

The acceptable level of risk for the South African sardine resource

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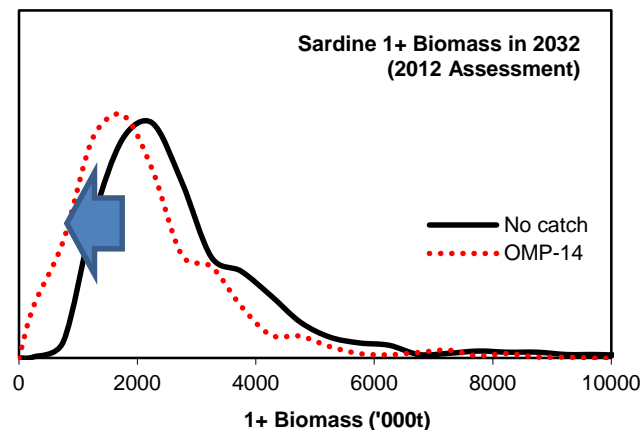
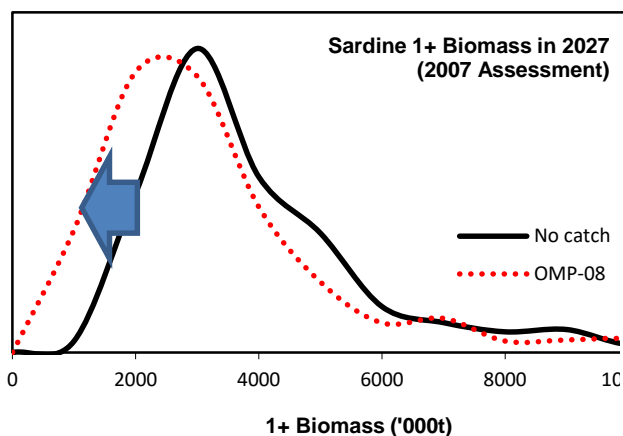
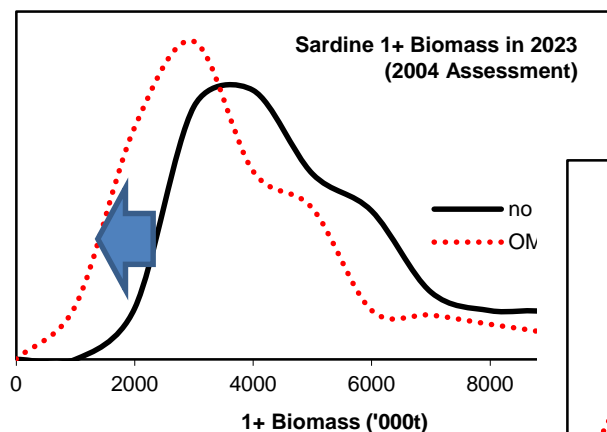
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History: OMP-14 risk

- Risk threshold: the average total sardine 1+ biomass between November 1991 and 1994
Unchanged from earlier OMPs
- Risk definition: the probability that the total sardine 1+ biomass falls below the risk threshold at least once during the projection period of 20 years
Unchanged from earlier OMPs
- Risk level: 21%
Adjusted between OMPs to accommodate changes in understanding of resource dynamics

History: “Leftward shift”

- Maintaining the ratio of 20thile $B_{final}^{CMP} / B_{final}^{NoC}$ to be the same ($=0.68$) with similar ratios at other lower %iles
- Maintain the same level of ‘depletion’ of the sardine resource between OMPs, despite potential changes in understanding of resource dynamics as further data become available



Same biomass “currencies”

History:

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	OMP-14 (de Moor and Butterworth 2015)	OMP-18 (de Moor and Butterworth 2016)
Population structure	Single homogenous population	Two mixing stocks
Spawner biomass	2+ biomass	Maturity-at-length ogive
	Weight-at-age	Weight-at-length
Survey trawl selectivity	Three levels, with reduced availability at smaller and larger lengths	Logistic (allowing for some escapement of smaller fish)
Commercial selectivity	Time-invariant with ‘inverted lognormal’ distribution at larger lengths	Estimated separately for 4 time periods with logistic distribution at larger lengths
Bycatch	No observation error for bycatch	F_{bycatch} estimated
Prior(Nov acoustic bias)	$k_{ac}^S \sim N(0.714, 0.077^2)$	$\ln(k_{ac}^S) \sim N(-0.310, 0.094^2)$
Von-Bertalanffy growth parameters	Estimate $\kappa \times L_\infty$ and L_∞	Estimate L_1 and L_3
t_0	Time invariant	Varies annually

- West component recruitment is primary contributor to recruitment for entire population
- West component recruitment dependent on west component effB^{Sp}

History:

