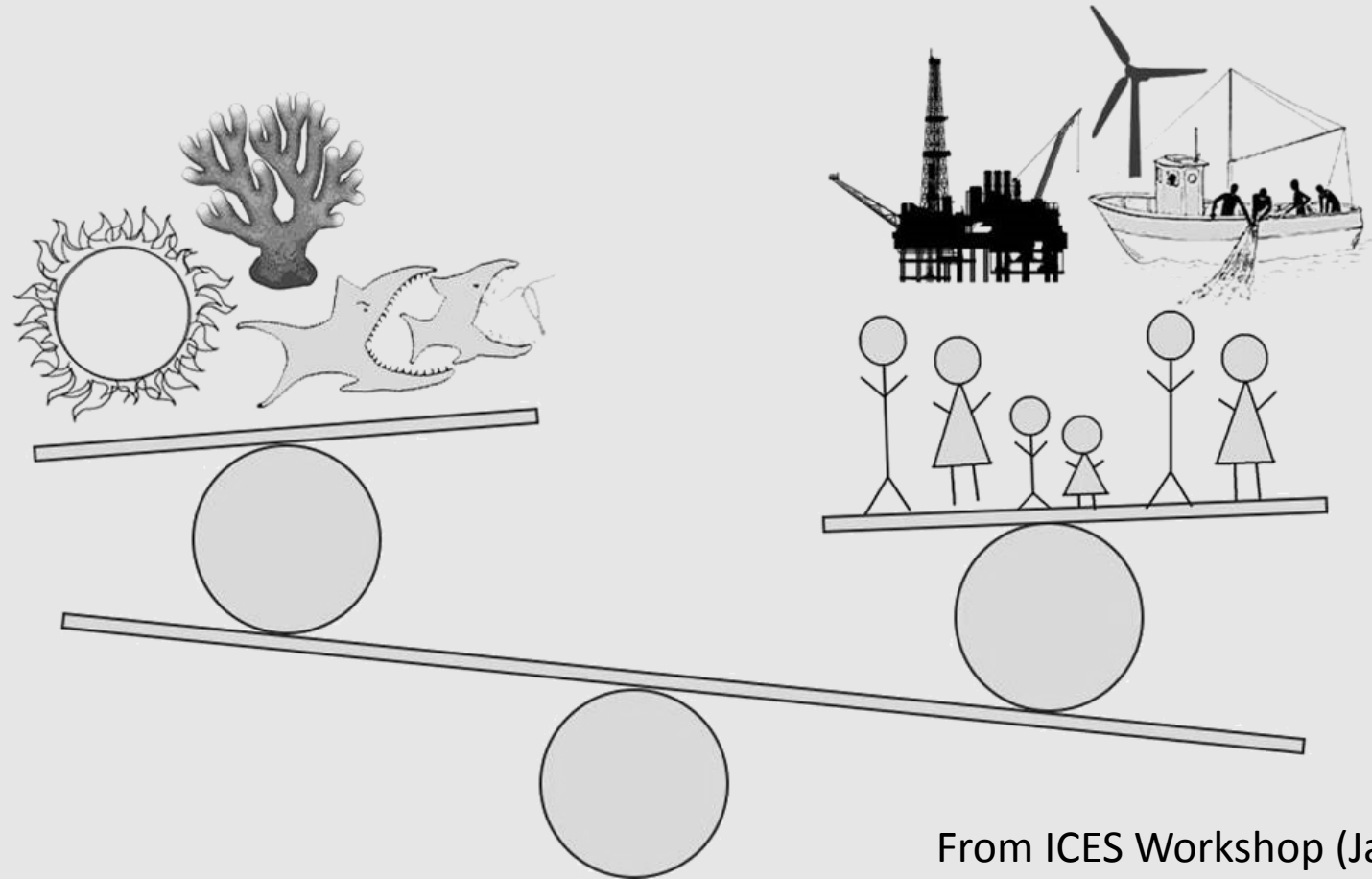
Why NOAA IEA: We need to consider the full Socio-Ecological System



