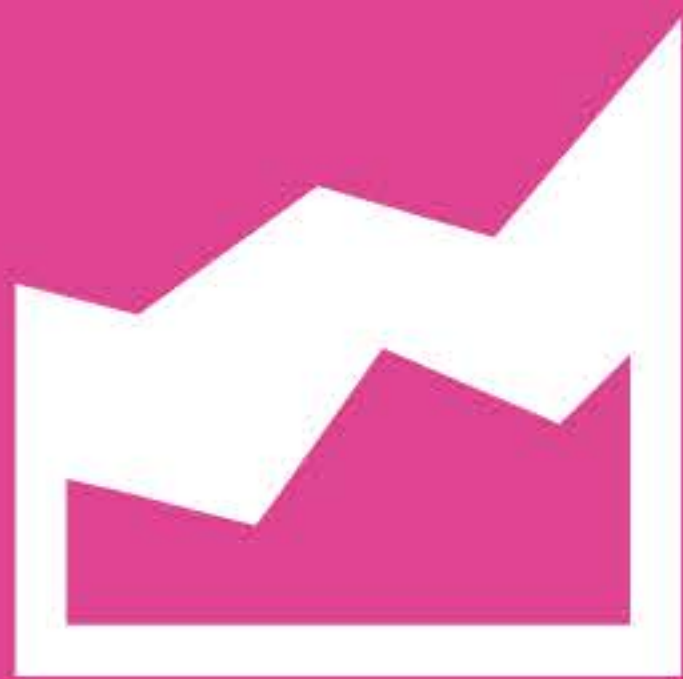


American Samoa Stock Assessment Improvement Process

Data



01. Descriptive analysis

In depth evaluation of all American Samoa bottomfish data (creel, biosampling, commercial receipts, diver surveys).

Report is due on September 2021

Workshop



02. Data-driven decision making

Participants will review and discuss all bottomfish data.

The data workshop is planned for November 2021

Modeling Discussion



03. Explore new methods

Technical discussion with a small group of experts on the initial modeling efforts, and the stock assessment structure.

This discussion is planned for early 2022

Peer Review



04. Ensure high quality science

Independent peer review of the data, assessment models, and results is provided through the WPSAR process

WPSAR is scheduled for February 2023

Management



05. Deliver to the SSC and Council

Present the final stock assessment report to fisheries managers during the SSC and Council meetings

Planned for June 2023