



Fishing Communities Projects

Phases 1 & 2

Anticipated work supporting the South Atlantic Fisheries
Management Council

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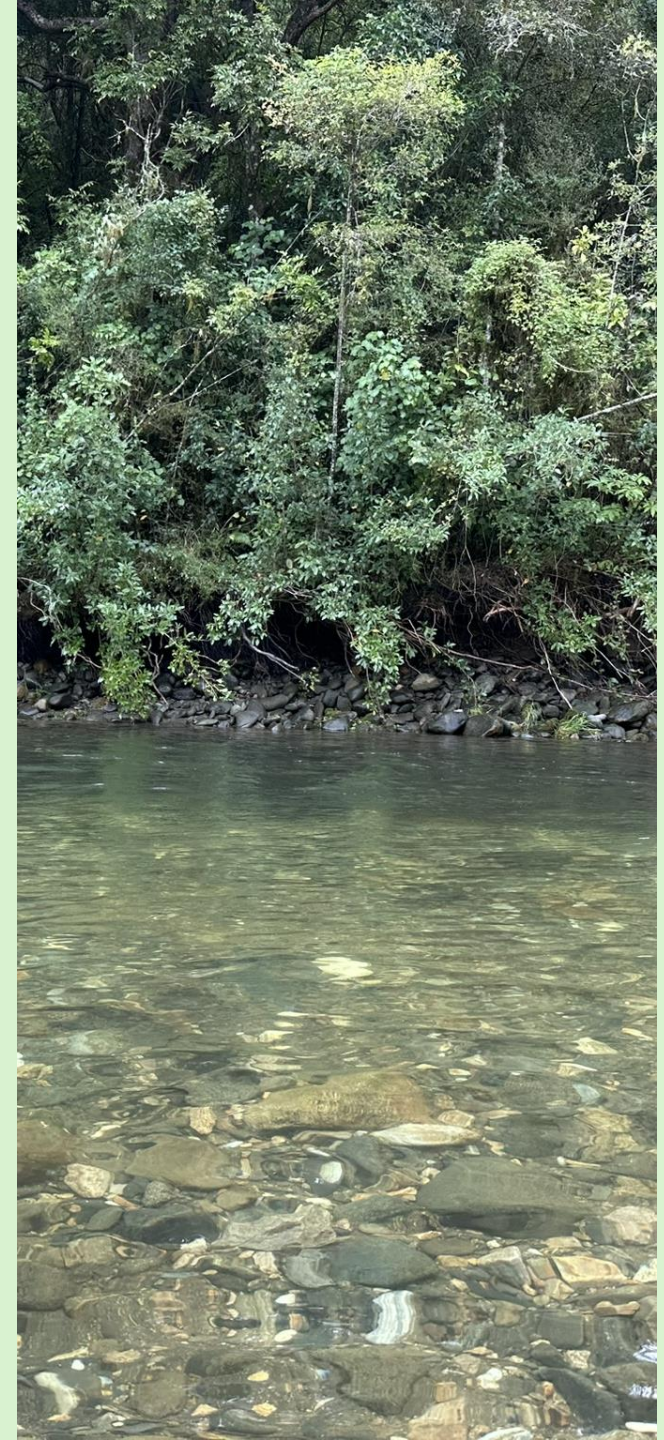
Communities Projects: Goals

- Overall: increase SAFMC's capacity to **effectively engage** with **fishing communities** throughout South Atlantic
- **Fishing communities:**
 - People who fish in South Atlantic, grouped by place and type of fishing
 - Identification, understanding stipulated under MSA
 - Effective engagement critical for functional co-mgmt. and resilience
- **Engagement:**
 - Engagement as sum of communication & actions, both 2-way, including...
 - Outreach—SAFMC to communities (info, materials, actions)
 - Incorporation—SAFMC receiving, integrating input from communities into mgmt. decisions



