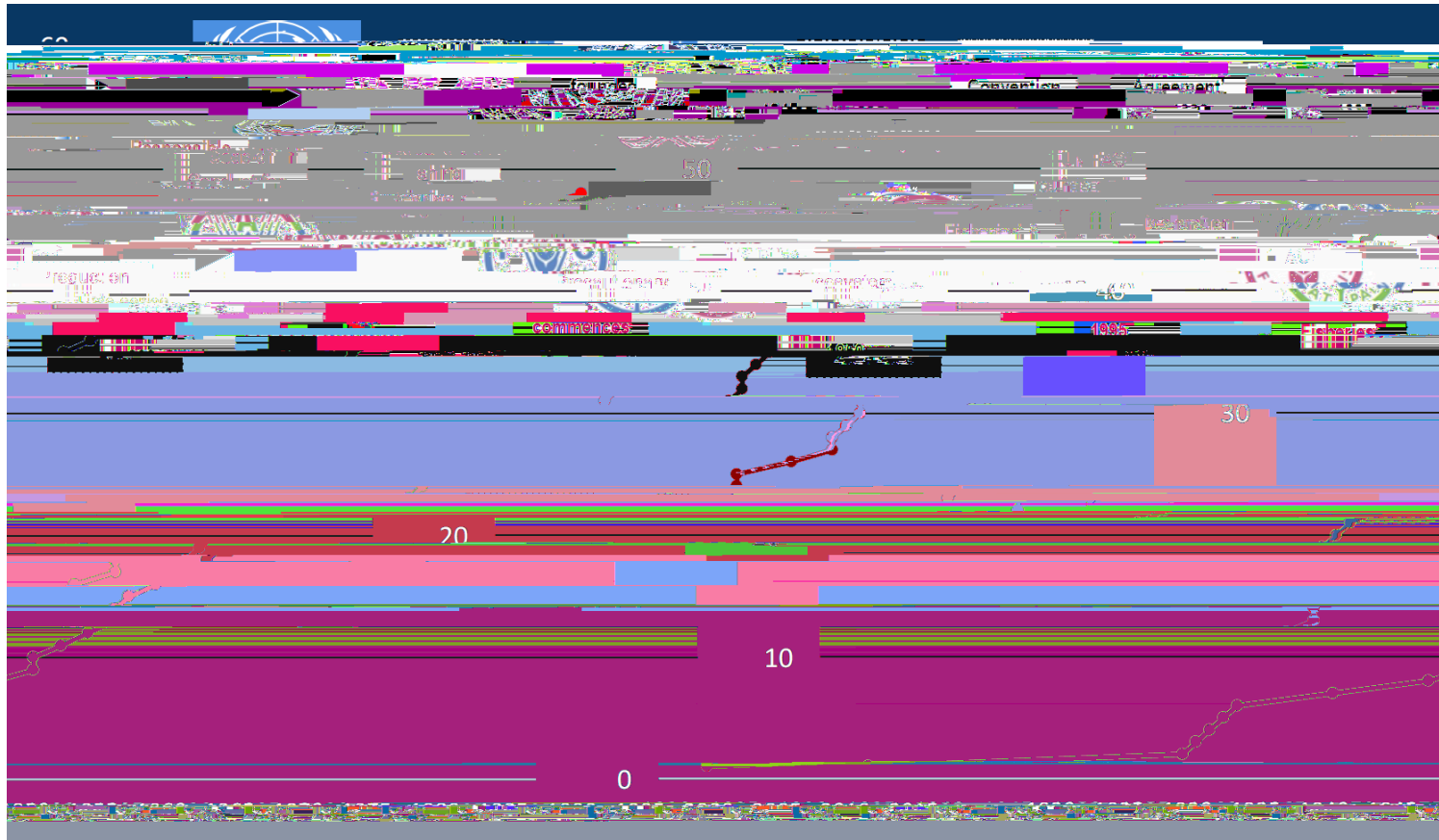


Brief Historical Context



Source: FAO

Canada's Interest in Shared Fisheries

Domestic and international protection and conservation of fishery resources - stable and sustainable fishing sector

Decision-making framework designed for management action based on principles of sustainability, precaution and ecosystem considerations

Continuous efforts to improve shared management since the early 1900's

Active support for effective regional management through regional bodies such as NAFO, including on:

