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Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2011



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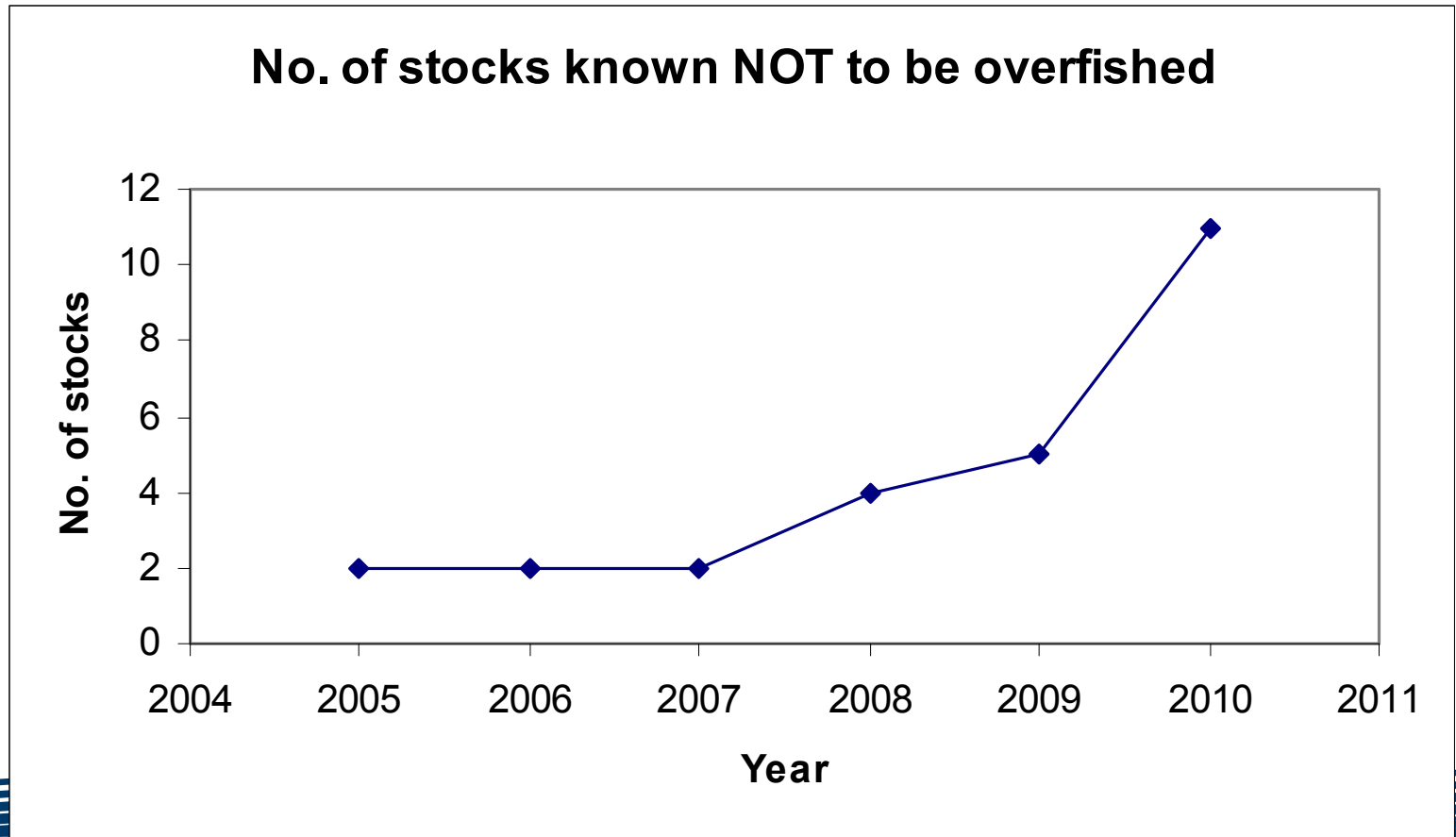
Setting fish quotas and effort levels for 2011

