





# Long Term Performance Assessment for the Turkish Seas, Recommendations for the future EBFM Policies

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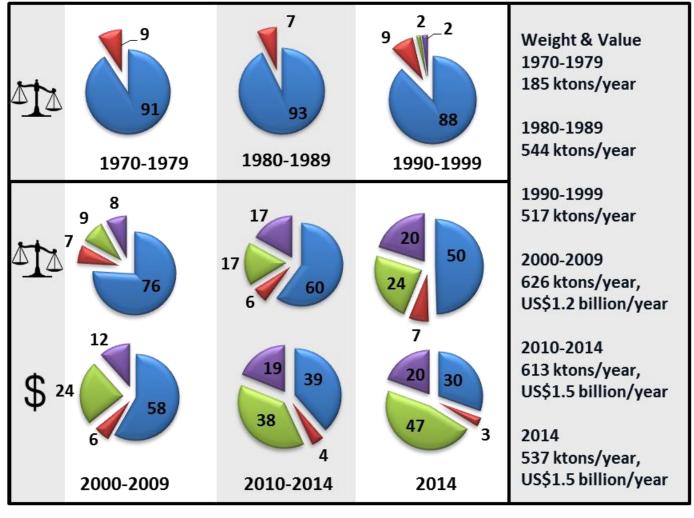
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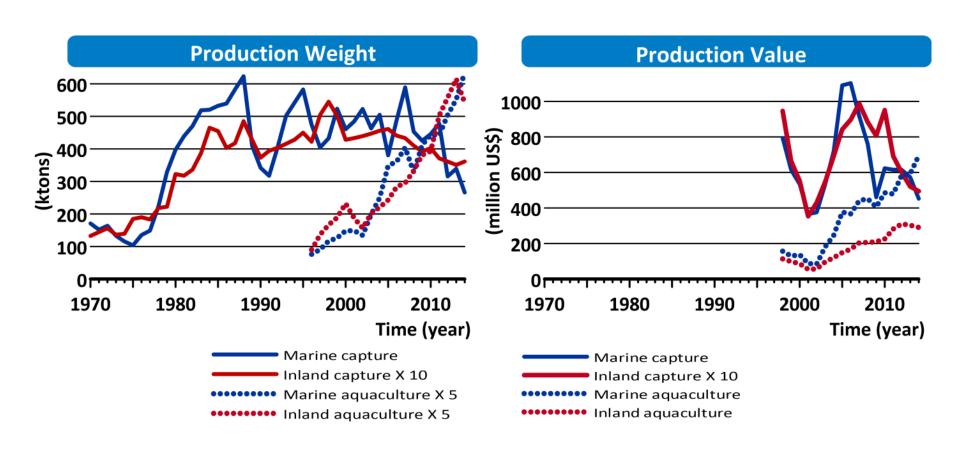


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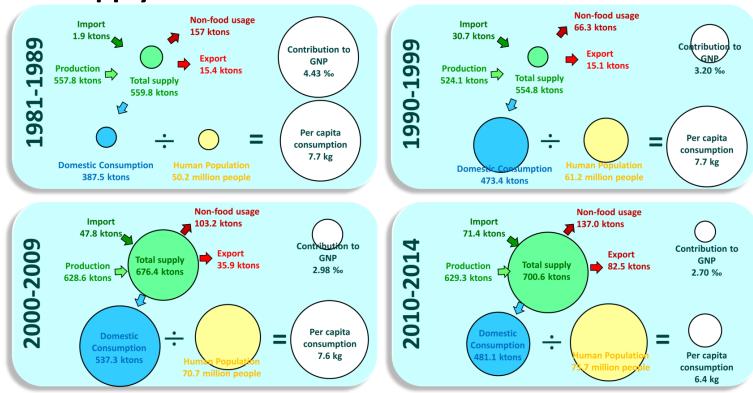


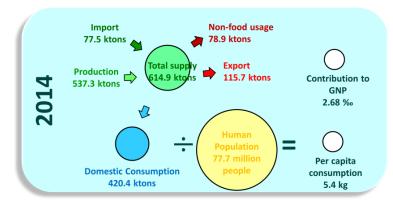
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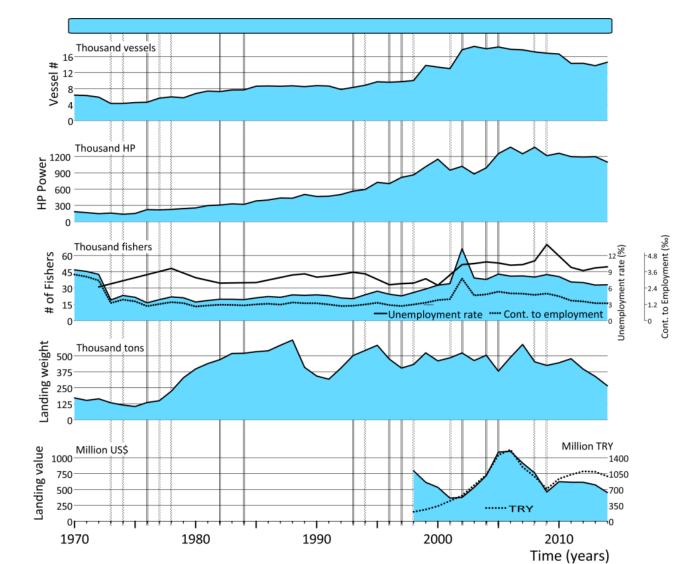
## Fish food supply balance sheet