Why the “Leftward Shift” couldn’t be used straightforwardly for OMP-18

- Risk threshold: the sardine west component effective spawner biomass in November 2007
- Risk definition: the probability that the sardine west component effective spawner biomass falls below the risk threshold over the projection period of 20 years

Less onerous measure of risk; current low sardine biomass

- The biomass “currency” of the risk threshold was changed from 1+ biomass to west component effB^{sp} .
- Total 1+ biomass no longer primary concern
- Leftward shift measures impact of fishing on total 1+ biomass

Draft OMP-18

- HCR parameter β tuned until depletion of total biomass under Draft OMP-18 (excluding red flags) was similar to that of total 1+ biomass under previous OMPs
- Risk level: 16% after red flags included

Bridging the inconsistencies

- Calculate 'depletion' of total spawner biomass under previous OMPs

	$B_{\text{final}}^{\text{Sp,OMP}} / B_{\text{final}}^{\text{Sp,NoC}}$			
	OMP-04	OMP-08	OMP-14	
10%ile	0.49	0.46	0.51	
20%ile	0.65	0.60	0.60	
30%ile	0.67	0.65	0.63	
40%ile	0.69	0.66	0.69	
50%ile	0.68	0.66	0.69	

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	$B^{\text{Sp,OMP}}_{\text{final}} / B^{\text{Sp,NoC}}_{\text{final}}$			$\text{eff}B^{\text{Sp,OMP}}_{\text{final}} / \text{eff}B^{\text{Sp,NoC}}_{\text{final}}$
	OMP-04	OMP-08	OMP-14	CMP*
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β	0.139	0.139	0.149		
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β	0.139	0.139	0.149	0.139	0.124
Risk^S	0.166	0.154	0.156	0.160	0.155
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- Applying penalty/benefit red flag with $\beta=0.124$ results in $\text{Risk}^S=0.153$ (CMP#)

Managing RSA sardine using CMP# means on average the west component effB^{sp} would be below the lowest historical level (B_{lim}) 15% of the projection period

How does 15.3% compare internationally?

Country	Max Risk	Comments	CMP#
ICES	Risk1 = average $p(B^{sp} < B_{lim}) < 5\%$		15.3%
	Risk3 = max $p(B^{sp} < B_{lim}) < 5\%$		20% (17% over 2 nd half of projection period)
Australia	$p(B^{sp} > B_{lim}) > 90\%$ i.e. $p(B^{sp} < B_{lim}) < 10\%$	$B_{lim} \sim 20\% B_0$ or more conservative for less productive stocks and/or key forage species	15.3%
Chile Under review	$p(B^{sp} < 50\% SSB_0) < 10\%$	SSB_0 – level of B^{sp} in absence of catch 30% has recently been accepted for sardine	74% (55% under no catch)
Japan Under review	Minimise $p(B^{sp} < B_{lim})$	Most recent sardine risk was 0-3%	15.3%
USA	ACL \leq ABC = 96% of OFL	OFL = catch corresp to F_{MSY}	
	If $B^{sp}_y < 0.5 B_{MSY}$ $p(B^{sp}_{y+10} > 0.5 B_{MSY}) > 50\%$		

Considers risk for Tier 1 stocks

Dynamic B_0

- Idea behind Leftward shift is to consider impact of harvesting in the context of what could be expected under a no catch scenario
- Dynamic B_0 :
 - the reference level (B_0) is calculated under prevailing environmental conditions;
 - accounts for e.g. regime shifts
 - typically considers B_0 from recent years

$\text{eff}B_{\text{west}}^{\text{sp}} / \text{eff}B_{\text{west}}^{\text{sp, NoC}}$	5%ile	10%ile	median
2027	0.47	0.55	0.69
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2029	0.47	0.54	0.70
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2031	0.48	0.53	0.70
2032	0.47	0.54	0.69
2033	0.45	0.54	0.69
2034	0.47	0.54	0.70
2035	0.46	0.53	0.70
2036	0.47	0.53	0.70

Summary

- Applying “Leftward shift” in comparing biomass “currency” of interest ($\text{eff}B_{\text{west}}^{\text{sp}}$) under $\text{CMP}^{\#}$ with that of $B_{\text{tot}}^{\text{sp}}$ under previous OMPs and following method previously used for red flags results in $\text{CMP}^{\#}$ with $\beta=0.124$ with $\text{Risk}^S=0.153$
 - “mismatching” Leftward shift based on B_{tot} had $\beta=0.138$ with $\text{Risk}^S=0.160$ for Draft OMP-18
- This level of risk (15.3%) is higher than that typically considered in other countries (5-10%)
- But risk is 7% under a no catch scenario
- In the long-term $\text{eff}B_{\text{west}}^{\text{sp}}$ under $\text{CMP}^{\#}$ has 90% probability of being at least 50% of that under a no catch scenario