



Conservation Services Programme Strategic Statement 2013

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CSP Scope

The scope of CSP is restricted to activities:

- *undertaken by the commercial fishing industry;*
- *within New Zealand's fisheries waters ; and*
- *where there is a potential or a actual adverse effect on protected species.*



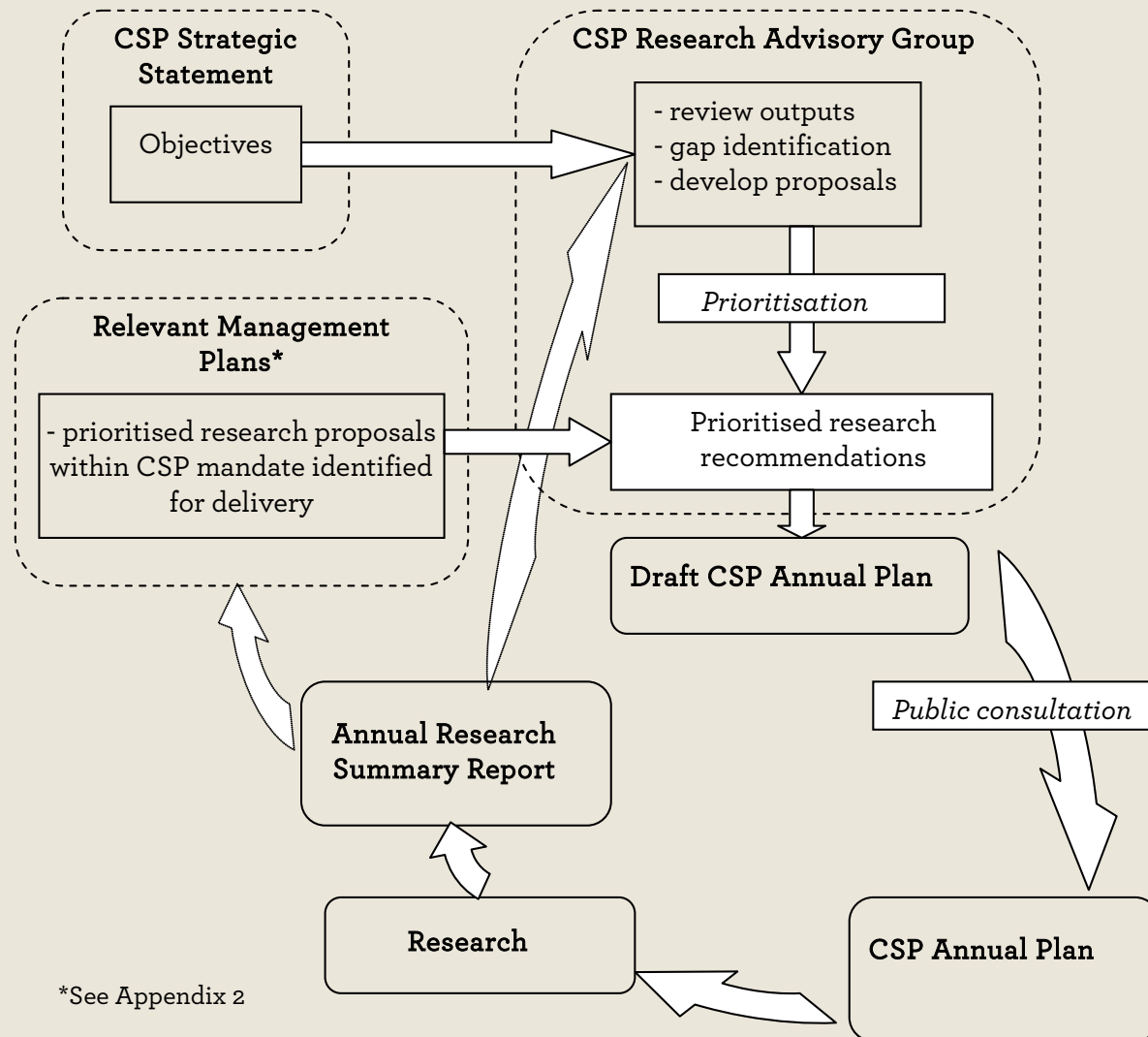
CSP focus

DOC will generally restrict conservation services, to projects related to those protected species that have either:

- i. been recorded as incidentally captured; and/or*
- ii. have behavioural or biological characteristics that indicate the species is exposed to risk of adverse effects of direct or indirect fishing interactions.*



Annual Planning process



*See Appendix 2

CSP Calendar



Month	Event
July	Commencement of delivery of Annual Plan
Oct-Nov	Draft Annual Research Summary Report
Nov-Dec	CSP RAG meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - annual review of relevant outputs - gap identification
Dec	Final Annual Research Summary Report
Feb	CSP RAG meeting to recommend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - project proposals - prioritisation
March	Release updated medium term research plan and CSP RAG recommendations to CSP Stakeholders.
April	Release draft Annual Plan for public consultation.
May	Receive submissions on draft Annual Plan, and make submissions available to all stakeholders.
May	Meetings with submitters as requested to discuss submissions and respond to matters raised.
June	Revised Annual Plan forwarded to appropriate representatives of quota owners for finalisation of allocation of project costs to fisheries.
June	Director General of Conservation conveys Annual Plan to Minister of Conservation for consideration and agreement.

CSP Objectives

Objective A: Proven mitigation strategies are in place to avoid or minimise the effects of commercial fishing on protected species across the range of fisheries with known interactions.

Objective B: The nature of direct effects of commercial fishing on protected species is described.

Objective C: The extent of known direct effects of commercial fishing on protected species is adequately understood.



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Objective D: The nature and extent of indirect effects of commercial fishing are identified and described for protected species that are at particular risk to such effects. Objective B: The nature of direct effects of commercial fishing on protected species is described.

Objective E: Adequate information on population level and susceptibility to fisheries effects exists for protected species populations identified as at medium or higher risk from fisheries.





Prioritisation

- *Prioritisation principles:*
 - *Fisheries risk*
 - *Threat status*
 - *Multi-species actions*
 - *Risk assessment*
 - *Cost effectiveness*

Prioritisation tools to be developed at next CSP RAG