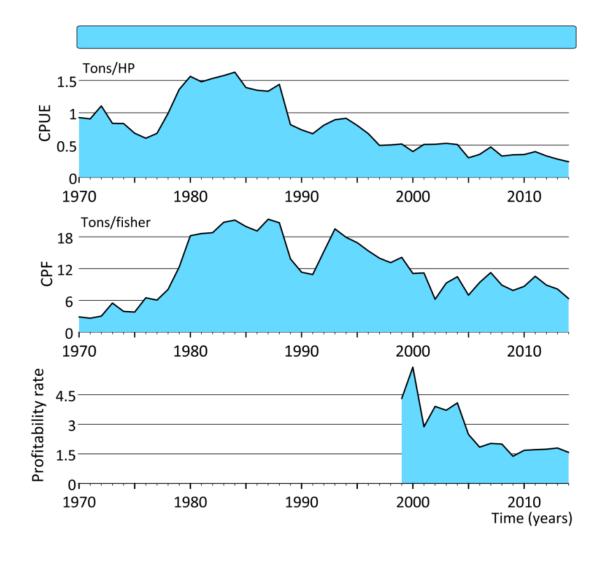
















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### Indicators used assess the status of the regional fisheries

#### **Pressure indicators**

- ✓ Yield (tons)
- ✓ Vessel number
- ✓ Fishing effort (HP)
- ✓ Fisher number

#### **Ecological sustainability indicators**

- ✓ Mean trophic level
- ✓ Mean length
- ✓ Predator/prey ratio
- ✓ Intrinsic vulnerability



All of four sustainability indicators in the Black Sea, one of four indicators in the other regions decreased significantly

	Black Sea	Marm. Sea	Aegean Sea	Medit. Sea
Mean trophic level of the landings	-0.30	-0.30	-0.07	-0.12
Mean length of the community (cm)	-10.25	-14.29	-10.30	-6.43
Pred/Prey ratio	-0.27	-0.47	-0.30	-0.69
Vulnerability	-9.72	-9.72	-9. <b>7</b> 9	-5.09

means the change is significant



- ✓ Significantly correlated pressure indicators
- ✓ Independent regional responses

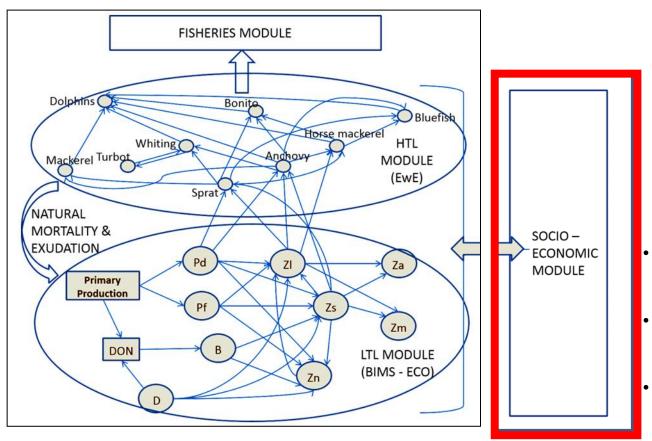
		BS	MarS	AegSea	MedS
Yield	BS	1			
	MarS	0.554	1		
	AegSea	0.319	0.606	1	
	MedS	0.306	0.467	0.877	1
Fishing effort	BS	1			
	MarS	0.807	1		
	AegS	0.942	0.863	1	
	MedS	0.951	0.864	0.973	1
Employment	BS	1			
	MarS	0.300	1		
	AegS	0.786	0.114	1	
	MedS	0.528	0.320	0.751	1
	Unemp	0.448	0.224	0.486	0.596

		BS	MarS	AegSea	MedS
mTLc	BS	1			
	MarS	0.246	1		
	AegSea	-0.243	-0.222	1	
	MedS	-0.030	-0.110	0.318	1
Mean Length	BS	1			
	MarS	0.430	1		
	AegS	-0.039	0.179	1	
	MedS	-0.176	0.212	0.083	1
Pred/Prey	BS	1			
	MarS	0.303	1		
	AegS	-0.168	0.127	1	
	MedS	0.039	0.061	-0.051	1
Vulnerabilit	BS	1			
	MarS	0.302	1		
	AegS	0.281	-0.044	1	
	MedS	-0.222	0.114	0.195	1

## **Exploration of the Ecosystem Based Management Strategies**

<u>How to manage</u> our seas to achieve and sustain the Good Environmental Status (GES) under changing climatological conditions?

Ecopath with Ecosim (EwE) coupled ecological-economical-societal modelling tool



To investigate the impact of environmental and climate change on primary production, fish stocks and human

- Optimizing profits (adjusting fishing effort, targeting valuable species)
- Optimizing social benefits (increasing employment, jobs/value of catch)
  - Maximizing ecosystem structure (promoting ecosystem maturity)



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