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## Meeting report

### Conclusions:

- a. A common definition and understanding of EAF/EBFM is needed (socio-economic considerations are often left out).
- b. There is a need to increasingly bring ecosystem considerations into decision-making.
- c. EAF/EBMF
  - Is mostly a management tool and must be initiated at a Commission level.
  - cannot be delegated for completion by sub groups.
  - requires identification of explicit objectives.
  - will, however, be informed by science and will be an iterative process among the different groups.



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### Conclusions (Cont'd):

- e. A clear mandate for non-target species might be an issue in some tuna RFMOs, for example, the term ecologically related species (ERS) in CCSBT will require clear definition.
- j. Participants recognized the particular structure of CCSBT being mandated with the management of a single species present in the areas of different RFMOs.
- t. Information and data collection efforts need to be aligned with their relevance for management. Focus on high risk and high value issues.

Data needs will not necessarily increase under EBFM implementation, but become more focused on priority issues and facilitation of management decisions.

Data inadequacies are part of the myths surrounding EBFM.



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### Conclusions (Cont'd):

- u. Indicators for ecosystem properties do not necessarily have to be complicated and require huge amounts of additional data collection