- **The Commission is consulting the sector and Member States on methodological standards for setting TACs**
- **This is the fifth consultation of its kind**
- **It shows the Commission's commitment to openness about working methods and objectives**
- **It shows the Commission's fairness in applying the same methods to all fishing sectors and all Member States.**

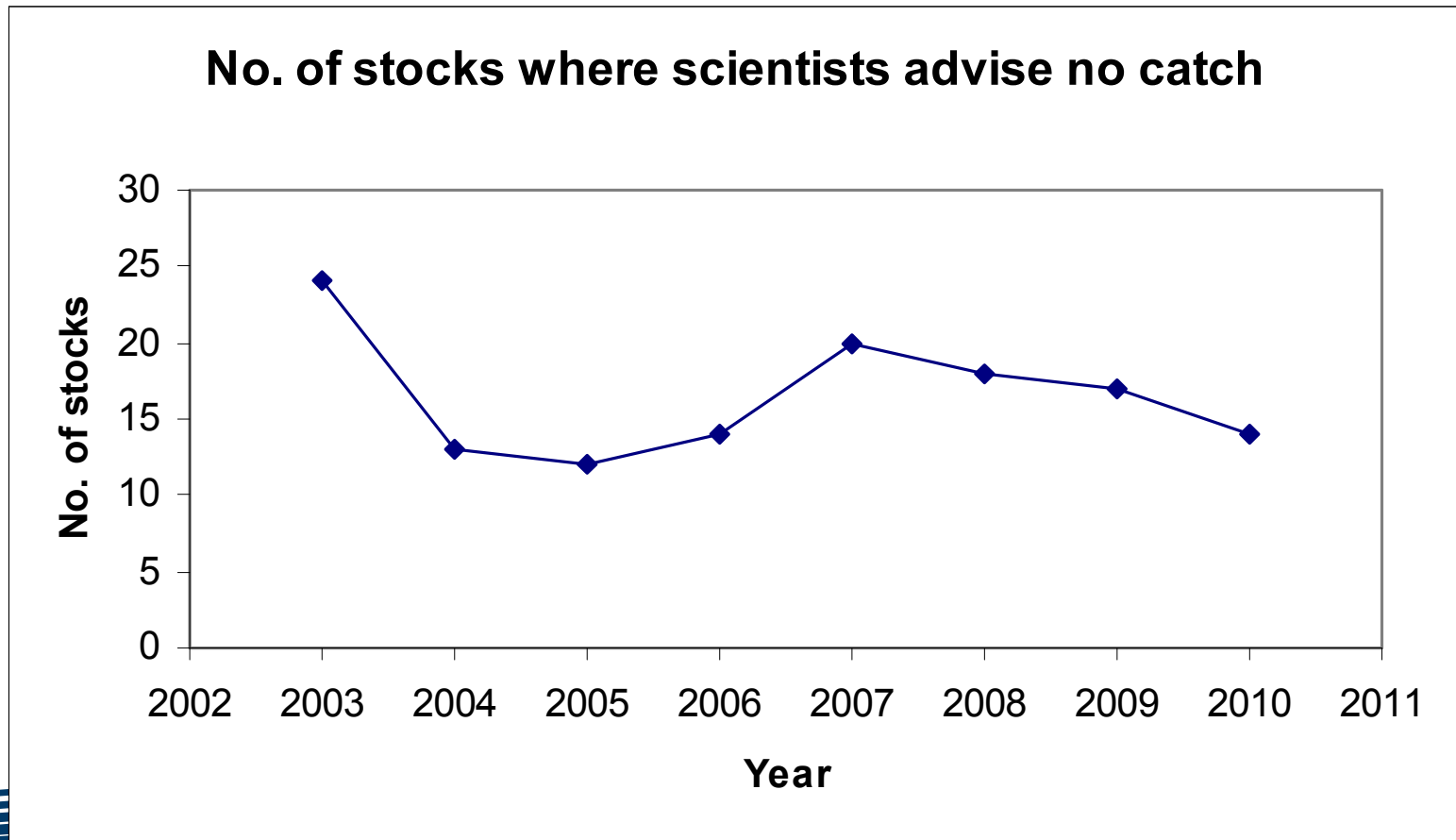
Where are we coming from and where
are we going ?



