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DFO

Developing a Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation

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Species at risk

refers to species that are listed as **extirpated, endangered, threatened,** or of **special concern** under the Species at Risk Act (SARA), as well as species that are assessed as 'at risk' by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada.

About the Framework

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is developing the **Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation** to improve conservation outcomes for species at risk, using a multiple-species approach in line with the Species at Risk Act.

Restoration activities seek to **re-establish healthy** conditions to affected ecosystems.

What is a Multiple-Species Approach?

A multiple-species approach is a proactive measure that can be used to address the challenges related to **multiple species simultaneously.**

A multiple species approach can encourage collaboration to support actions that foster conservation among communities or stakeholders.



A multiple-species approach can focus on conservation measures for multiple species in the same place, e.g., a watershed or multiple species that are affected by the same threat, e.g., a noise disturbance.





What About the Use of a Single Species Approach?

The DFO will retain single species approaches as needed.

Previous Work

The DFO developed a draft framework for discussion which included guiding principles and other considerations.

Guiding Principles:

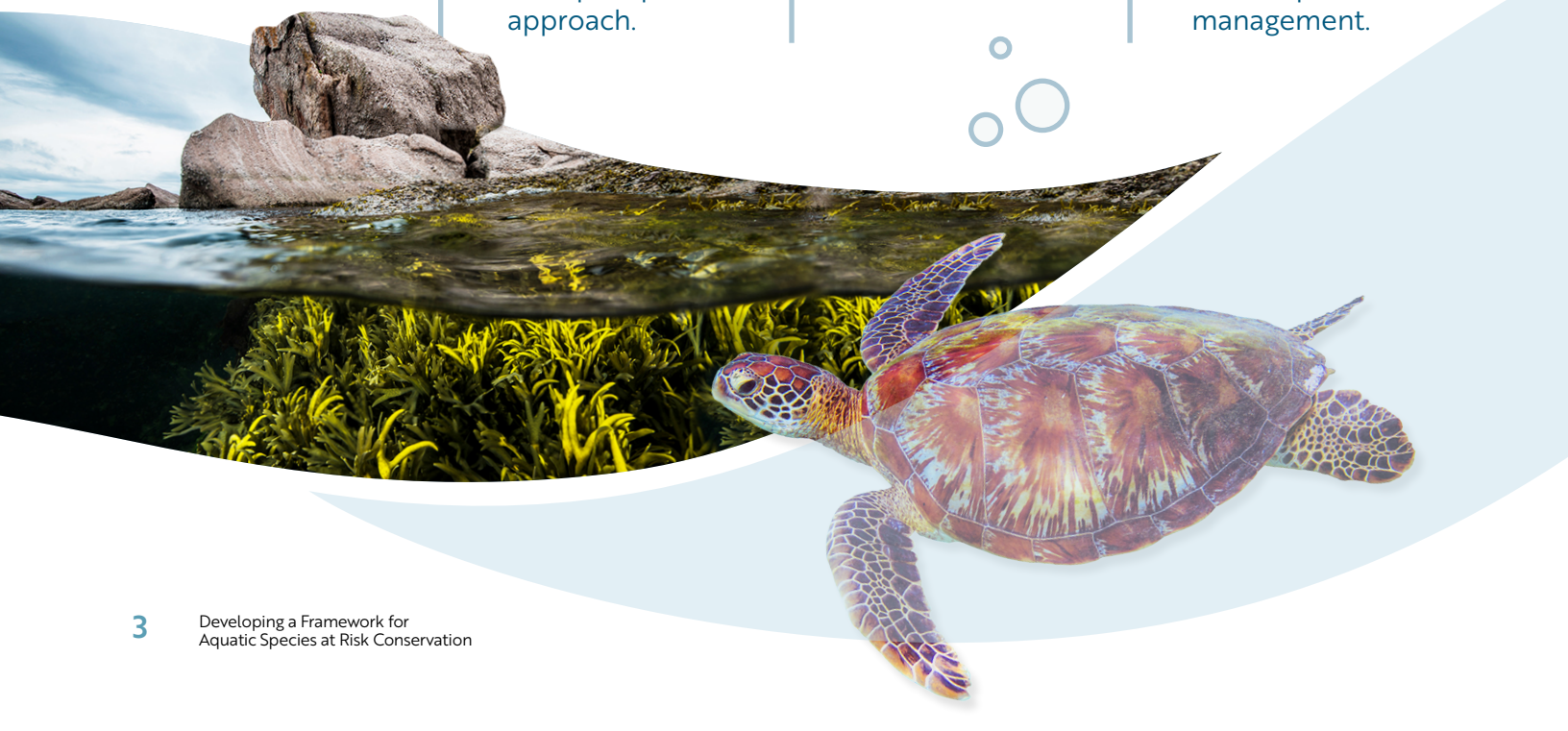


Including Indigenous perspectives.

Improving conservation outcomes using a multiple-species approach.

Strengthening partnerships.

Strengthening the knowledge base for decision-making and adaptive management.





Other Considerations

INDIGENOUS Considerations	ECOLOGICAL Considerations	FEASIBILITY Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). • Indigenous knowledge and species of cultural significance. • Leadership and capacity-building opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of multiple species at risk and cultural habitats. • Species with competing needs. • Measurable benefits for aquatic species at risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data availability, capacity, expertise, partners, and resources for applying multiple species approach. • Requirements of Species at Risk Act.



Initiatives for Implementation



of Multiple-Species Opportunities:

Integrate Indigenous considerations into multiple species conservation.

Enable collaboration with external partners

Support for multiple species best practices and monitoring.

Support for multiple species approach using templates, processes, and tools.



What's next?

NWAC's Engagement with the Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation

To ensure that the perspectives of Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse+ (WG2STGD+) Peoples are included in the DFO's policies and programs to improve the management of fish and fish habitats, NWAC will be hosting engagement activities related to the **Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation**.

You can register to receive email notifications to participate in engagement activities using the **FFHP Registration portal**

DFO's Engagement on the Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation

For more information on the Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation, please visit the DFO's Talk Fish Habitat engagement portal at talkfishhabitat.ca



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