



# Stakeholder-Driven AIM for Wreckfish Fishery

## Resilient Fisheries Project Overview

### Description

This project will apply an adaptive management technique called Adaptive Implementable Management (AIM) to guide a stakeholder-driven management development process for the South Atlantic wreckfish fishery. During this process contractors will work directly with managers and stakeholders to develop management recommendations more robust to future uncertainty. Stakeholder engagement is being prioritized throughout the AIM process via interviews and stakeholder workshops planned throughout the project period. Using decision-support tools, the contractors will work directly with stakeholders to explore and compare various management measures and harvest control rules. The resulting recommendations will be presented to the Council for consideration.

### Progress Updates

- The project is on track and progressing as expected. The Project Oversight Team (OT) met in September and received a project update and provided feedback.
- The contractors gave the first of two presentations to the SSC during their Oct. meeting, updating and receiving feedback on identified data sources and modeling approaches.
- AIM Stakeholder Workshop was held Nov. 12-14 and introduced stakeholders to the AIM process.
- Using the workshop outcomes, the contractors will continue development and customization of the AIM Harvest Control Rule Design Tool.

### Project Team

*Contractors:* Thomas Remington (PI); Dr. Josh Nowlis, Lynker (PI), Dr. Jeremy Collie, Dr. Mateja Nenadovic, and Brian Snouffer

*Oversight Team:* Mike Schmidtke, Allie Iberle, Judd Curtis, Christina Wiegand, Nikolai Klibansky (NOAA), Chip Collier, Lara Klibansky

### Project Timeline

**2024**

- ✓ **Dec** - Request for proposals released.

**2025**

- ✓ **Jan** - Proposals reviewed and contractor selected
- ✓ **Feb** - Project Oversight Team formed
- ✓ **Mar** - Begin monthly Project Oversight Team meetings with contractors
- ✓ **Oct** - SSC review of draft Wreckfish Assessment
- ✓ **Nov** - AIM Workshop for Stakeholders

**2026**

- Jan - Jun** - Customize AIM Harvest Control Rule Design Tool based on stakeholder feedback
- Apr** - SSC review of draft Wreckfish Assessment outcomes
- Jul** - Stakeholder Management Design Workshops

**2027**

- Apr** - SSC review of draft project report
- Jun** - Present to Council; Submit final report
- Implementation begins with the Council reviewing and considering the approval of project outcomes and recommendations.