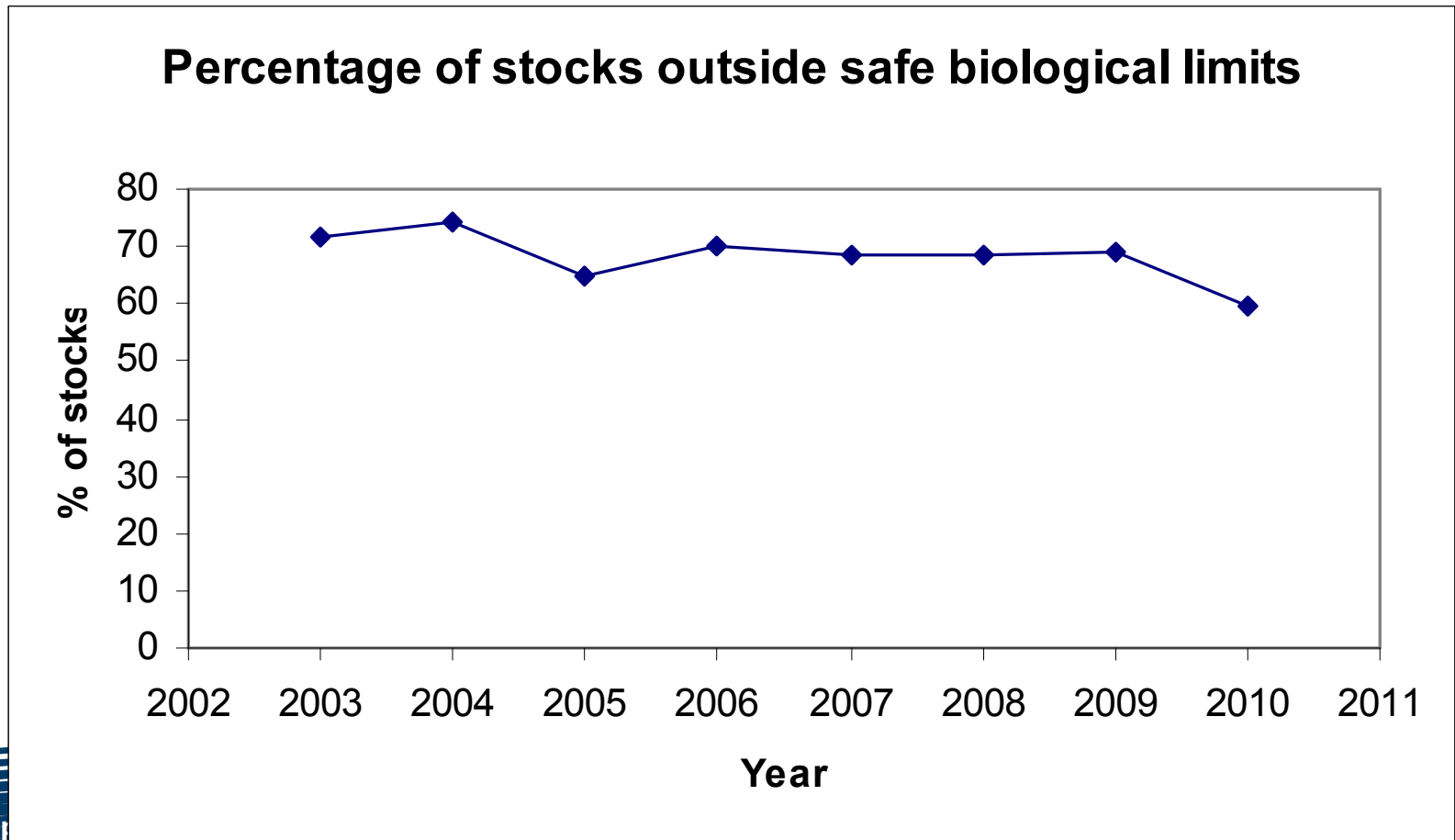
More stocks are being fished with sustainable yields...



