

Course 2 Key Takeaways

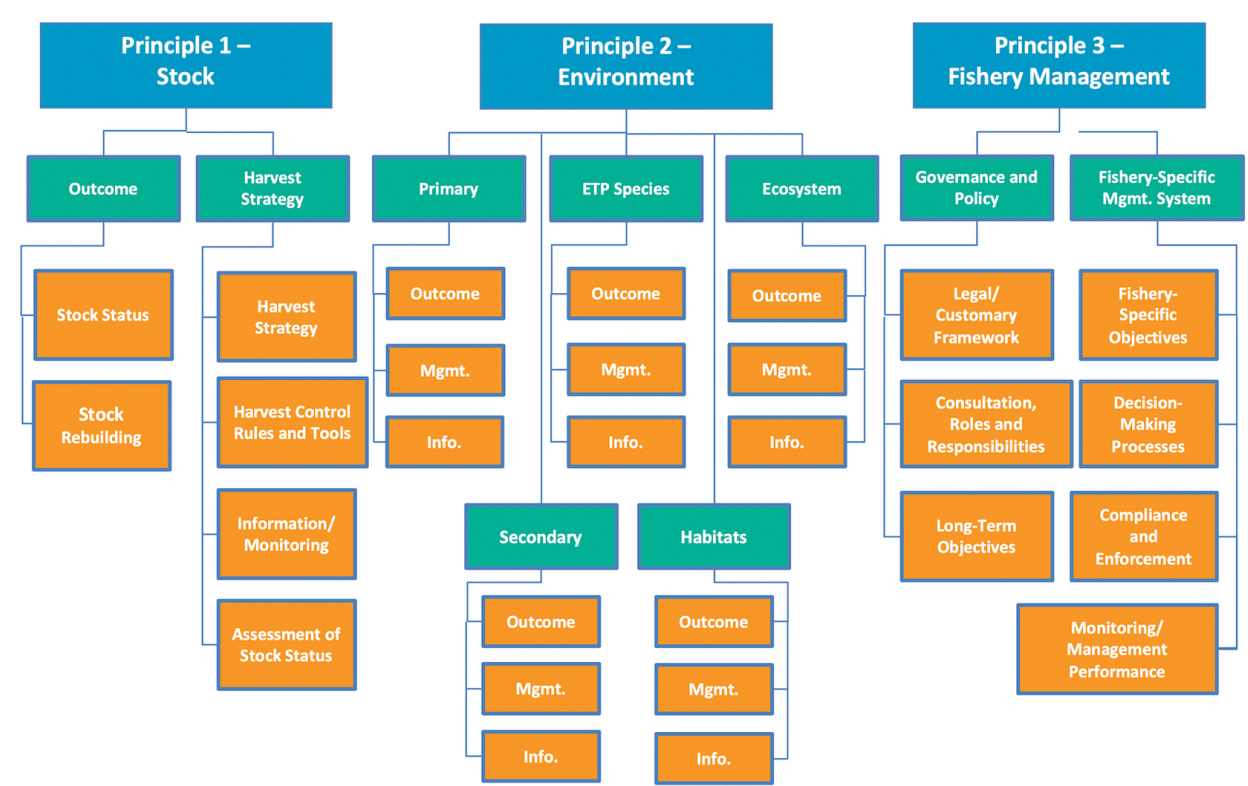
Introduction to the MSC Program and Fisheries Standard

Three Principles of the MSC Fisheries Standard

Principle 1	Principle 2	Principle 3
<p>Health of the Target Fish Stock</p> <p>Fishing must be at a level that ensures it can continue indefinitely and the fish population can remain productive and healthy.</p>	<p>Impact of the Fishery on the Environment</p> <p>Fishing activity must be managed carefully so that other species and habitats within the ecosystem remain healthy.</p>	<p>Effective Management of the Fishery</p> <p>MSC certified fisheries must comply with relevant laws and be able to adapt to changing environmental circumstances.</p>

MSC Default Assessment Tree

The default tree structure includes the PIs for each of the three MSC Principles.



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Benefits

Keep these great benefits in mind as you consider using the MSC process:

1. An MSC pre-assessment helps determine what issues need to be addressed for a fishery to meet the MSC Fisheries Standard.
2. The process allows identification of clear targets.
3. It brings partners together to work toward clearly defined goals.
4. It leads to improved environmental performance.
5. It provides incentives for fisheries that do not currently meet MSC certification standards.

Resources

Here is a resource to help you succeed on your FIP journey:



Fishery Certification Guide

The MSC Fisheries Standard assessment is carried out by accredited third-party certification bodies. This guide helps stakeholders before, during, and after the process.

[Access Guide](#)