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**Meaning:** the process of evaluating the consequences of alternative management options.

There are many sources of **uncertainty** in the management of fisheries. Some example of these are future environmental conditions that may affect productivity, future social, political and economic conditions, model inputs or the accuracy of the indicator used in the harvest strategy.

MSE is used to test each component of the Adaptive Management Cycle. The Adaptive Management Cycle is the process by which

- management objectives are defined;
- management strategies and actions are developed;
- management strategies and actions are implemented;
- the effectiveness of management strategies and actions are reviewed;
- adjustments are made to strategies and actions to improve their effectiveness; and
- the whole management program is periodically reviewed.





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The aim of <u>MSE</u> test management strategies are robust to uncertainty. This includes all aspects of the adaptive management cycle including the decision making process.

