


The Key Elements of Ecosystem-Based Management: An Assessment of their Application and Industry Priorities in 3 Fisheries in the Bay of Fundy




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Outline

- Introduction to **Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM)**
- **Chapter 1:** Identification of the Key elements of EBM
- **Chapter 2:** EBM Assessment and the Identification of fishermen's priorities



Ecosystem-based Management



- An integrated approach to management that considers the entire ecosystem, including humans
- Considers cumulative impacts of different sectors
- **Main Objective:** to maintain an ecosystem in a healthy, productive and resilient condition to provide services humans want and need

(McLeod et al. 2005)

EBM Knowledge Gaps


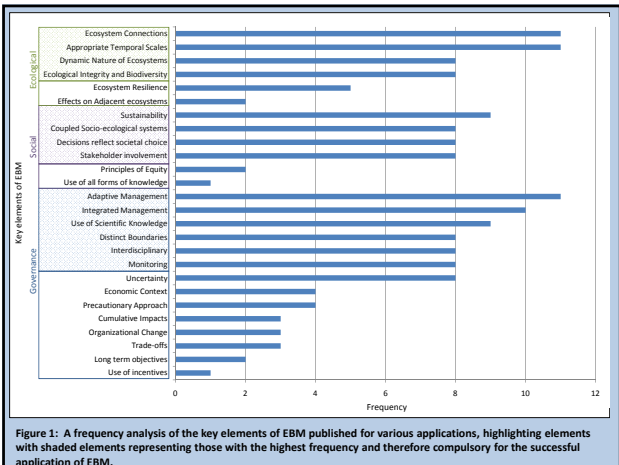
- Overwhelming number of definitions:
 - Creates confusion
 - Multiple perspectives between key players
- Lack of defining characteristics:
 - Impedes EBM application
 - Inability to recognize EBM on the ground

➔ **A gap between theory and practice**

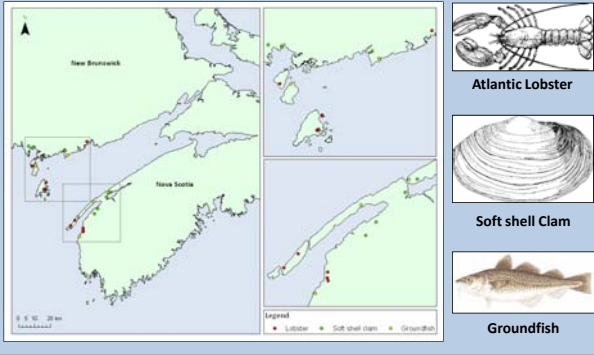
Chapter 1: Identification of the Key Elements of EBM

Methodology

- Extensive literature review of EBM theory
- Credible sources were selected
- A list of EBM components were compiled
- Definitions for each satisfied all selected literature
- Frequency of each component was recorded

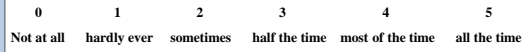
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Face to Face survey

- Part One:



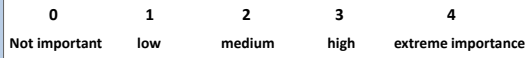
- Implementation of each 'key element' from Chapter 1
- Recommendations for better representation of key element

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- Part Two:

- Rate the importance of each key element



- Select the five most important key elements

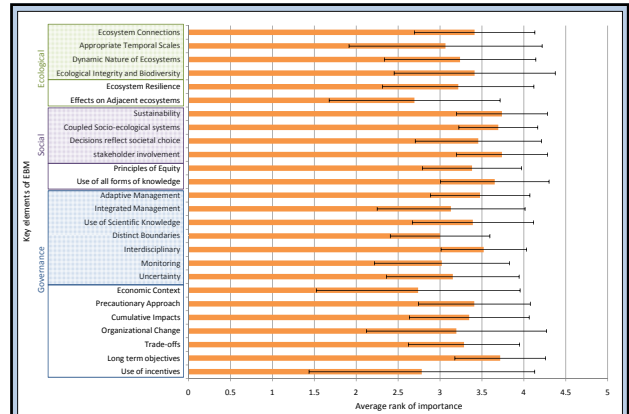


Figure 4: Industry evaluation of the average importance of each key element of ecosystem-based management (EBM) in the management of the soft shell clam, lobster and groundfish fishery in Southwest Nova Scotia and Southwest New Brunswick in the Bay of Fundy, Canada. Each element was ranked from not important to extremely important with a score from 0 – 4 respectively.

