

ICCAT Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Glossary of Acronyms

This Glossary compiles the main acronyms used in Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) processes under ICCAT.

Acronym	Full Form / Meaning
MSE	Management Strategy Evaluation — a structured, simulation-based framework for testing MPs and assessing their performance.
MP	Management Procedure — the set of rules (data collection, assessment, HCRs) used to make management decisions.
CMP	Candidate Management Procedure — a management procedure option being evaluated via MSE.
HCR	Harvest Control Rule — a pre-agreed rule that determines how management actions (like TAC) respond to stock indicators.
OM	Operating Model — a simulated model of the fishery's "true state" dynamics, used to test MPs.
OMO	Operational Management Objective - a specific, measurable expression of a higher-level management goal, translated into a form that can be tested and evaluated in simulations.
TAC	Total Allowable Catch — the catch limit advised through MPs.
EC / EC protocol	Exceptional Circumstances / Exceptional Circumstances Protocol — a mechanism for identifying when adopted MPs may no longer be appropriate; includes structured guidance for interim responses.