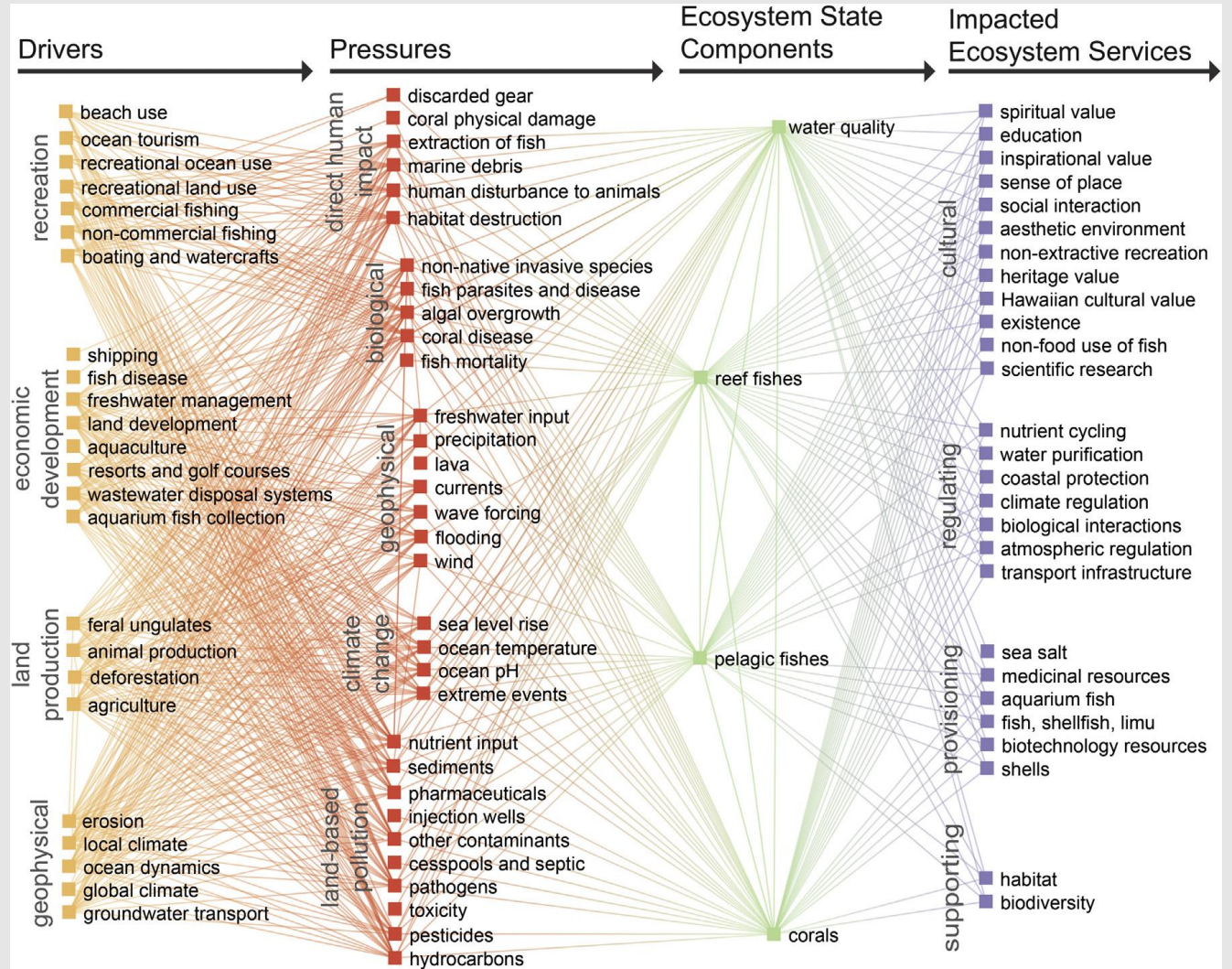
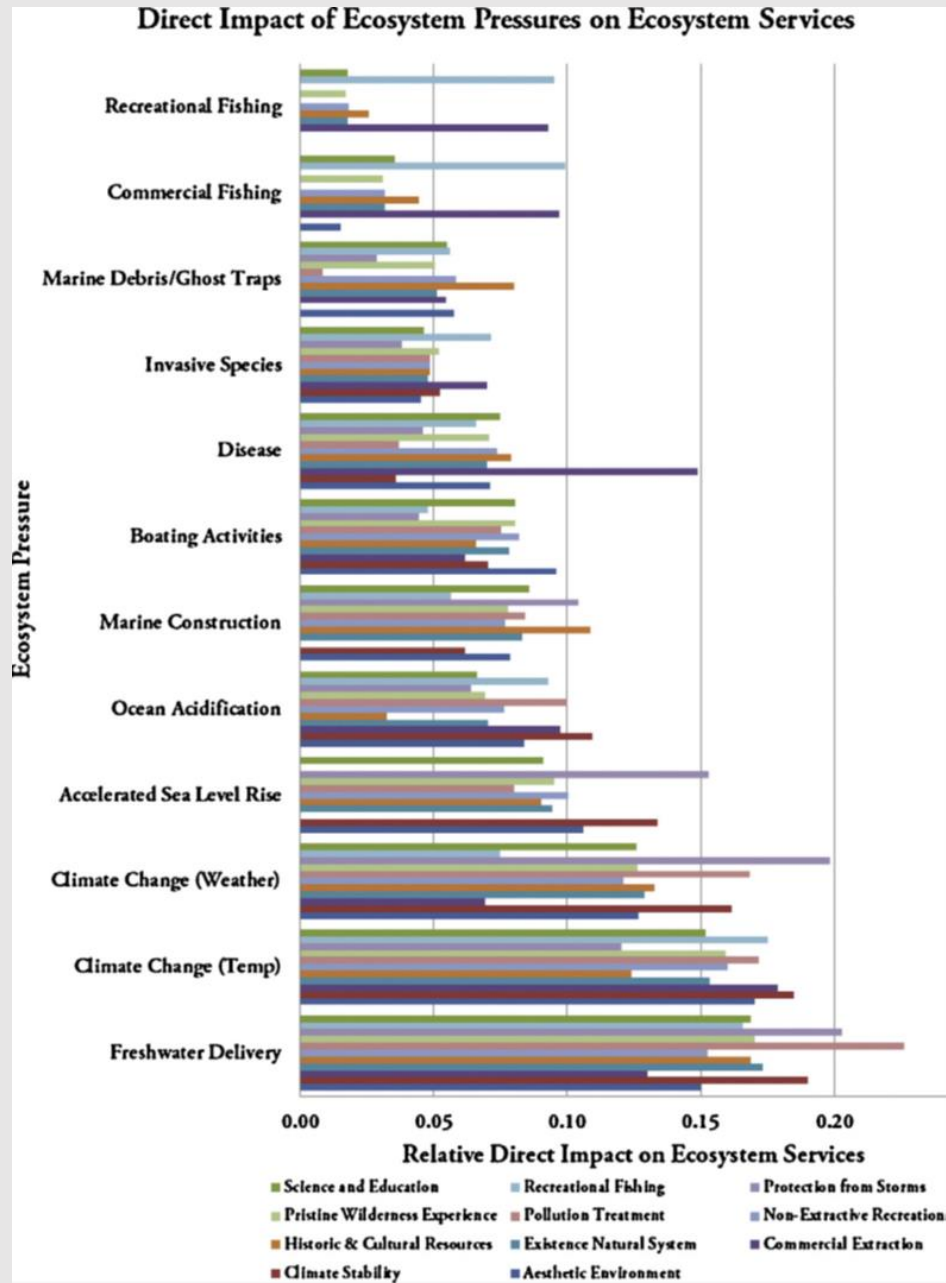
Fletcher et al., 2014 Ecological Indicators