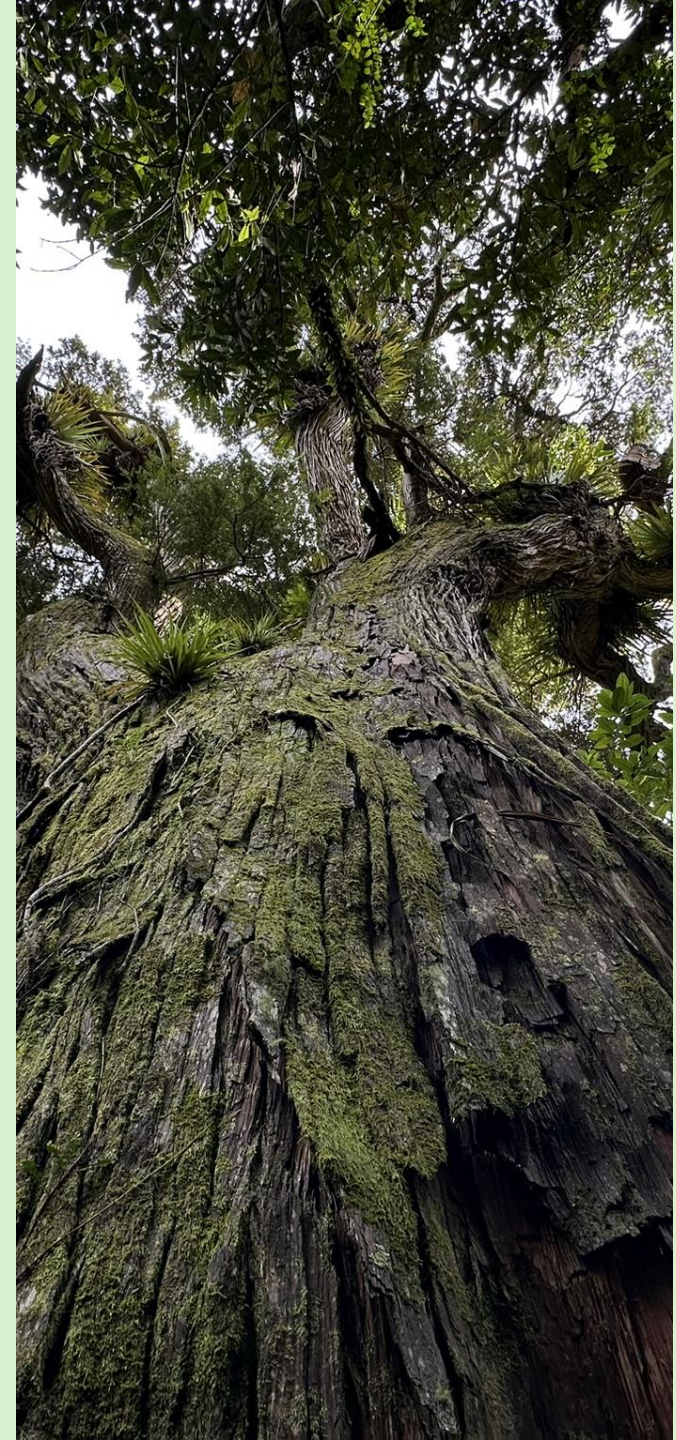
Communities Projects: background and needs

- Background:
 - Substantial past work with SA fishing communities
 - Community Social Vulnerability Indicators (CSVI's)
 - Work by Sweeney Tookes, Jepson, Fluech, Yandle, etc.
 - Work by Sea Grants, Co-operative Extension, state agencies, etc.
- Needs and project in a nutshell
 - Summarize, organize, operationalize existing information
 - Identify gaps between what exists and what is needed
 - Prioritize “best” ways for SAFMC to help fill gaps
 - “Best”: most achievable, greatest impact
 - **Summarize & prioritize needs, add information and create tools to enhance SAFMC practical capacity to better engage with fishing communities**



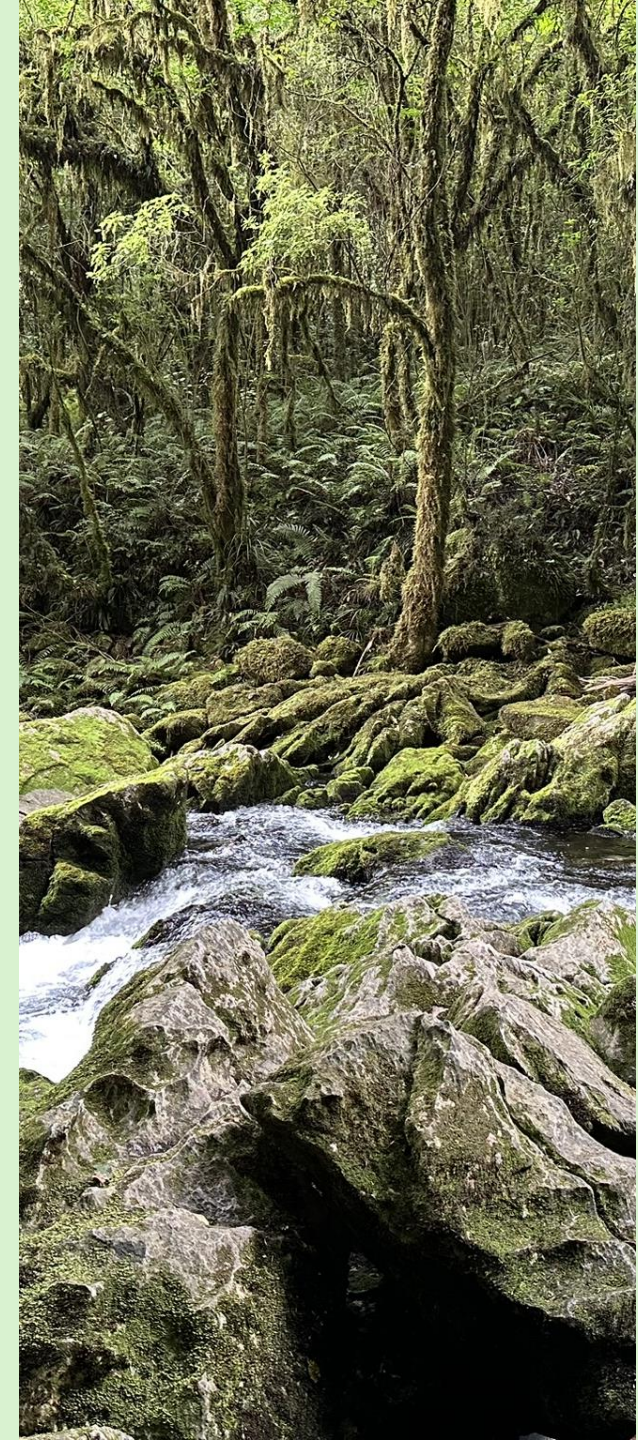
What is actually planned to be done: Phase 1

