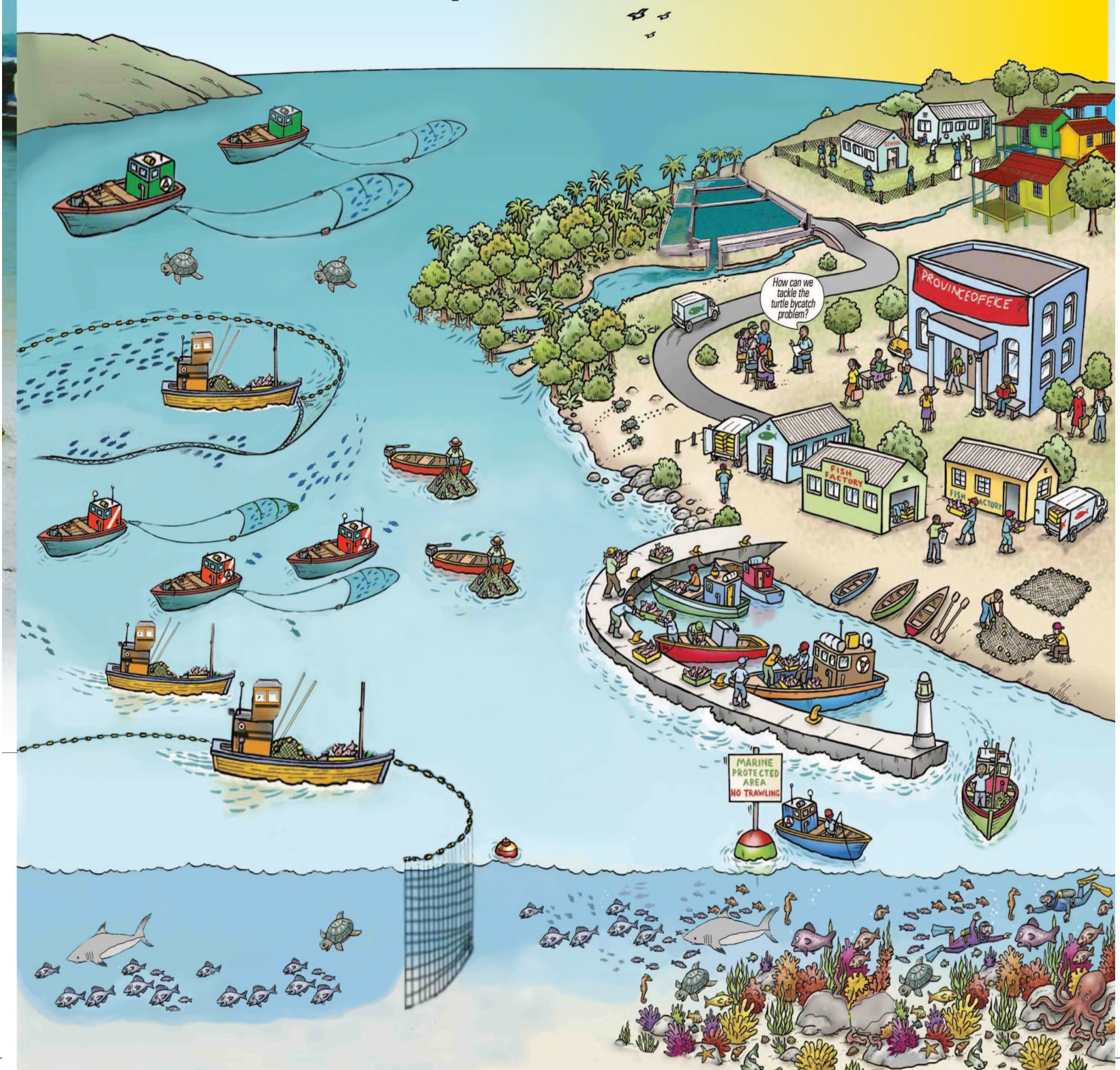


# The Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM)

A better and more holistic way to manage complex marine capture fisheries





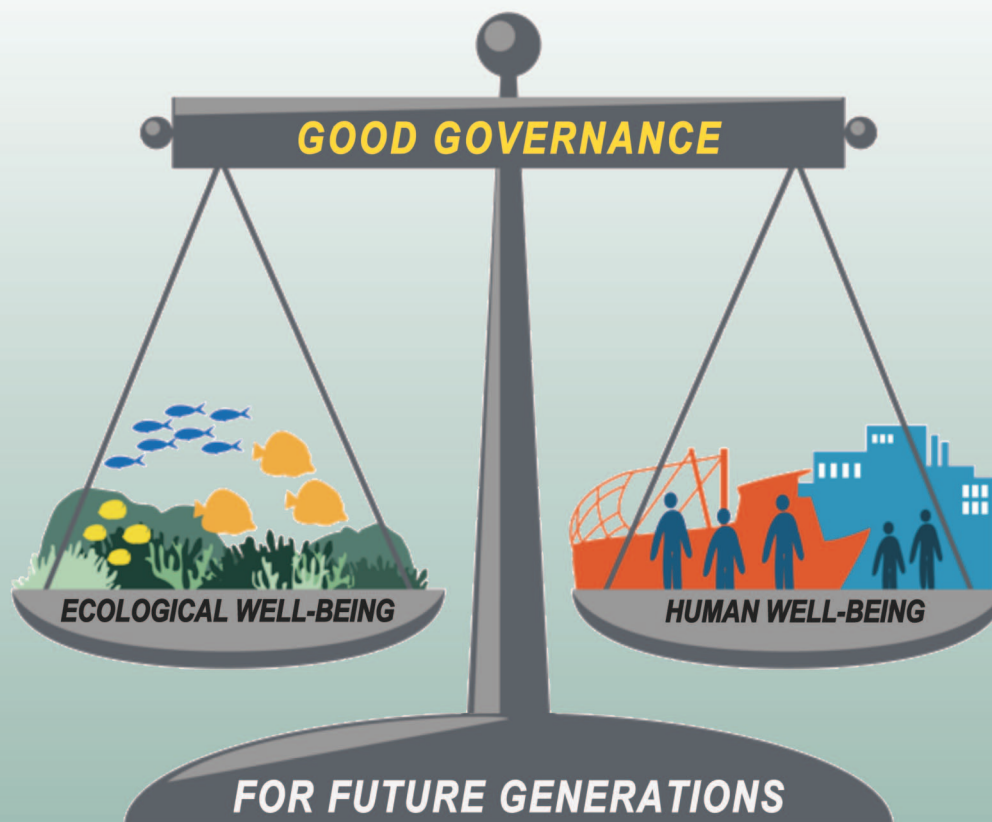
## What is an ecosystem approach?

- It is integrated management across land, water and natural resources that promotes both conservation and sustainable use of the whole ecosystem.
- It strives to find a balance between ecological well-being and human well-being through good governance.

## Why the ecosystem approach?

- Fisheries face many threats and issues that reduce their potential to contribute to sustainable development.