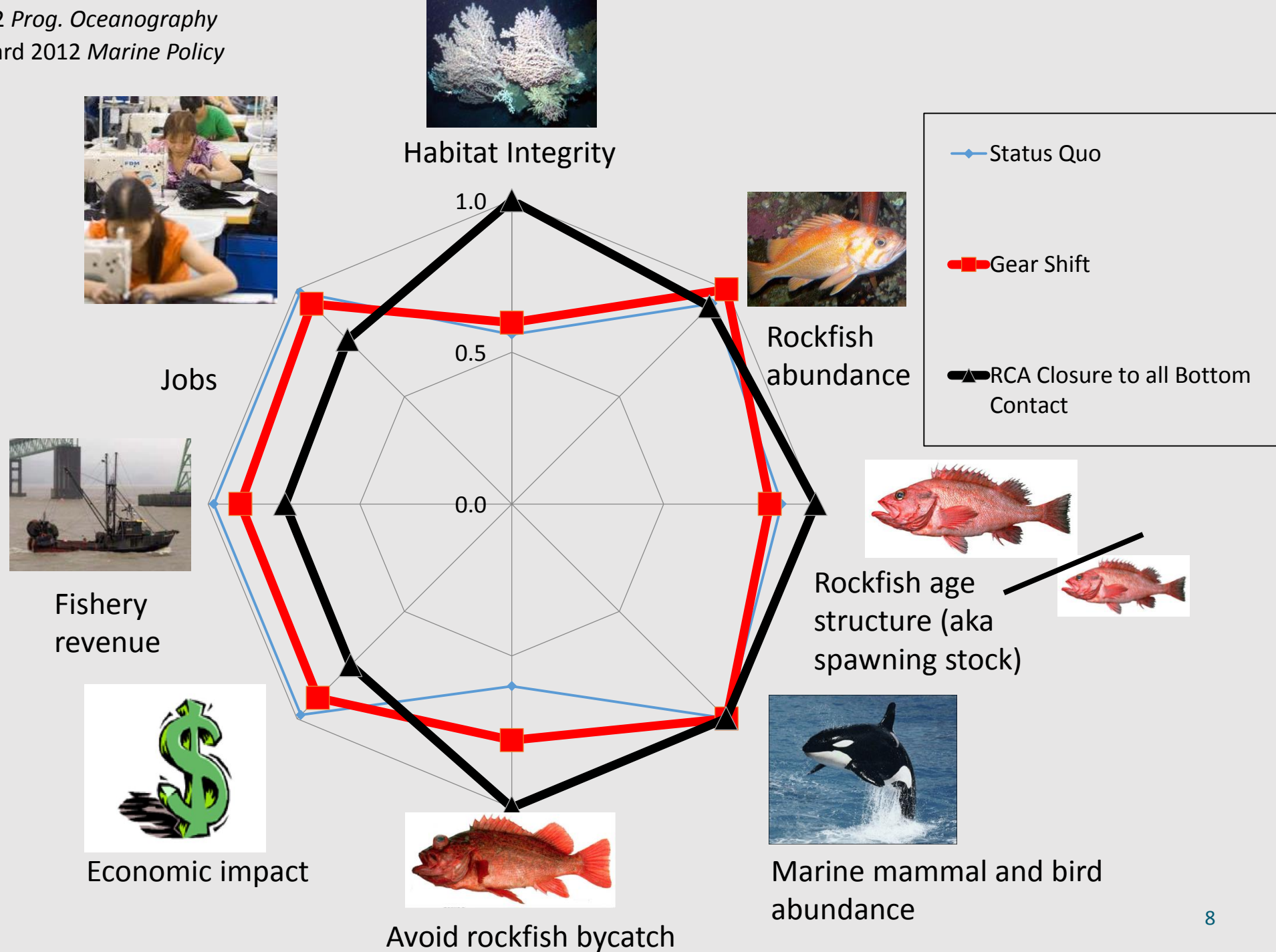
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Why NOAA IEA: Balancing Social, Cultural, Economic and Ecological Services



