

# WGVHES

## Working Group on the Value of Coastal Habitats for Exploited Species



Human Activities, Pressures and Impacts Steering Group (HAPISG)

### RESEARCH FOCUS

- How coastal habitats drive the abundance, survival, growth, life-history connectivity and ultimately the production of marine species that we harvest.
- Sharing and evaluating the best methods for quantifying habitat quality.
- Defining and communicating what “nurseries”, “effective”, and “essential” habitats are, and how they pertain to management priorities.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

Our members share lessons from coastal habitat research and management, from across the North Atlantic and from many different environmental and jurisdictional contexts. Ultimately, we work to integrate knowledge of habitats' influences on population dynamics into management, be that through stock assessments, spatial management, or other means.

### OUR EXPERTISE

- Coastal Marine Ecology
  - Empirical
  - Theoretical
- Population dynamics modelling
- Knowledge Synthesis
  - Systematic reviews
  - Case study syntheses
  - Viewpoints & perspectives

### OUR CHAIRS

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