

Maintaining commitment: best-practices in setting up industry-science partnerships that last and that matter.

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Abstract

Under the ecosystem approach to fisheries management, it can be anticipated that future fisheries evaluation and management will require more and different type of information which will also require new ways of collecting information. The fishing industry has much and unique capacities to contribute both in terms of information and participation. Industry acoustics is an obvious field where the connection between science and industry is already apparent. Examples to date range from industry surveys, industry as charter vessels and opportunistic acoustic data collection.

Recent projects on science-industry partnerships (GAP2, CFRN) have explored the conditions surrounding successful industry participation in collaboration. Good collaboration is a process that requires care. Arrangements are most success when there is common purpose, a co-constructed process, agreement on how information will be used, and a supportive and receptive institutional structure. In this talk we will outline how the best-practices for science-industry collaboration could be mapped onto the issue of industry acoustics and how incentives could be created that lead to a sustained collaboration.

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