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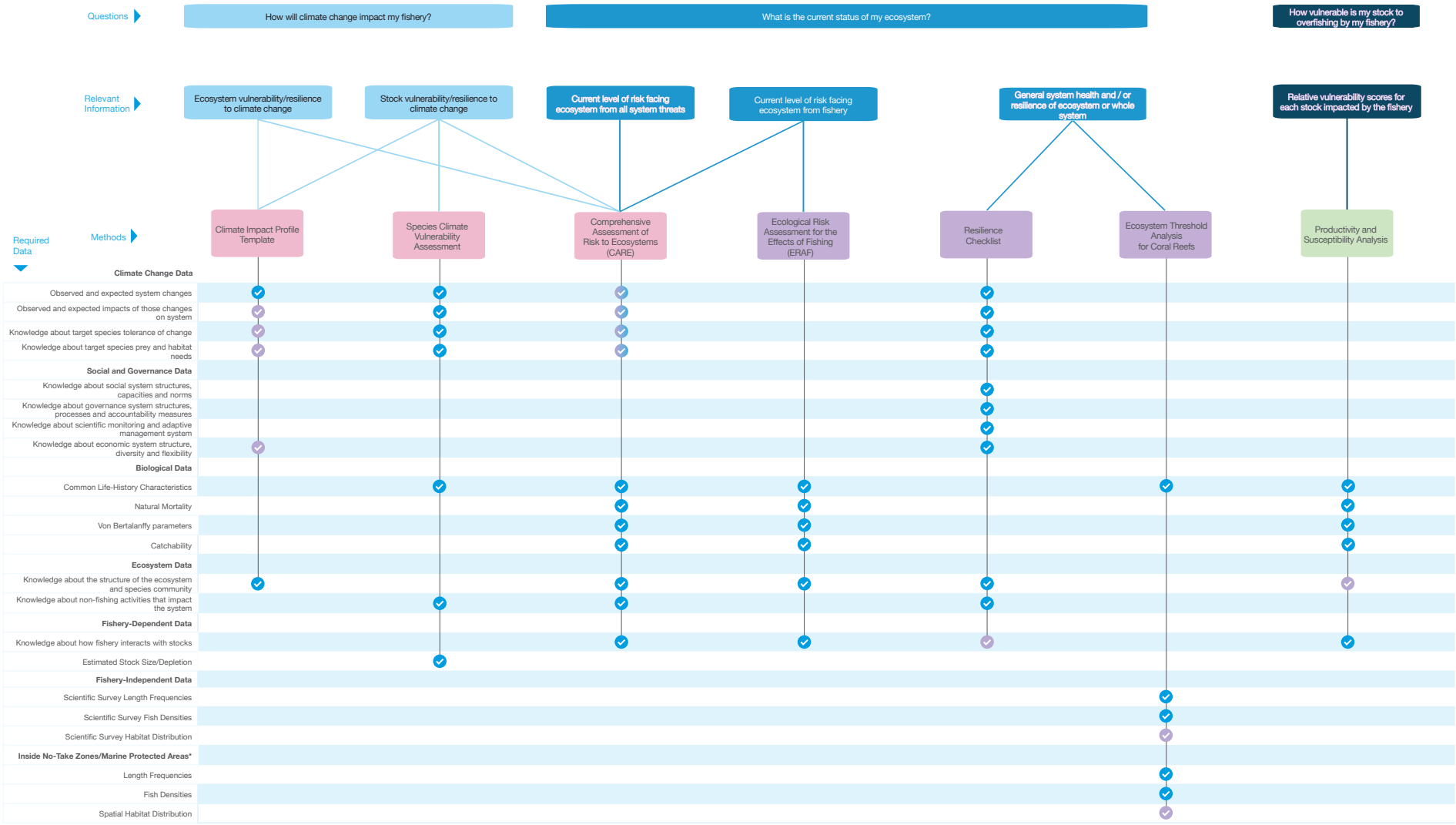

