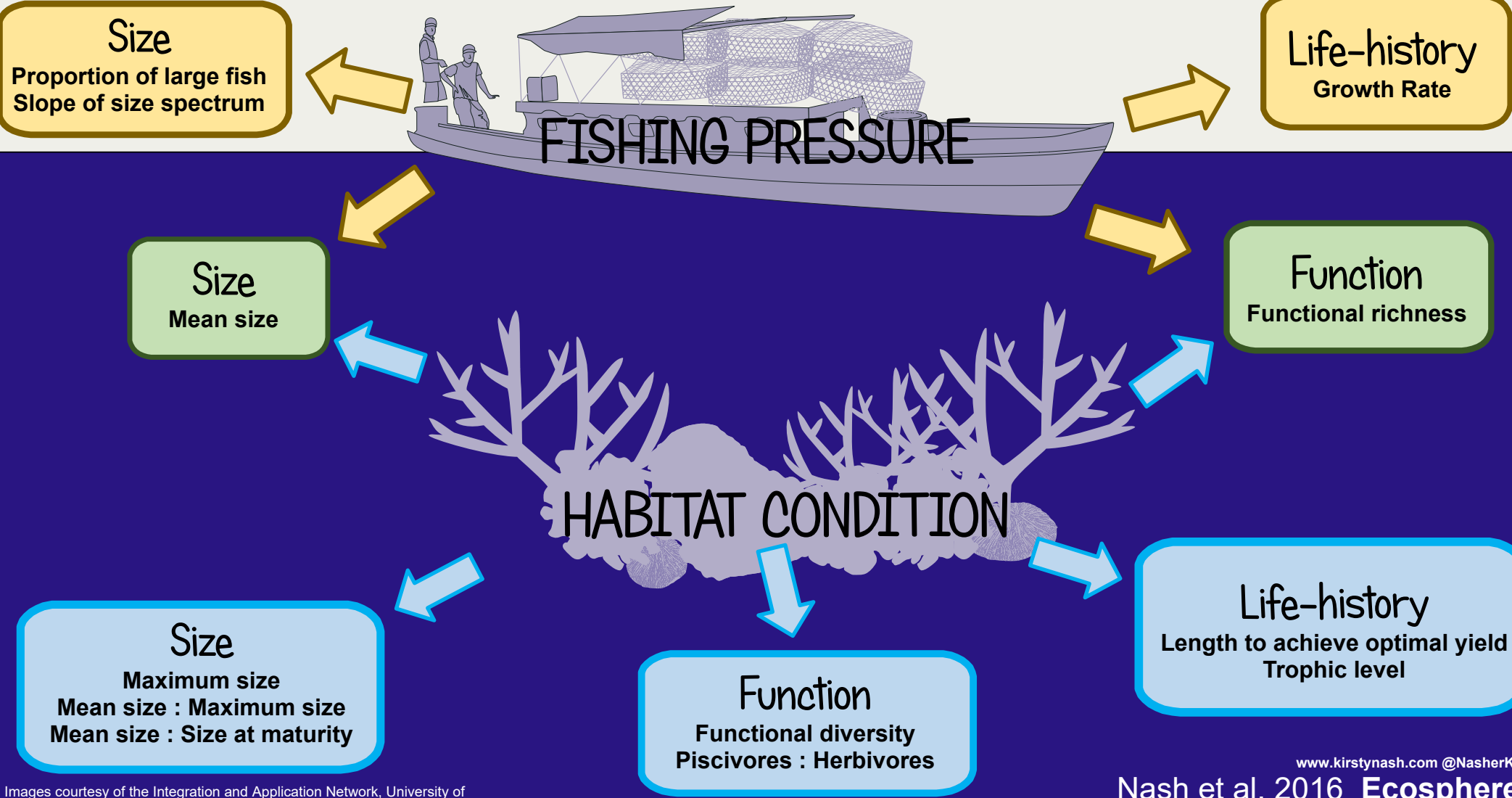


Fisheries Indicators

Are you tracking fishing or the habitat?

We can measure a variety of different characteristics of the fish community to track the effects of fishing on coral reefs. But factors other than fishing pressure can affect indicator values. In Seychelles we explored the effect of both fishing pressure and habitat on indicators that have commonly been used to track fishing impacts on coral reefs. Many of the indicators were more affected by habitat than by fishing pressure.



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