

MARE CONFERENCE 2019

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PEOPLE & THE SEA X: LEARNING FROM THE PAST, IMAGINING THE FUTURE

*“The force of the better argument”?
Azorean small scale fishers’ agency &
participation in advisory councils*

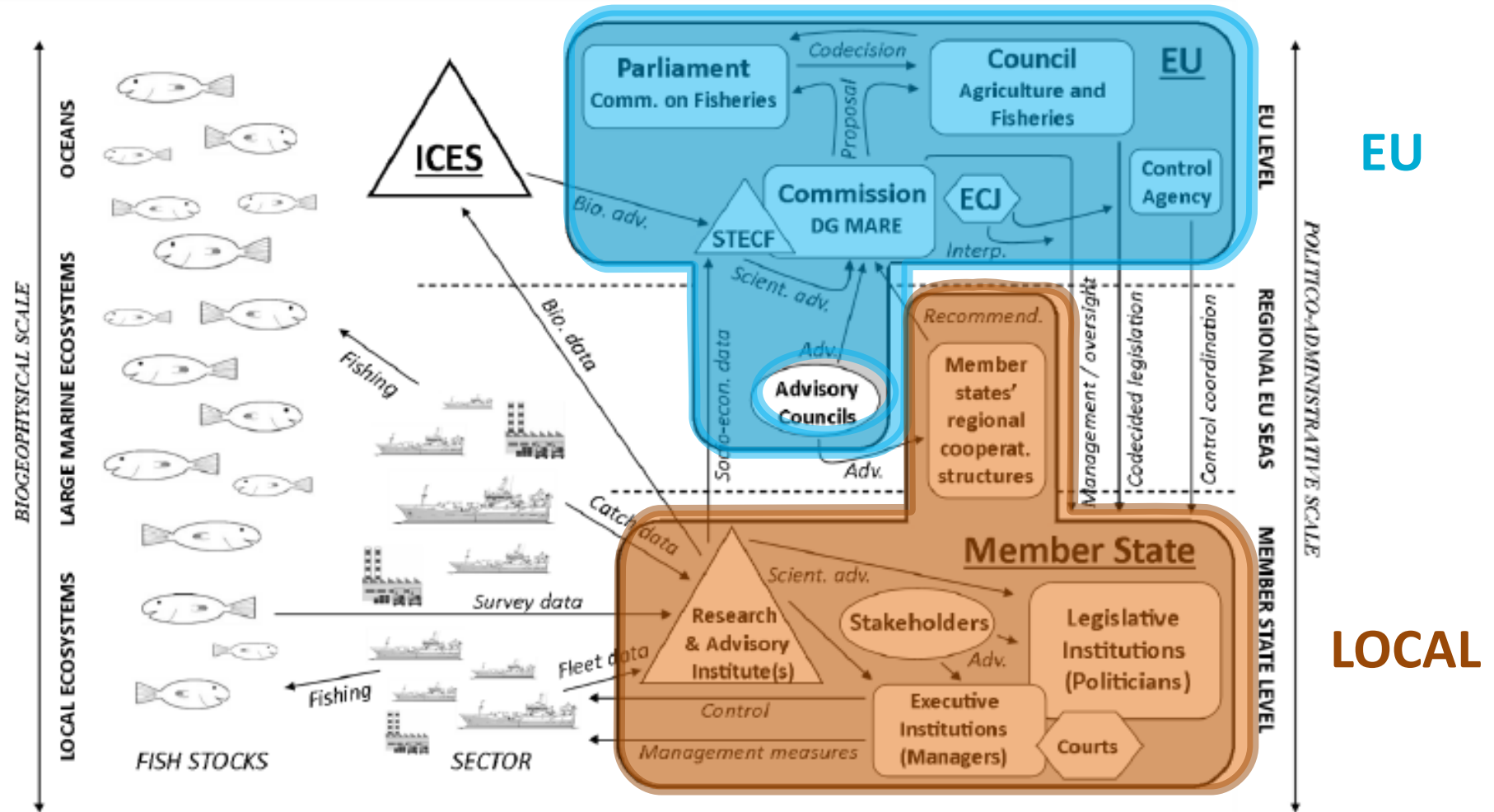
STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN MARINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & FISHERIES GOVERNANCE