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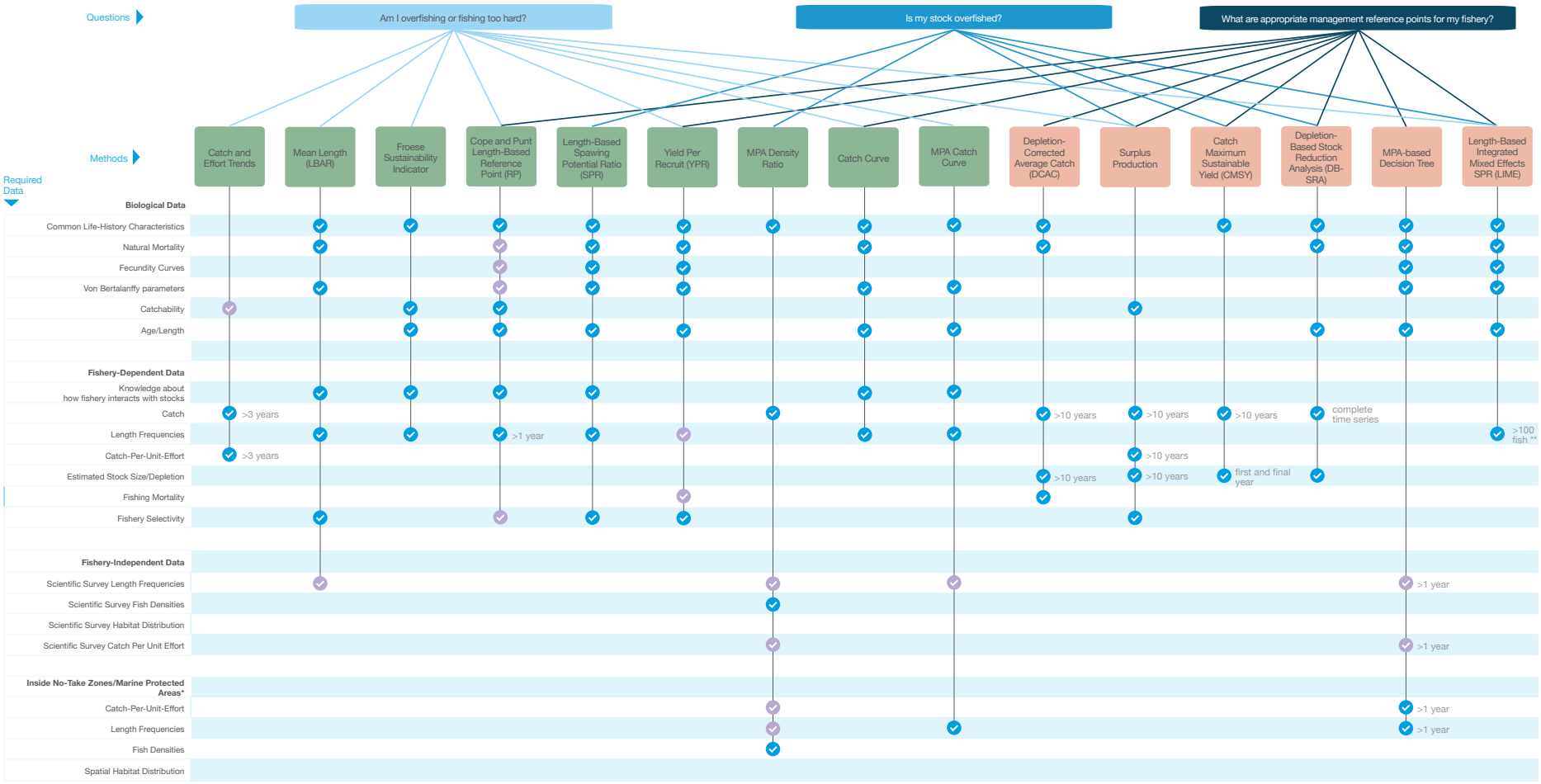

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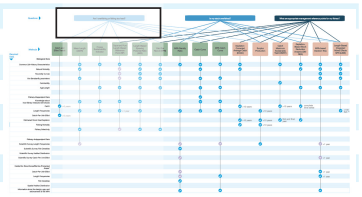
Questions	Am I overfishing or fishing too hard?							
Relevant Information	Trends in abundance, Catch-Per-Unit-Effort, and average length in the catch	Percent of the catch made up of different sizes of fish				Current Fishing Mortality Rate			Historic trends in fishing mortality
Methods	Catch and Effort Trends	Froese Sustainability Indicator	Cope and Punt Length-Based Reference Point (RP)	Yield Per Recruit (YPR)	Length-Based Integrated Mixed Effects SPR (LIME)	Mean Length (LBAR)	MPA Catch Curve	Catch Curve	Surplus Production
Biological Data									
Common Life-History Characteristics		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Natural Mortality			○	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Fecundity Curves			○	✓	✓				
Von Bertalanffy parameters			○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Catchability	○	✓	✓						✓
Age/Length		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Fishery-Dependent Data									
Knowledge about how fishery interacts with stocks		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Catch	✓ >3 years								✓ >10 years
Length Frequencies		✓	✓ >1 year	○	✓ >100 fish **	✓	✓	✓	
Catch-Per-Unit-Effort	✓ >3 years								✓ >10 years
Estimated Stock Size/Depletion									✓ >10 years
Fishing Mortality				○					
Fishery Selectivity			○	✓		✓			✓
Fishery-Independent Data									
Scientific Survey Length Frequencies						○	○		
Scientific Survey Fish Densities									
Scientific Survey Habitat Distribution									
Scientific Survey Catch Per Unit Effort									
Inside No-Take Zones/Marine Protected Areas*									
Catch-Per-Unit-Effort									
Length Frequencies							✓		
Fish Densities									
Spatial Habitat Distribution									



