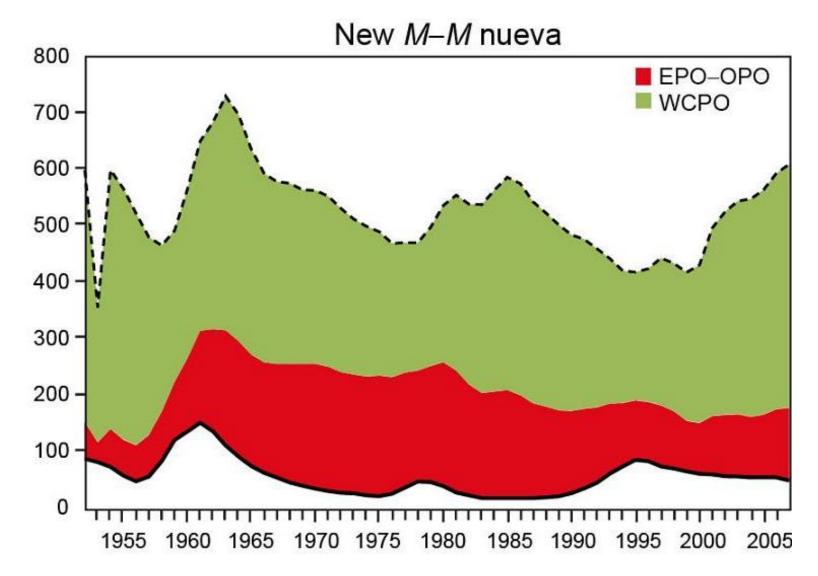
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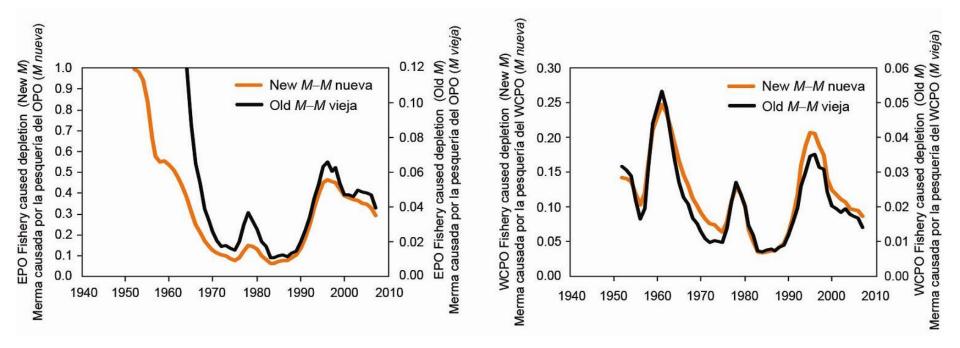
Management measures

- Restrict catch to historic averages
- EPO: 1994-2007 (<u>Maunder *et al*. 2010</u>)
- WCPO: 2002-2004 (WCPFC <u>Conservation and</u> <u>Management Measure 2010-04</u>)