- In the past, fisheries management has taken a single species approach, but there are few success stories.
- There is a need to account for the broader ecosystem impacts of fisheries and to manage more holistically.

### Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management



EAFM is the ecosystem approach (EA) applied to fisheries management (FM)

$$EA + FM = EAFM$$

# EAFM builds on what is in place



- Builds on and improves existing management
- Strengthens agencies through better planning and cooperation



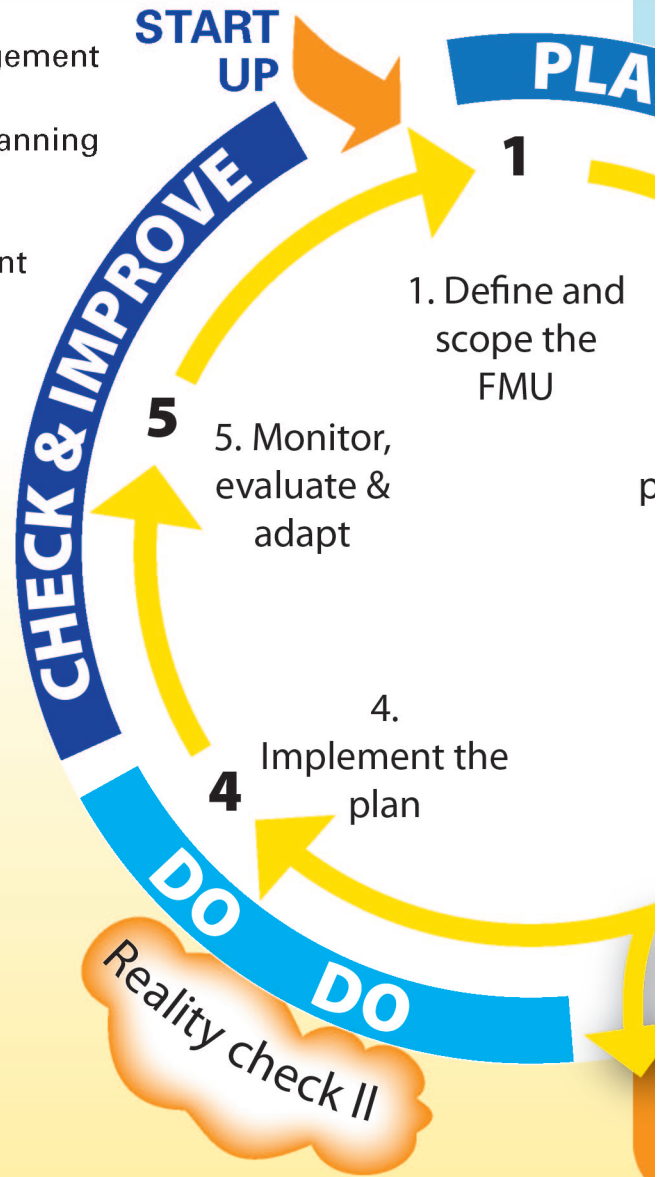
- Builds on and integrates co-management and other participatory approaches
- Uses traditional, local and scientific knowledge that already exists