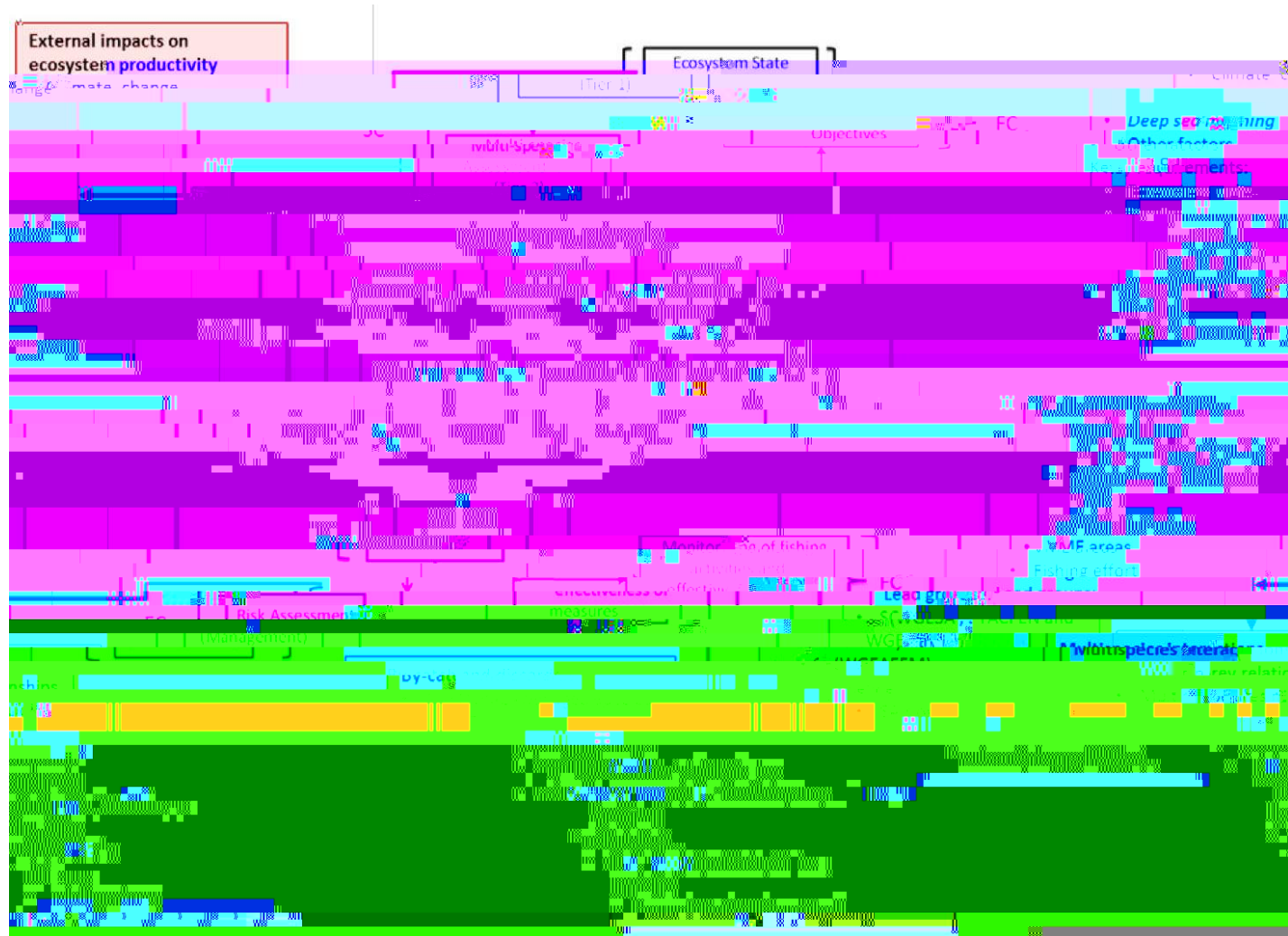
- Ecosystem approach to fisheries management

- Reforms to the decision-making process

- Strengthening obligations of Contracting Parties

- Implementing a formal dispute resolution mechanism

NAFO Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Roadmap



Performance Review Timing

Performance reviews can be time-consuming

Need to balance the contribution to continual improvement of the body, with resources required to undertake them (human and financial costs)

No "one size fits all" sequence for performance reviews, but a general format could be:

Five year cycle of review, followed by implementation of recommendations

Subsequent performance reviews would be less onerous than the first, focus more on specific key areas

Implementation and Assessment

Need for commitment among members to:

- The process itself

- Assessing results and considering implementation of recommendations

Members need to consider their ability to adopt outcomes, taking into account their sovereign rights

Identifying organizational weakness through reviews often cited as beneficial

Consideration of requirements of developing state members of RFMOs, including small island states and participating territories

- Underscored

Opportunities for Improvement

Do we have the necessary political will?

Importance of consensus-based decision-making



Integration of external drivers / new processes

Res. 61/105 (bottom fisheries resolution)

Implementation of BBNJ objectives while not undermining RFMO

mandates and activities