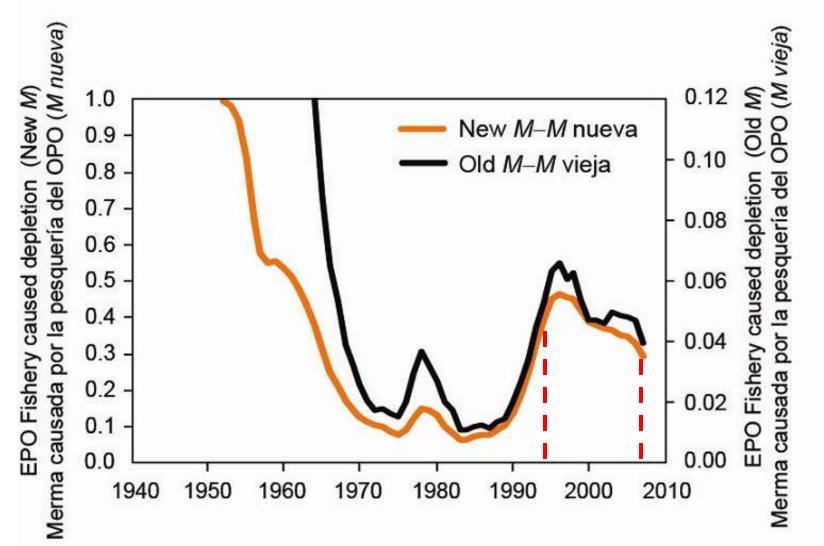
Fishery impact on spawning biomass



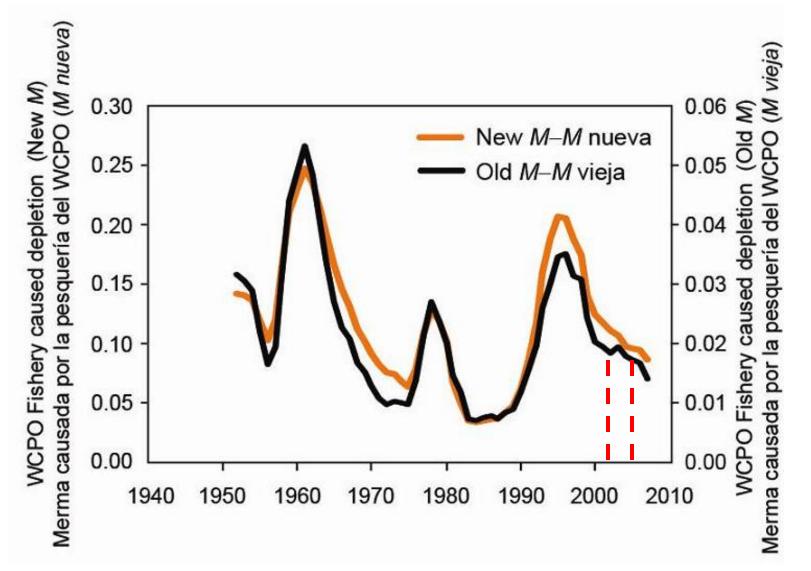
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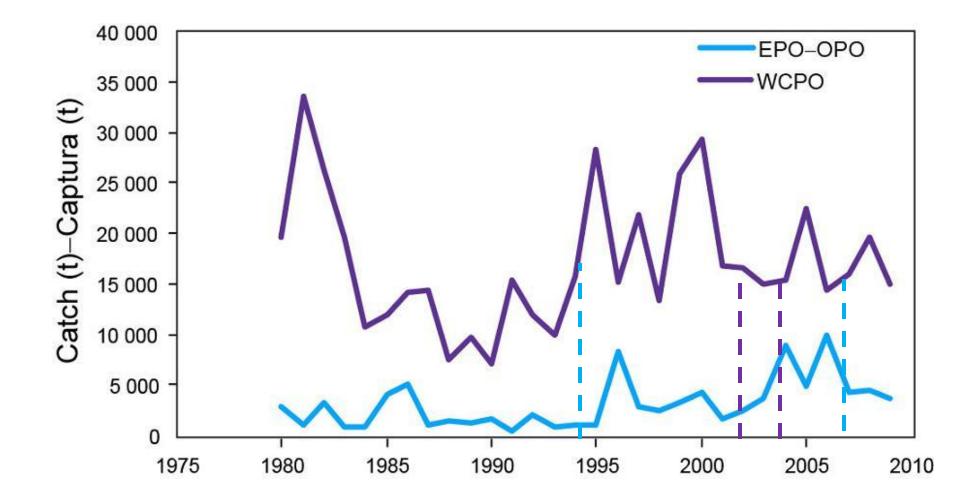
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Relative fishery impact on spawning biomass



Catch



Management measures

- EPO: 1994-2007 (Maunder et al. 2010)
- WCPO: 2002-2004 (WCPFC <u>Conservation and</u> <u>Management Measure 2010-04</u>)

	Mexico	USA	EPO	WCPO
1994-2007	3,063	1,144	4,207	18,993
2002-2004	4,619	403	5,023	16,633

Conclusion

- The WCPFC measure is restricted to juveniles (age 0-3), which is not the case in Maunder *et al*. (2010).
- The period recommended by the WCPFC for averaging historical catch for developing catch limits (2002-2004) is much shorter than that of Maunder *et al*. (2010) (1994-2007).
- During 2002-2004 the average catch in the EPO was higher than during 1994-2007, whereas in the WCPO it was lower.
- Therefore, using the same years for determining catch limits in the EPO and WCPO may not be appropriate.