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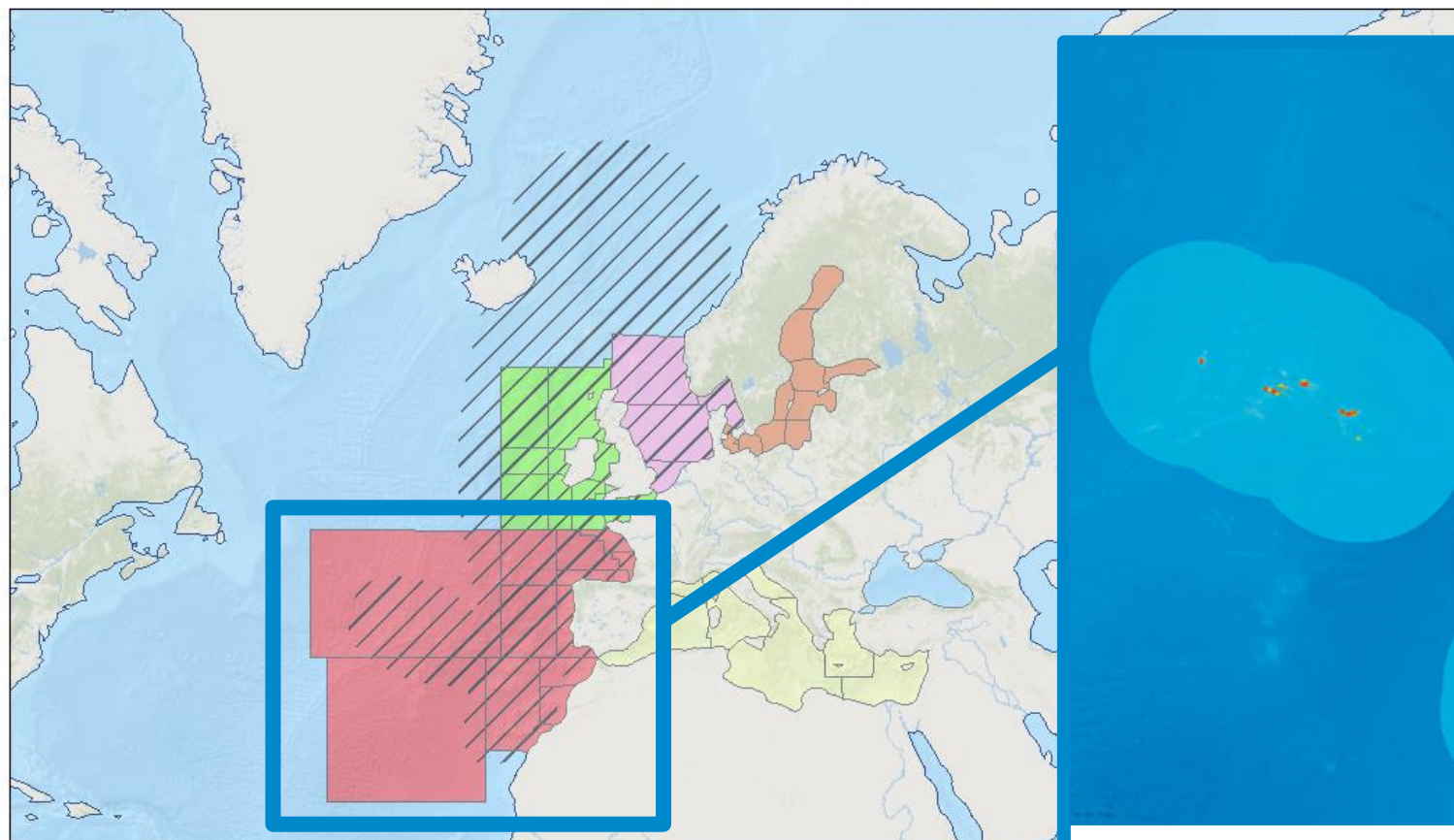
How SSFishers' associations participate



EU fisheries governance system: institutions & relations between bodies (Hegland, 2012, p. 22)