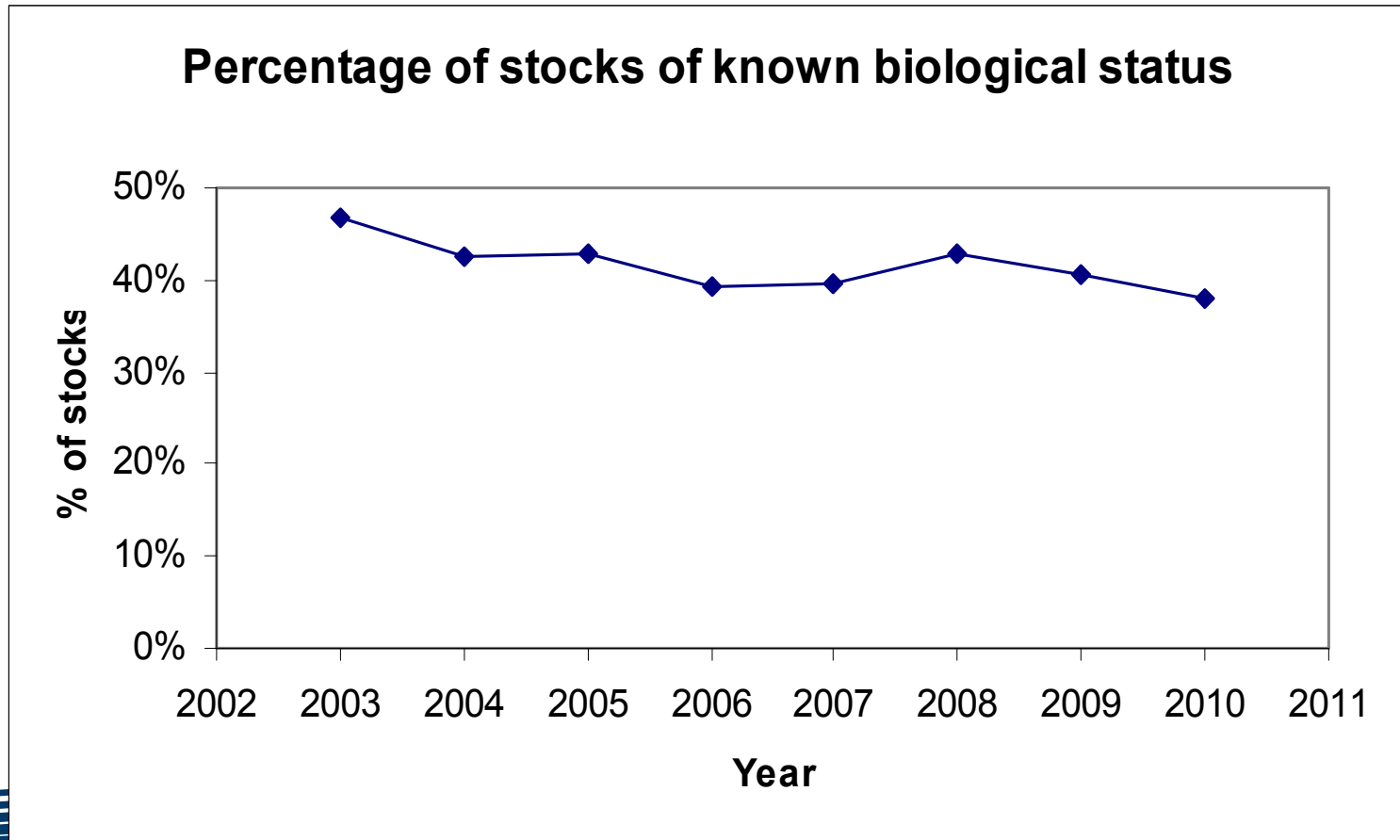
Fewer stocks are under « closure » advice ...