From ICES Workshop (Jan. 2016):
Operationalizing the Ecosystem Approach





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Global Network of Large Marine Ecosystems

US\$285 million
Cumulative LME
GEF Grants



**Invested in
124 Countries**



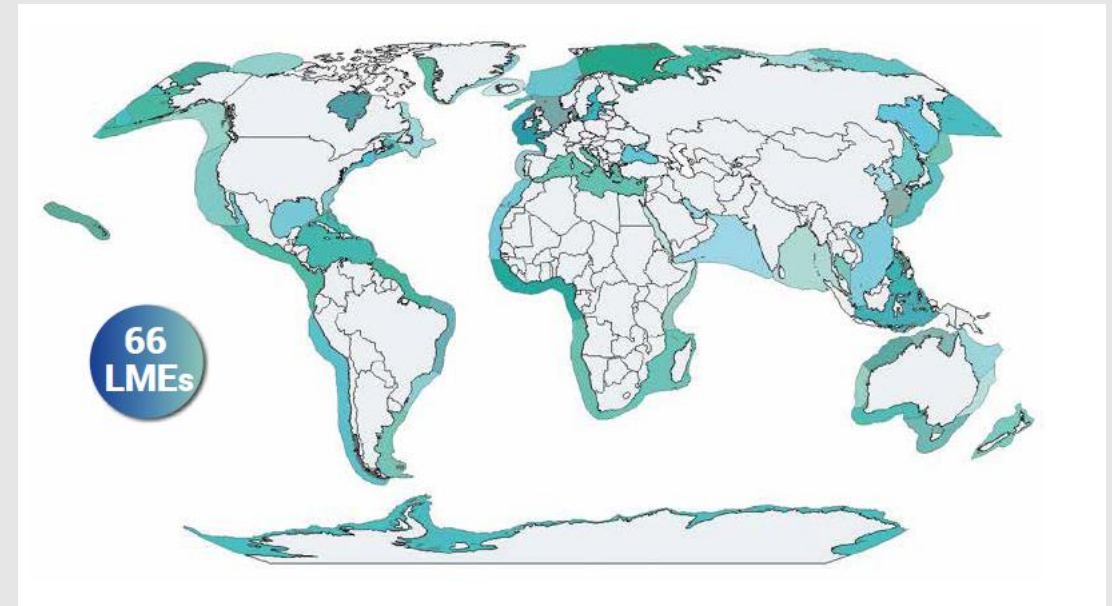
**Through
Projects in
23 LMEs**



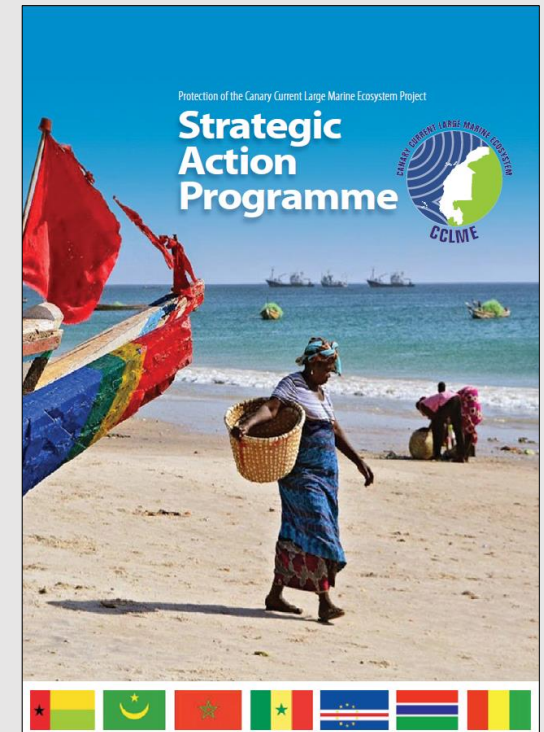
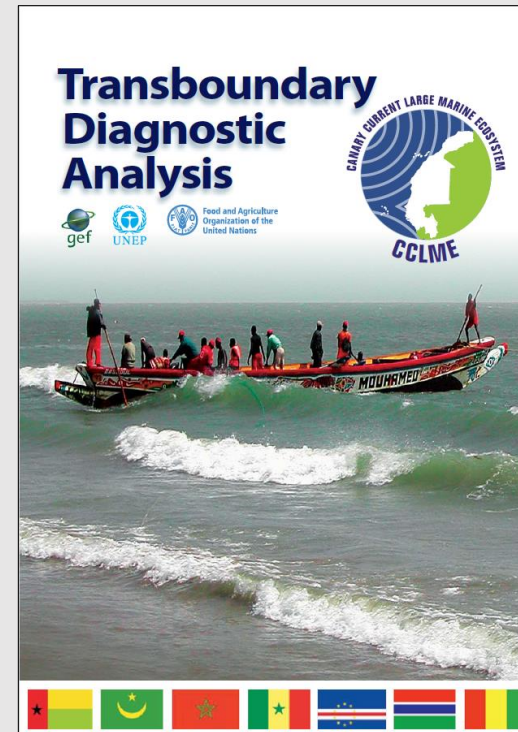
gef GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

The adoption and long-term commitment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to LME-based programming has in several cases been transformational in supporting efforts of countries sharing LMEs to move them toward sustainable use, and highly catalytic in terms of leveraging both public and private financial resources for LME restoration and protection.

Over the course of more than 25 years, the GEF has invested in 124 countries through projects in 23 LMEs. These projects, implemented through strategic partnerships with national, regional and international entities, have encouraged governmental and non-governmental stakeholders around the world to embrace the LME Approach as a mechanism to address issues in relation to overfishing, habitat degradation and loss, and pollution, among other serious threats.



The LME framework to implement Ecosystem Approaches



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Services



REGIONAL NETWORKING

The LME:LEARN project, supports a series of regional networks, to improve regional governance and cooperation within respective LME regions, as well as coordination between LME, MPA, MSP and ICM projects.



MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

LME:LEARN encourages capacity development and South-to-South / North-to-South exchanges through twinning and learning exchanges, workshops and training among LMEs and similar initiatives.



KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

LME:LEARN is dedicated to ever-improving knowledge management processes in view of further enhancing the management effectiveness of LMEs and integration of ICM and MPAs.



LME HUB

The Large Marine Ecosystem Hub: Outreach and Visualization of LMEs.

CONSERVATION
INTERNATIONAL

LME:LEARN project is managed by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF)*.

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Economic Valuation of "wet" ecosystems

The GEF Guidance Document for Economic Valuation in IW Projects is a reference source and a guide for GEF IW projects. It contains step-by-step guidance on the economic valuation of ecosystem services of inland and marine "wet" ecosystems, with a focus on easily applicable and pragmatic valuation approaches. The guidance is usable for both screening and in-depth analyses.

Besides, the Guidance Document contains templates for reports, ToRs for experts to support the valuation work, a checklist for the valuation itself, and a full set of training materials including exercises for a better understanding of crucial steps in the economic valuation methodologies.

Please download the current version of the guidance:

 [GEF Guidance Document to Economic Valuation](#) 