EUROPEAN ATLAS OF THE SEAS

South-western waters
Advisory Council

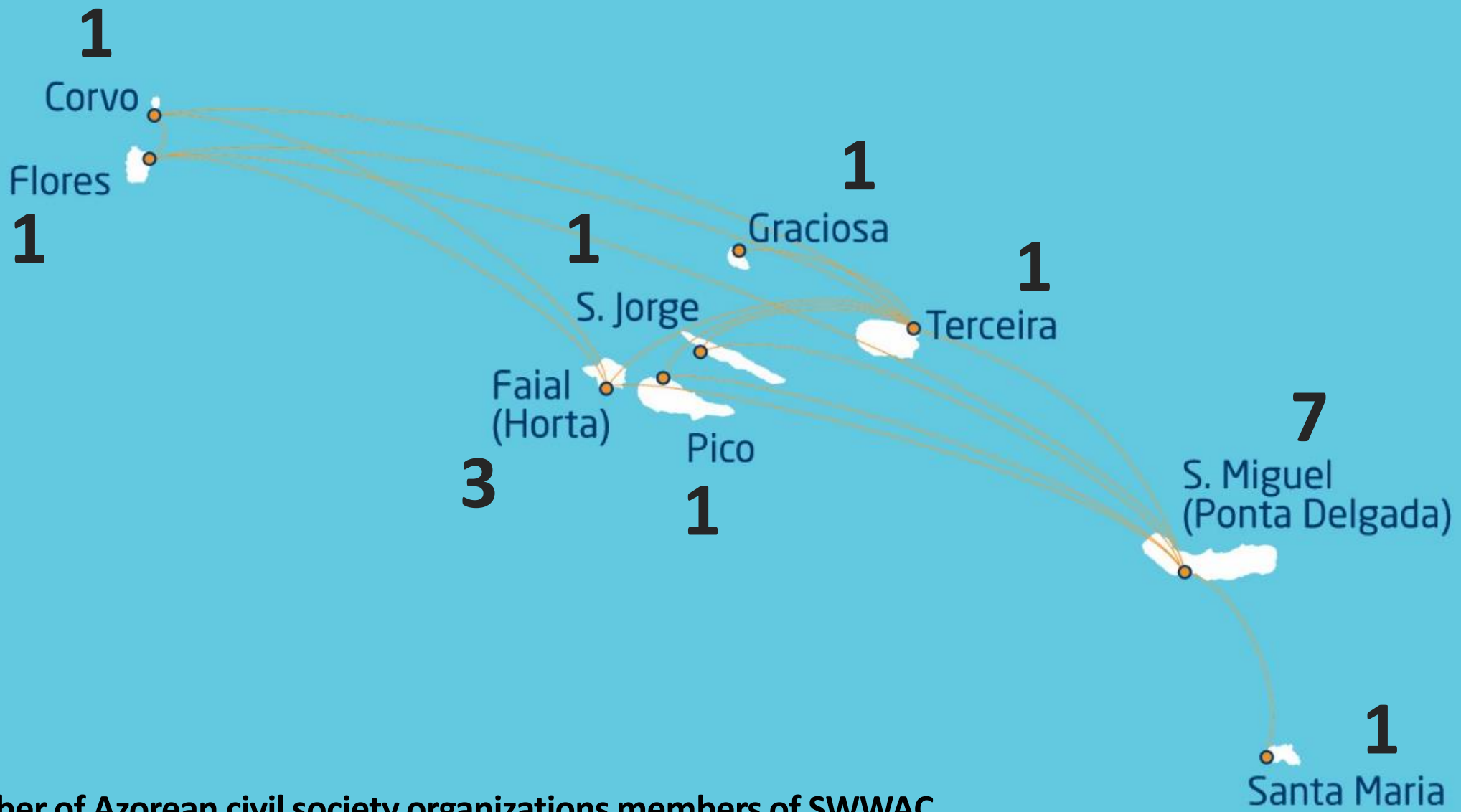


Advisory Councils

- Fishing zones limit
- North-western waters Advisory Council
- South-western waters Advisory Council
- North Sea Advisory Council
- Mediterranean Sea Advisory Council
- Baltic Sea Advisory Council
- Long Distance Advisory Council
- Pelagic Advisory Council (blue whiting, mackerel, horse mackerel, herring)

- ➔ Traditional fisheries (TRAD)
Demersal and benthic species VIII and IX
- ➔ Pelagic and ICCAT Species (PELA)
- ➔ Insular Subdivision (INSU)