- Improves human capacity needed for sustainable development

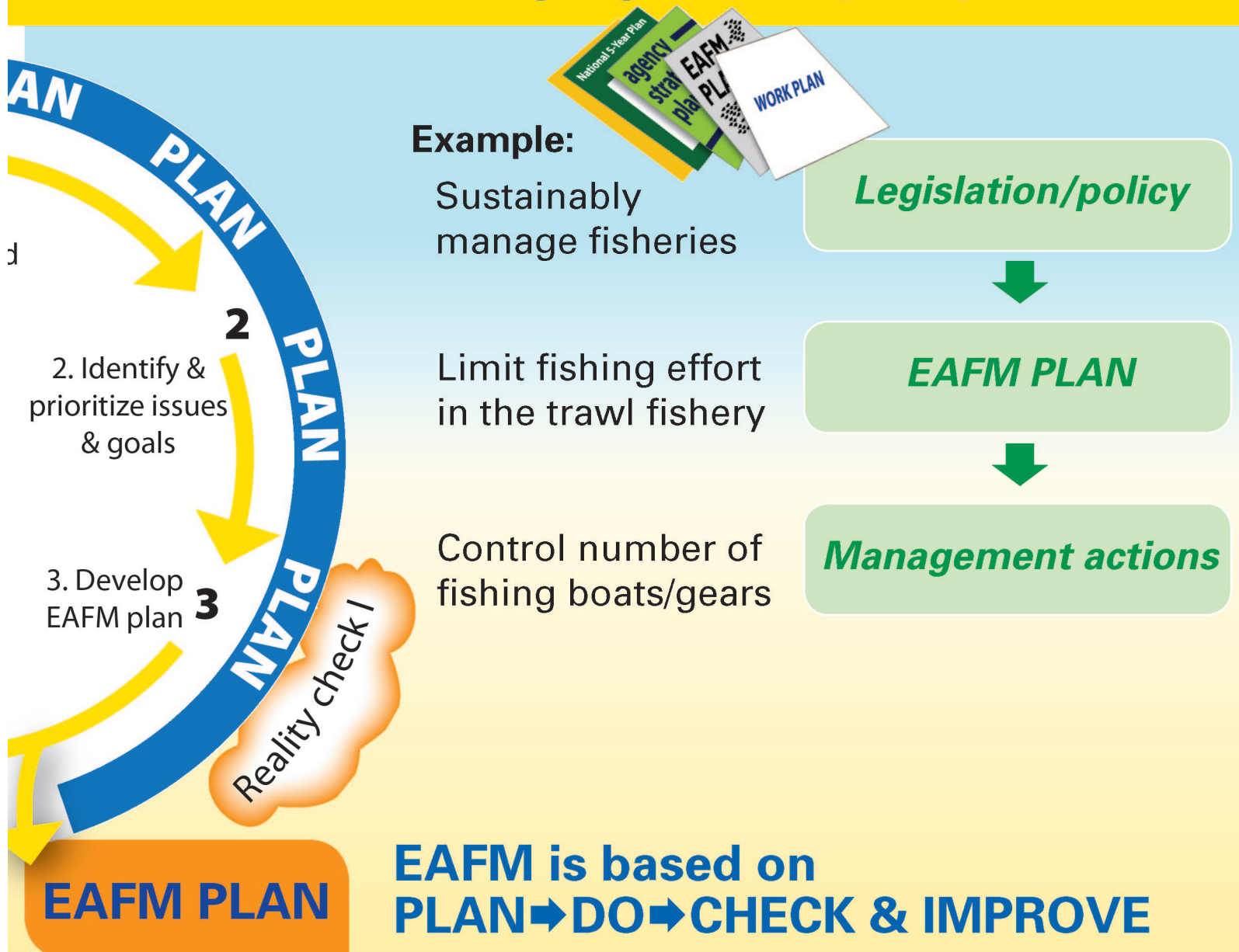
## EAFM strengthens co-management

- Encourages stakeholder engagement
- Improves facilitation skills
- Uses effective negotiation
- Facilitates conflict resolution





# EAFM PLAN: linking legislation/policy to action





# Key principles of EAFM

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Increased participation

1  
Good governance