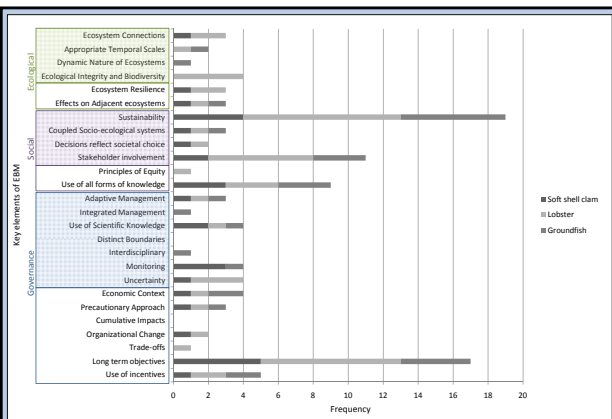
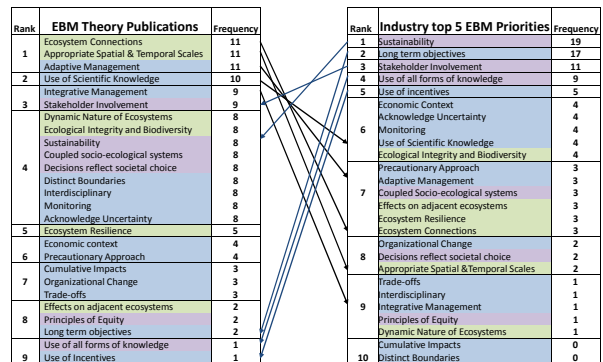
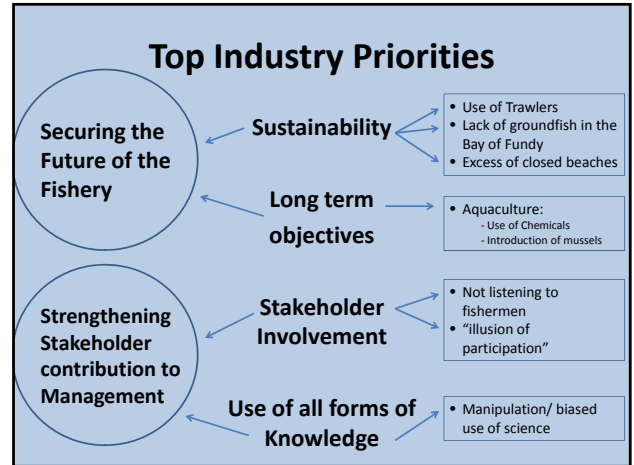
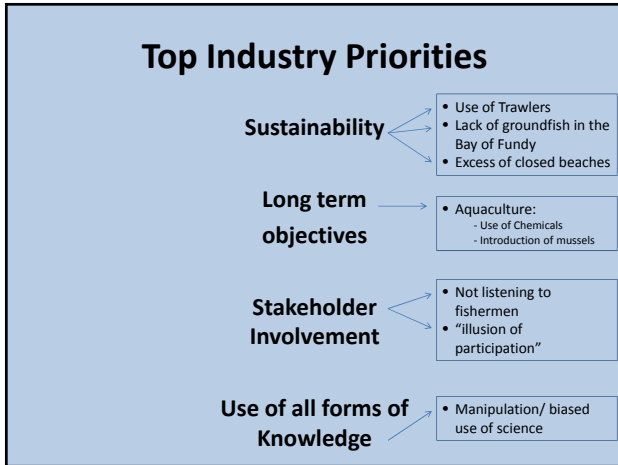


Figure 2: A frequency analysis of the five most important key elements of Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) according to industry representatives in the management of the soft shell clam, lobster and groundfish fisheries in Southwest Nova Scotia and Southwest New Brunswick in the Bay of Fundy, Canada.

Theory vs. Industry





Questions

How can I make better use of qualitative data?

- Look at trends although do not have statistically significant data
- To gain a clear picture of the implementation of EBM and industry priorities
- Make recommendations