Number of Azorean civil society organizations members of SWWAC

Conceptual framework

Stakeholder participation in decision making

RESEARCH PUZZLE

3 THEORETICAL DIMENSIONS

3 INTERRELATED STUDIES

DOCUMENT STUDIES

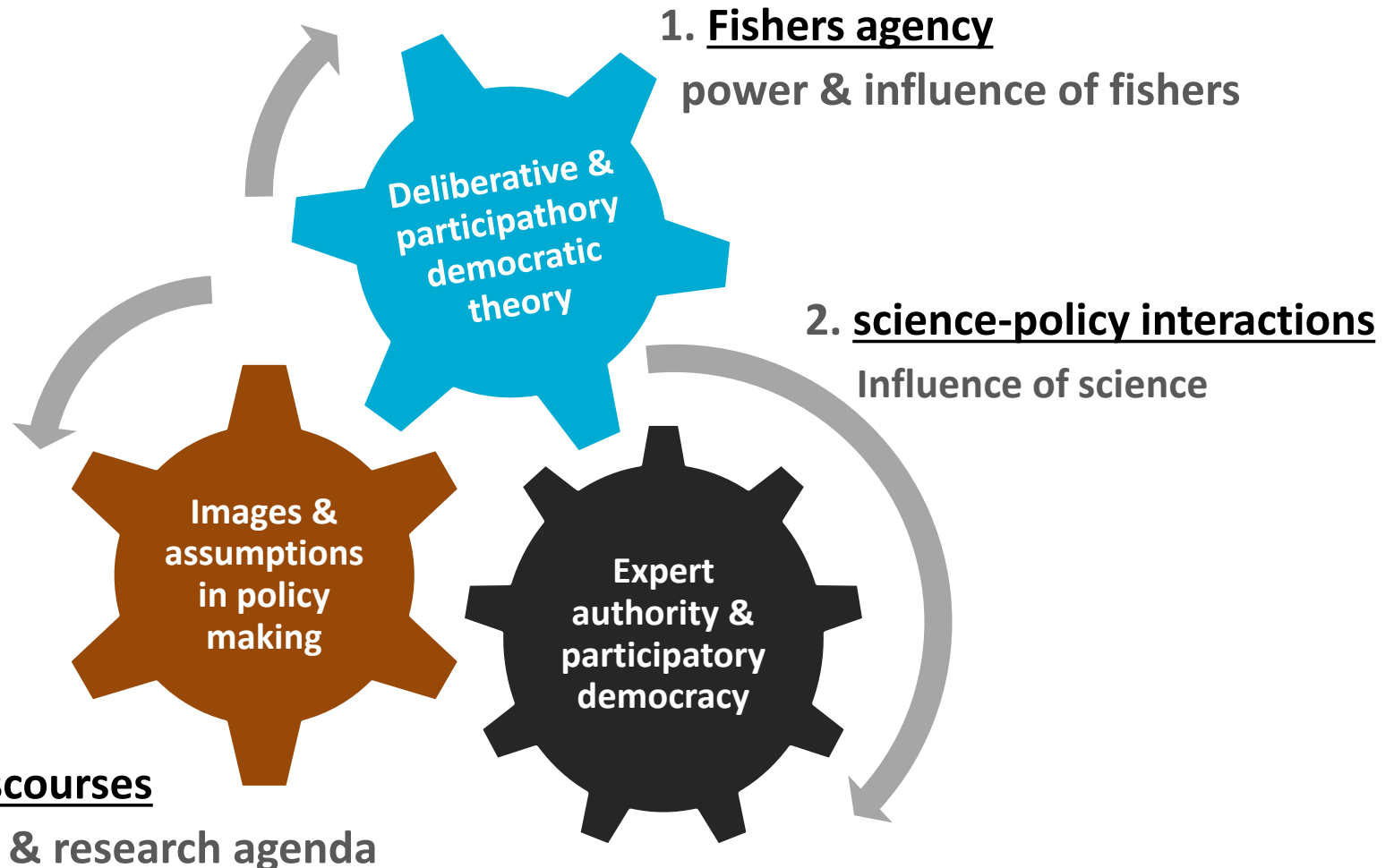
PARTICIPANT OBSERVATION

SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS

≠ Guides, ≠ actors, ≠ institutions

3. Narratives & discourses

Directing policy & research agenda



Motivations behind the study

Participatory democracy & fisheries governance

- **Discourses & narrative on good governance principles**
More inclusive, accountable & transparent forms of decision making
- **Bio-economic modeling in CFP**
Priority to biological + economic research domains
Goals of: econ. efficiency + environ. sustainability
regardless of social issues & impacts for SSF
- **Participation restricted**
Inadequate governance structures
Power relations betw. actors & knowledge systems
Strongly held beliefs (perceptions, values, worldviews - images)

THANK YOU



UMAR, Açores - Sempere & Sousa (2008)



Casting Nets - Neilson & São Marcos (2016)



Alison Neilson (2017)

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