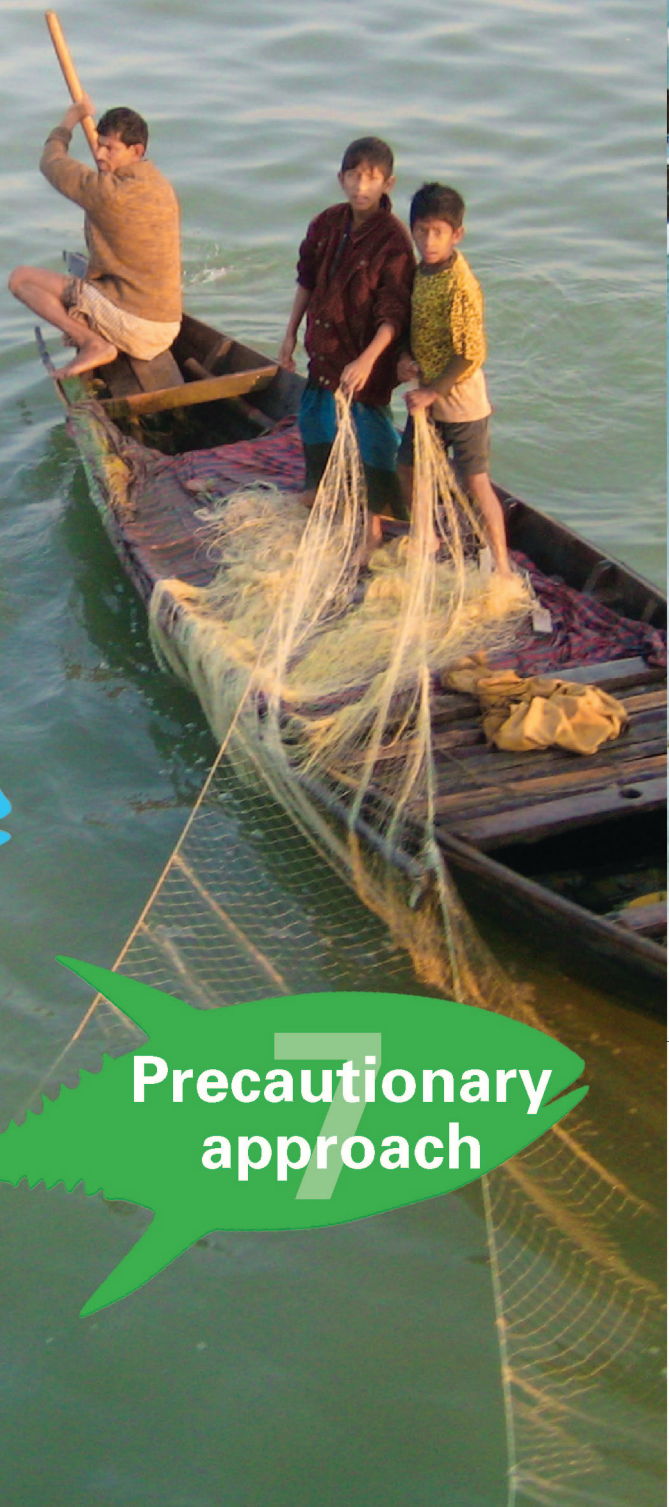
2  
Appropriate scale

4  
Multiple objectives

5  
Cooperation and coordination

6  
Adaptive management

7  
Precautionary approach





# The future we want: our vision

- Increased jobs, profits, and improved economy
- Improved human health and prosperity
- Healthy environment and habitats
- Well-governed fisheries sector
- Abundant fisheries resources



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