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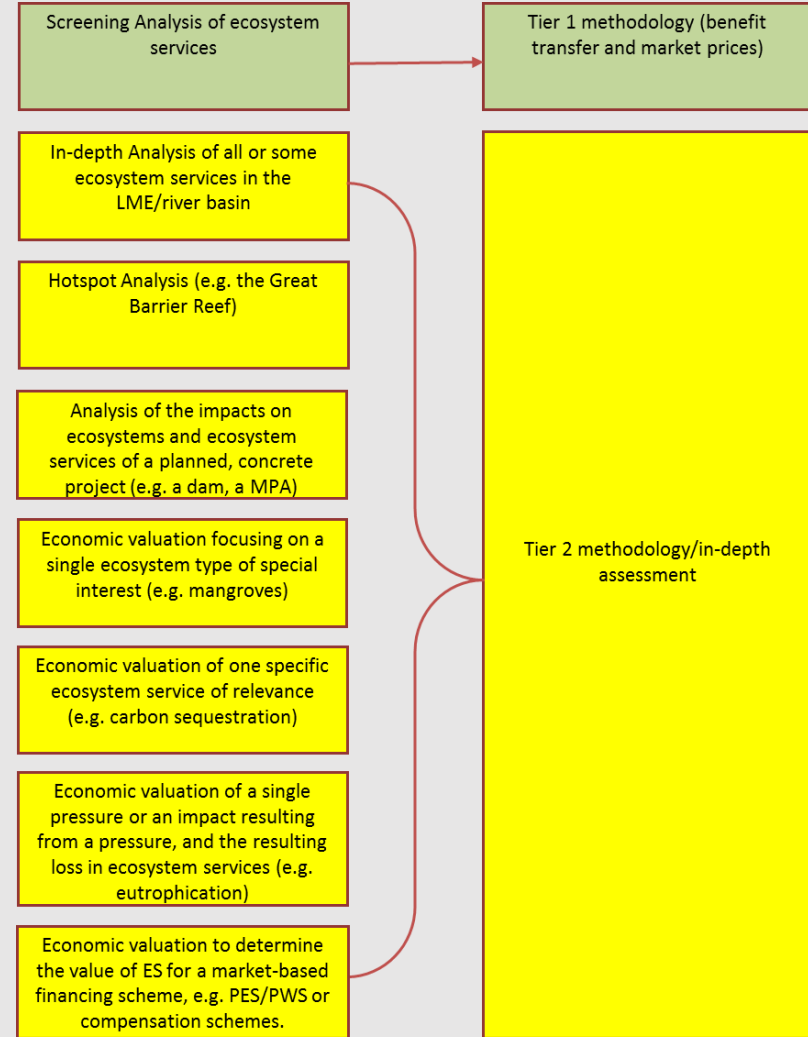
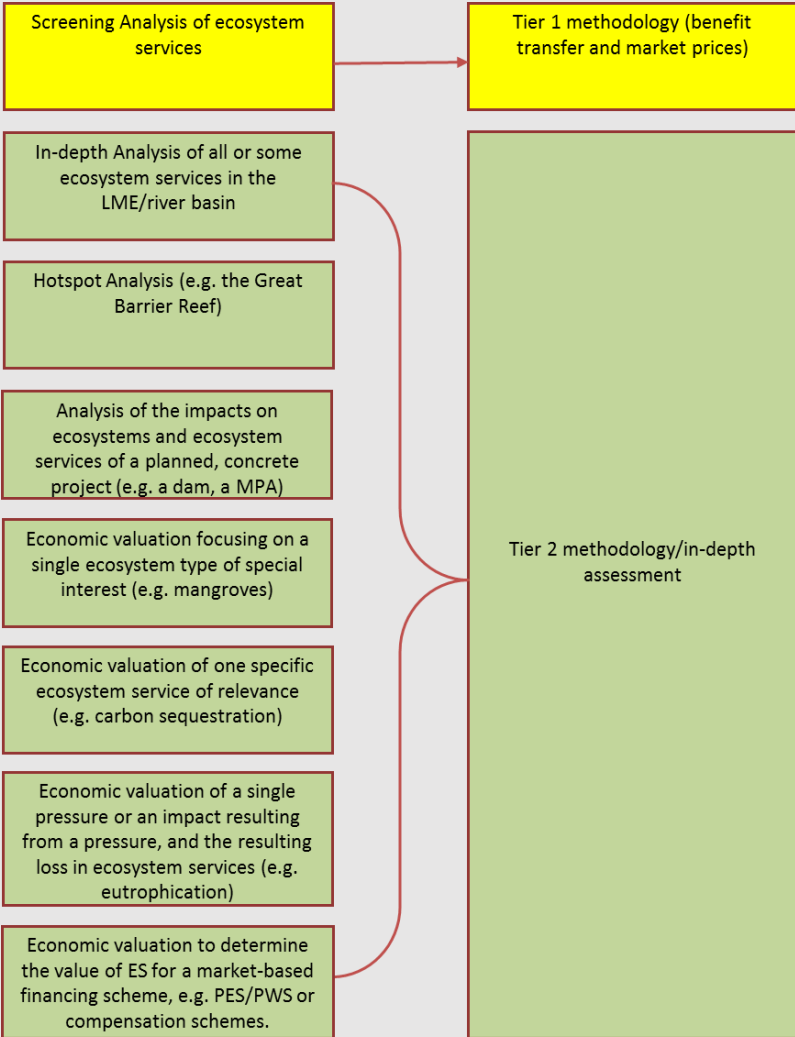
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Two “Tiers” of Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services



