



### Systems Approach Framework Introduction-2

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A SYSTEM APPROACH FRAMEWORK FOR COASTAL RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT



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The SAF Virtual System domain with major Components and Interactions.

Each Ecological-Social-Economic (ESE) component has differing dynamics and function, types of information, and spatial-temporal scales. Need to be simulated as interacting components.

Forth component – Policy Control is not simulated but output of ESE simulation is the information input for Policy. Tom Hopkins, Spicosa









### **ESE** assessment



Identifying the Policy Issue(s) Mapping stakeholders Institutional mapping DPSIR, CATWOE

**Conceptual models System boundaries** 

Generating systems model
Calibration and validation
Preparing scenarios

Linking ESE model components System simulation of scenarios

Running scenarios Presenting to stakeholders Evaluation







# Example of SAF with ESE assessment Limfjord Denmark

Dinesen, Støttrup et al. 2011 Timmermann, Dinesen, Støttrup et al. 2014



### **Issue Identification Step**



#### **The Problem:**

Eutrophicated fjord Implementation of Water Framework Directive







Stakeholder mapping Insitutional mapping



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### **Stakeholder forum**



Stakeholder meeting.

Concerns

Who is concerned about what relative to the problem?

Disccusing the problem, lidentifying the Issue Prioritising the Issues at a Stakeholder forum.









### **Policy Issues decided upon in this example**



1) regulation of nutrient effluents to reduce eutrophication;

2) closure of the mussel fishery due to national implementation of international directives

3) resolve resource conflicts between mussel fishers and mussel farmers.









For that Issue identified: Identify the Drivers and Pressures of the system, who is involved etc.: DIPSIR CATWOE





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### System Design



- System Definition
- Conceptual Model
- Data and Methods
- Problem Scaling



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#### **System definition** Define Virtual System (boundaries) ٠ Define Administrative boundaries Define linkages between the three ESE **Issue Identification** ٠ components System Design Limfjord: Social & **Geographic & virtual System** Sys. Formulation Economic components System Appraisal Skive Fjord: System Output Ecological component



### **Conceptual model**



#### The first attempt at a conceptual model

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#### SYSTEM DESIGN - conceptual model developed





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### **System Formulation**



Developing sub models Calibration and validation





### **System formulation**



Timmermann et al., submitted



#### Model validation – primary production, Skive Fjord



(from Markager et al.) Timmermann et al. 2014



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### **System Appraisal**



Generating systems model Calibration and validation Preparing scenarios



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#### SYSTEM APPRAISAL - systems model



Bio-economic model with the links between submodels established for mussel farming and mussel fishery.





# Scenario simulations Issue Identification System Design

Sys. Formulation

System Appraisal

System Output



- 1) reductions of Total N and P
- 2) closure of the wild mussel fishery
- 3) introduction of line-mussel culture



#### RESULTS of Scenario 1. Reductions of total N and P loadings

Reductions in N alone to WFD target (47% level) showed:

- 1. Minor decrease in phytoplankton biomass
- 2. Decrease (~25%) of shallow and deep water mussel biomass
- 3. Decrease (~50%) of mussel fishery profit



RESULTS of Scenario 1. Reductions of total N and P loadings

Reductions in N and P to the 47% level would result in:

- Minor decrease in phytoplankton biomass (~20%)
- 2. Decrease (~50%) of shallow and deep water mussel biomass
- 3. Almost collapse of mussel fishery



B. Scenario: closure of mussel fishery



- a >10 fold increase in 1. hitherto fishable mussel biomass
- a >10 fold decrease in 2. shallow-water and medium-sized deepwater mussel biomass
- an annual profit loss of 3. ~€6.2 million



RESULTS Scenario 3. Introduction of line mussel culture

had little impact on wild mussel fishery had little impact on shallow-water mussel biomass





- Scenario simulation results provided
- both recognizable and unexpected results, which stimulated discussion among stakeholders
- credible overview of the ecosystem they were familiar with
- cognition of a higher ecosystem complexity than hitherto understood
- changes in stakeholder perceptions

The SAF seems well qualified for developing a common understanding of the needs and consequences of change as part of the public consultation process and merging public and scientific information.





Systems Approach Framework (SAF)







### **Example of a CAF application without** quantitative modelling within the ESE assessment.

### Eel management plan

Different eel fishers (recreational and commercial) also with different gear types and fishing customs.

4-5 management options set up by Ministry and ministerial advisors.

Traditionally an option would be chosen and open consultation takes place with possibility of adjustments but also risk of public outcry and/or heavy opposition.

Stakeholder discussions on management options resulted in all options being openly discussed but also alternative management options being suggested.

The option chosen by Ministry was one of the resulting options from the meeting. This resulted in higher compliance and no public outcry.





- Systems Theory is about understanding complex and large-scale interactions based on our perceptions of the world.
- It requires broad multi-disciplinary experience as is represents a mixture of scientific knowledge and intuition needed to understand the behaviour of complex systems (Hopkins et al. 2011).
- It also involves good communication skills at all levels





Sustainable ICM is grounded in principles of good governance

- ✓Accountability
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓Openness

SAF provided the Framework for a sustainable ICM process.





# **Questions?**

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