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Summary

Summary of ‘Management strategy evaluation of the Queensland east coast sea cucumber fishery, with data to June 2023’ contains an error which we correct. Section 4.4 of ‘Management strategy evaluation of the Queensland east coast sea cucumber fishery, with data to June 2023’ contains an error which we correct.

Details

We correct the sentence ‘Across management procedures, a minimum legal size 25% above the length-at-maturity provided substantial resilience to fishing as more individuals were able to reproduce prior to harvest.’ to be replaced with ‘Across management procedures, a minimum legal size above the length-at-maturity provided substantial resilience to fishing as more individuals were able to reproduce prior to harvest.’ in the summary of ‘Management strategy evaluation of the Queensland east coast sea cucumber fishery, with data to June 2023’.

We correct the sentence ‘This MSE demonstrated that an MLS should be set 25% above length-at-maturity to gain the lowest risk to sustainability.’ to be replaced with ‘This MSE demonstrated that an MLS should be set above length-at-maturity to gain the lowest risk to sustainability.’ in Section 4.4 of ‘Management strategy evaluation of the Queensland east coast sea cucumber fishery, with data to June 2023’.

In this management strategy evaluation, size limits were tested for each species that set the minimum legal size to length-at-maturity, to 75% of length-at-maturity and to 125% of length-at-maturity. These percentages were arbitrarily chosen to demonstrate the implementation of different size-limits relative to length-at-maturity. The choice to increase the relative size by 25% could have been, for example, 5%, 10% or 50% for the same effect.

Therefore, the original sentences were overly prescriptive and do not accurately reflect the scope of the management strategy evaluation. The key outcome maintains that the minimum legal size should be set above length-at-maturity.