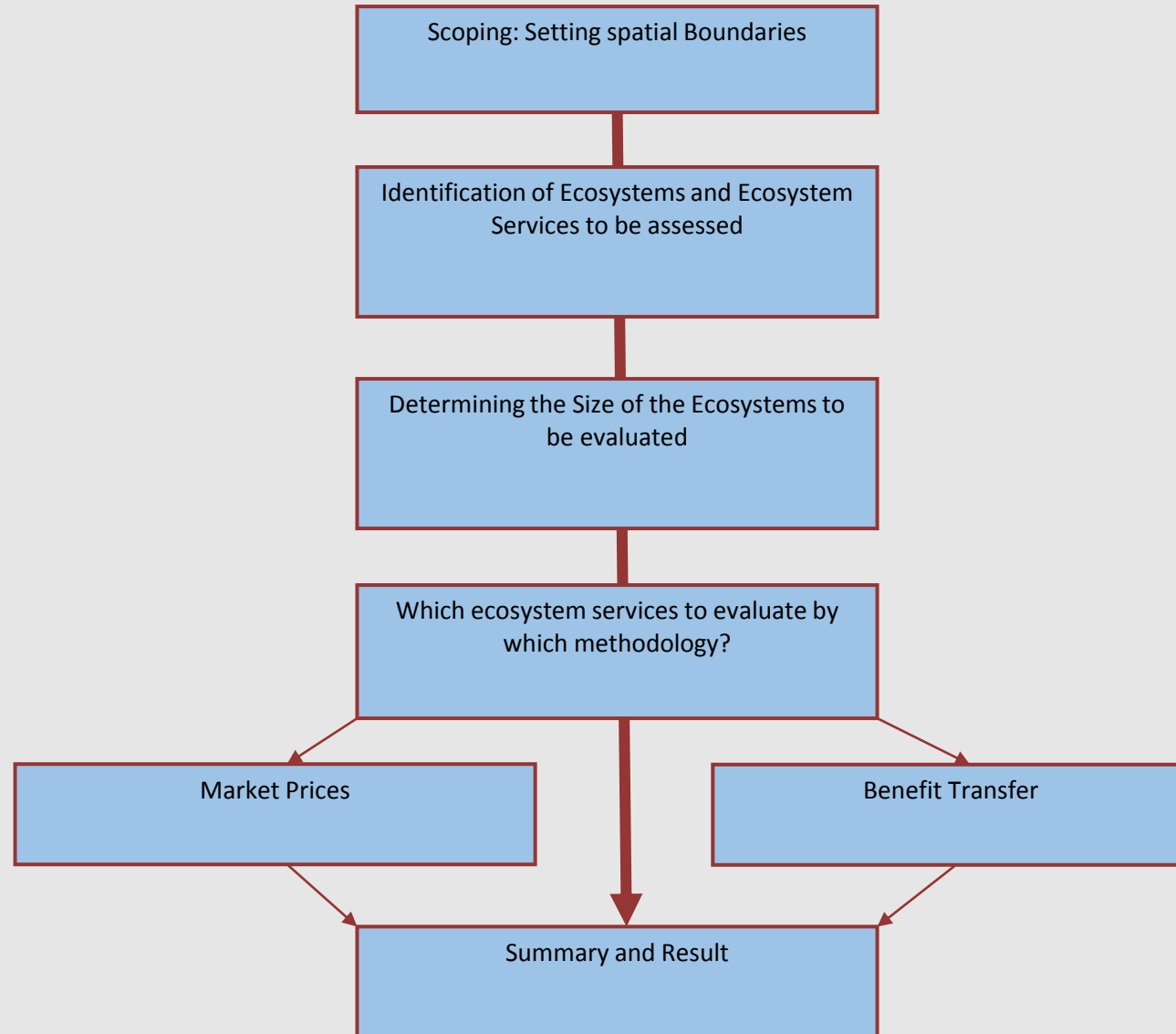
Tier 1: limited resources; simplified method using benefit transfer & market prices



Tier 2: projects can dedicate adequate funds for fuller valuation of ES: in-depth valuation