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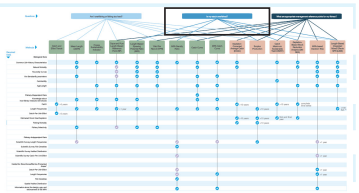
Questions: Is my stock overfished?

Relevant Information: Estimate of Current Stock Depletion Levels | Reproductive Capacity of Stock at current F Rate | Current Biomass | Historic trends in biomass/ Unfished biomass

Methods: MPA Density Ratio | Length-Based Spawing Potential Ratio (SPR) | Length-Based Integrated Mixed Effects SPR (LIME) | Surplus Production | Catch Maximum Sustainable Yield (CMSY) | Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA)

Required Data	MPA Density Ratio	Length-Based Spawing Potential Ratio (SPR)	Length-Based Integrated Mixed Effects SPR (LIME)	Surplus Production	Catch Maximum Sustainable Yield (CMSY)	Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA)
Biological Data						
Common Life-History Characteristics	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Natural Mortality		✓	✓			✓
Fecundity Curves		✓	✓			
Von Bertalanffy parameters		✓	✓			
Catchability				✓		
Age/Length		✓	✓			✓
Fishery-Dependent Data						
Knowledge about how fishery interacts with stocks		✓				
Catch	✓			✓ >10 years	✓ >10 years	✓ complete time series
Length Frequencies		✓	✓ >100 fish **			
Catch-Per-Unit-Effort				✓ >10 years		
Estimated Stock Size/Depletion				✓ >10 years	✓ first and final year	✓
Fishing Mortality						
Fishery Selectivity		✓		✓		
Fishery-Independent Data						
Scientific Survey Length Frequencies	✓					
Scientific Survey Fish Densities	✓					
Scientific Survey Habitat Distribution						
Scientific Survey Catch Per Unit Effort	✓					
Inside No-Take Zones/Marine Protected Areas*						
Catch-Per-Unit-Effort	✓					
Length Frequencies	✓					
Fish Densities	✓					
Spatial Habitat Distribution						



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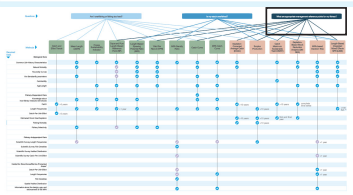
Questions: What are appropriate management reference points for my fishery?

Relevant Information	Appropriate proportions of each size class in the catch	Appropriate Fishing Mortality Rate for my fishery				Appropriate Yield for my fishery			Target TAC rates for different size classes
Methods	Cope and Punt Length-Based Reference Point (RP)	Catch Curve	Yield Per Recruit (YPR)	Surplus Production	Length-Based Integrated Mixed Effects SPR (LIME)	Depletion-Corrected Average Catch (DCAC)	Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA)	Catch Maximum Sustainable Yield (CMSY)	MPA-based Decision Tree
Required Data									
Biological Data									
Common Life-History Characteristics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Natural Mortality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Fecundity Curves	✓		✓		✓				✓
Von Bertalanffy parameters	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓
Catchability	✓			✓					
Age/Length	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
Fishery-Dependent Data		✓							
Knowledge about how fishery interacts with stocks	✓	✓							
Catch				>10 years		>10 years	complete time series	>10 years	
Length Frequencies	>1 year	✓	✓		>100 fish **				
Catch-Per-Unit-Effort				>10 years					
Estimated Stock Size/Depletion				>10 years		>10 years	✓	first and final year	
Fishing Mortality			✓			✓			
Fishery Selectivity	✓		✓	✓					
Fishery-Independent Data									
Scientific Survey Length Frequencies									>1 year
Scientific Survey Fish Densities									
Scientific Survey Habitat Distribution									
Scientific Survey Catch Per Unit Effort									>1 year
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Catch-Per-Unit-Effort									>1 year
Length Frequencies									>1 year
Fish Densities									
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