

Peer Review

Review of: "A Review of Grouper Fisheries Management in the Southeastern and Caribbean U.S.: Challenges, Successes, and Future Directions"

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Ensure consistency in abbreviations (e.g., SEUS used consistently).

Clarify whether “overfished and/or overfishing” refers strictly to the latest assessment year.

A graphical conceptual model summarizing interacting stressors (fishing + life history + climate + habitat loss) would strengthen the conclusion.

Scientific Contribution

This review contributes by:

Synthesizing regional fisheries governance and biological vulnerability.

Highlighting reproductive system implications for reference points.

Integrating EBFM progression into stock assessment practice.

Framing stakeholder co-production as a management asset.

Providing a structured roadmap for future grouper conservation.

It is regionally authoritative and has broader relevance for managing long-lived hermaphroditic reef fishes globally.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.