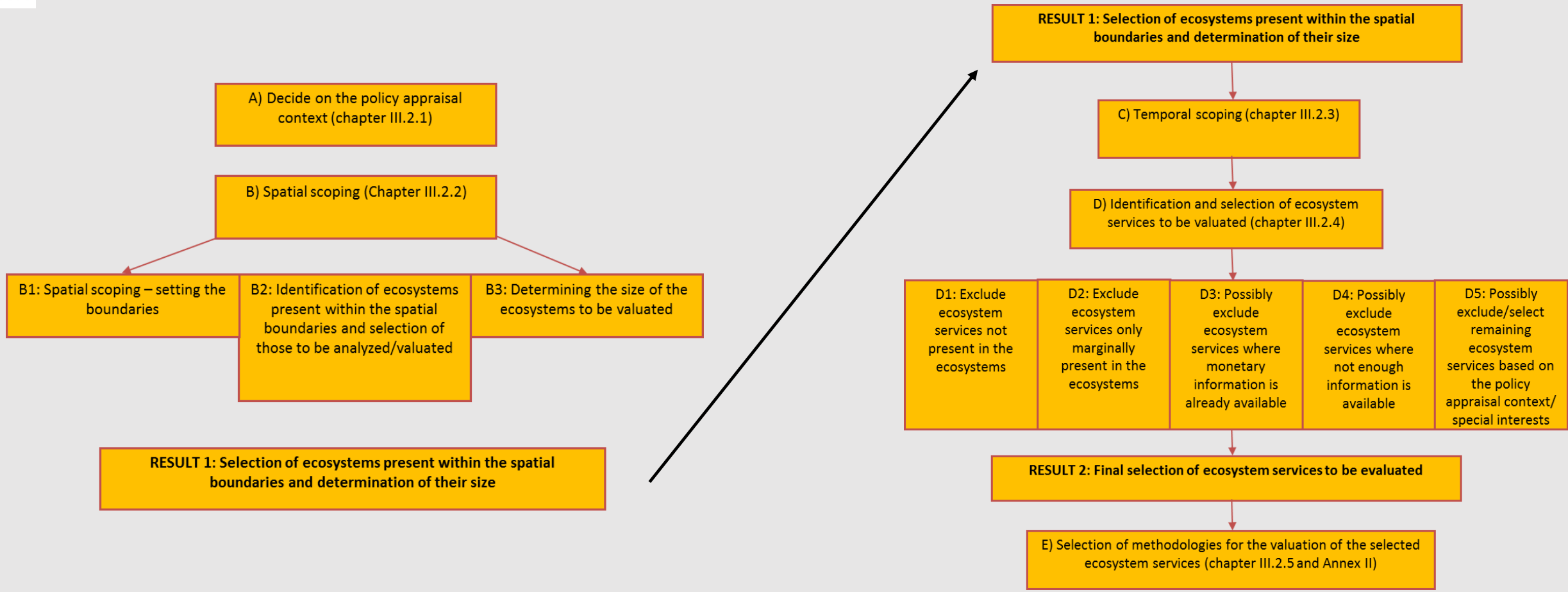


Overview of Tier 1 EV Approach





Overview of Tier 2 EV Approach



Thanks and Questions

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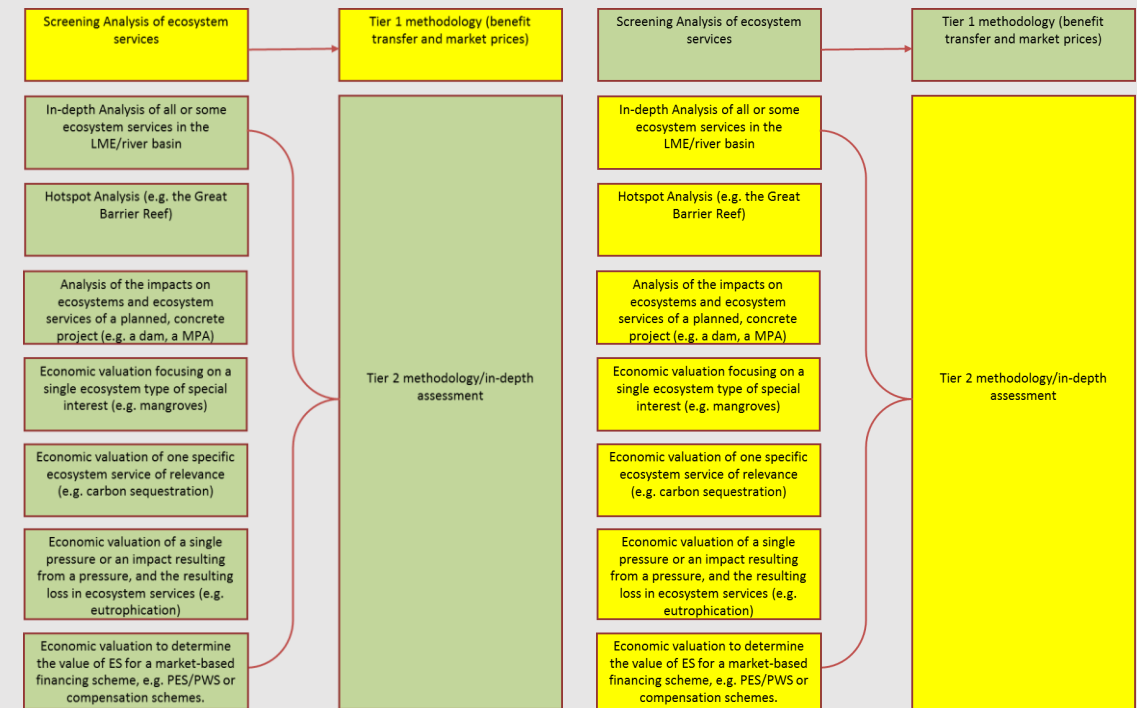


www.noaa.gov/iea**

New site under development – should be online soon

For more information on two tier EV approach, please contact:

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Direct links to some of the Tiered EV materials

- Economic Valuation page: <https://iwlearn.net/manuals/economic-valuation/overview>
- GEF Guidance Document to Economic Valuation (includes two parts – tier one guidance and tier two guidance): <https://iwlearn.net/documents/25198>
- Introduction to the Guidance Documents: <https://iwlearn.net/manuals/economic-valuation/economic-valuation/introduction-to-the-guidance-documents>
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