... but there is still much to be done ...



... and the information basis is not improving.



We are obtaining more scientific advice for the Mediterranean and developing that policy too...



The Seven Guiding Principles for setting quotas:

- Environmental sustainability
- Stability in quotas as far as possible
- Implement long-term plans
- **Meet international commitments**
- Reduce overfishing and rebuild stocks
- Use international consensus scientific advice
- Where there is uncertainty, use more caution



More needs to be done on meeting international commitments

- **At the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2002 Member States agreed to rebuild stocks to « maximum sustainable yield » levels by 2015.**
- **We need urgent action to reach that target from 2011.**
- **Commission is requesting scientific advice on moving to this target in equal steps from 2011**
- **We are consulting stakeholders and Member States in detail by means of this Communication.**



Commission's working method

- **Implement all long-term and specific international agreements as based on scientific advice.**
- **Ask international committees to provide advice on the state of each of the stocks in relation to biological reference points, and to classify each of the stocks in one of eleven categories, for example, « stocks outside safe biological limits »**
- **Apply the same TAC-adjustment method to all the stocks in the same categories.**

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Category	Scientific advice	Action to take in setting TAC
1	Stock exploited at the maximum sustainable yield rate.	Aim to set the TAC to the forecast catch corresponding to the fishing mortality that will deliver the highest yield in the long term, but do not change the TAC by more than 25%.

[1]

As measured by the fishing mortality corresponding to a marginal yield of 10% of the marginal yield at fishing mortality close to zero ($F_{0.1}$).



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2	Stock overexploited compared to maximum sustainable yield but inside safe biological limits.	Aim to set the TAC to the higher value of (a) to the forecast catch corresponding to taking the highest yield in the long term ^[1] , or (b) the catch corresponding to reducing the fishing mortality rate by one-quarter of the difference between the current fishing mortality and the rate that would provide the highest yield in the long term, but do not change the TAC by more than 25%.
[1]	As measured by the fishing mortality corresponding to a marginal yield of 10% of the marginal yield at fishing mortality close to zero ($F_{0.1}$).	



3	Stock outside safe biological limits	<p>Aim to set the TAC to the highest value of (a) the forecast catch corresponding to taking the highest yield in the long term, or (b) the catch corresponding to reducing the fishing mortality rate by the larger value of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) 30%(ii) one quarter of the difference between the current fishing mortality and the rate that would provide the highest yield in the long term <p>but do not reduce the TAC by more than 30% as long as fishing mortality will not increase.</p>
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4	Stock is subject to long-term plan and scientists advise on the catch that corresponds to the plan.	The TAC must be set following the relevant plan. This category overrides other categories.
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Categories 6 to 9

- **Same rules are maintained**
- **Advice is requested to ICES and STECF on « Annex IV » approach:**
 - If under F_{msy} , increase TAC by 15%
 - If overfished compared to F_{msy} , reduce TAC by 15%
 - If unknown compared to MSY :
 - 15% increase if stock is increasing
 - 15% decrease if stock is decreasing
 - no change if no trend or abundance unknown



Next Steps

- **Consultation with industry sectors in Regional Advisory Councils**
- **New scientific advice in June (ICES) and July (STECF)**
- **Consult Council in June 2010**
- **Commission proposals for quotas and effort levels in October 2010**
- **New proposal on Deep-Sea quotas also in October 2010**



Thank you