- 1.1 Comprehensive report on fishing communities
 - Review and synthesize previous work
 - Add/update new info
- 1.2 Develop a fishing communities database
 - Organize and store fish. comm. info
 - Accessible to support Council decisions
- 1.3 Create outreach products
 - Maps, brochures, information products
 - Guided by reviews, needs
- 1.4 Assess SAFMC current social data/engagement
 - Current practices, capabilities, goals



What is actually planned to be done: Phase 2

- 2.1 Translate Phase 1 to gaps & foci
 - Gaps: Difference between comm. and minus current capabilities
 - Foci: Most critical gaps that the SAFMC can most easily fill
- 2.2 Communication plan
 - More detailed steps on how SAFMC can address foci
- 2.3 Online communications hub
 - Organized and operationalized tools to support communication plan
 - Things like updateable files, apps, etc.
- 2.4 Develop training materials
 - Materials/trainings to ensure products, plans, hub can be readily used
- 2.5 Connecting Council with communities
 - Working with partners for resilient connections with communities



Critical stuff

- Projects will work hand-in-hand with SAFMC
 - Looking for ongoing feedback to update approaches
- Phases will be running concurrently
 - Short time frame, starting imminent,
 - Finish Summer/Fall 2027
- Project team developed to accomplish this

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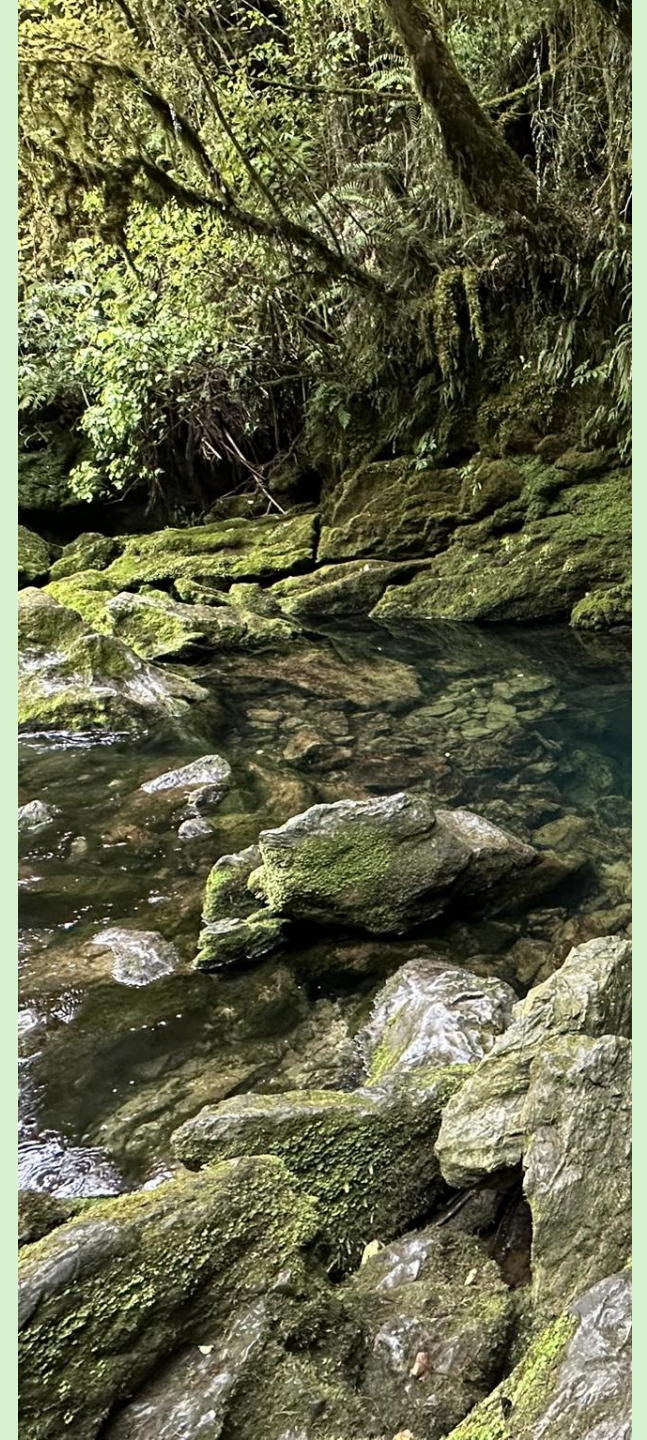
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