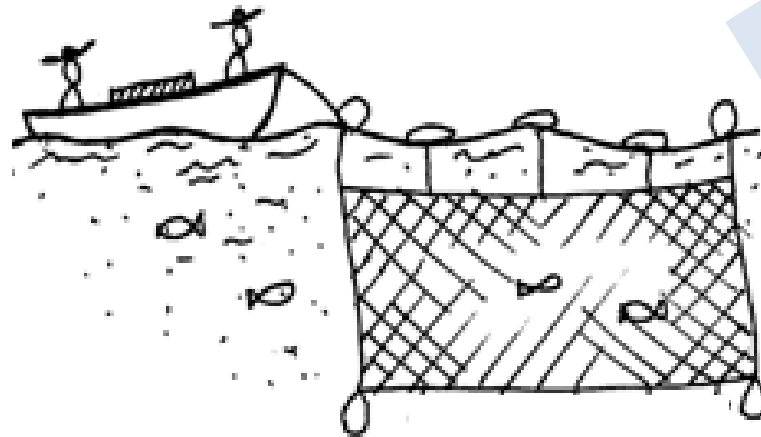


Sustaining Small Scale Fisheries

Setting things right

Lessons from Sri Lanka



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Emeritus Professor / University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
President / Sri Lanka Forum for Small Sale Fisheries

Technological Change during the immediate post-war period (The need)

1. Motorisation of traditional Crafts
2. Introduction of new boats with OBM
3. Introduction of an offshore craft with IBE
4. Introduction of the nylon net and new fishing techniques

Late 1950's



6,050 crafts



200 NM & Beyond

26,384 crafts



24 Nautical Miles



2-3 Nautical Miles

17,062 crafts



Interventions to Sustain SSF

GOVERNANCE

**Do the
right thing**



**Do the
thing right**



MANAGEMENT

Doing things Right



- Fisheries Policy incorporating **SSF Guidelines**
- Strengthening **fisheries cooperatives**
- Provision of crafts an engine to SSF fishers through **subsidies** (35-50%) and **low interest credit**. Group guarantees offered as collateral.
- Elevation of status of Cooperatives to Cooperative Banks (**Idiwara Banks**): **Coop credit performing a credit and insurance function**

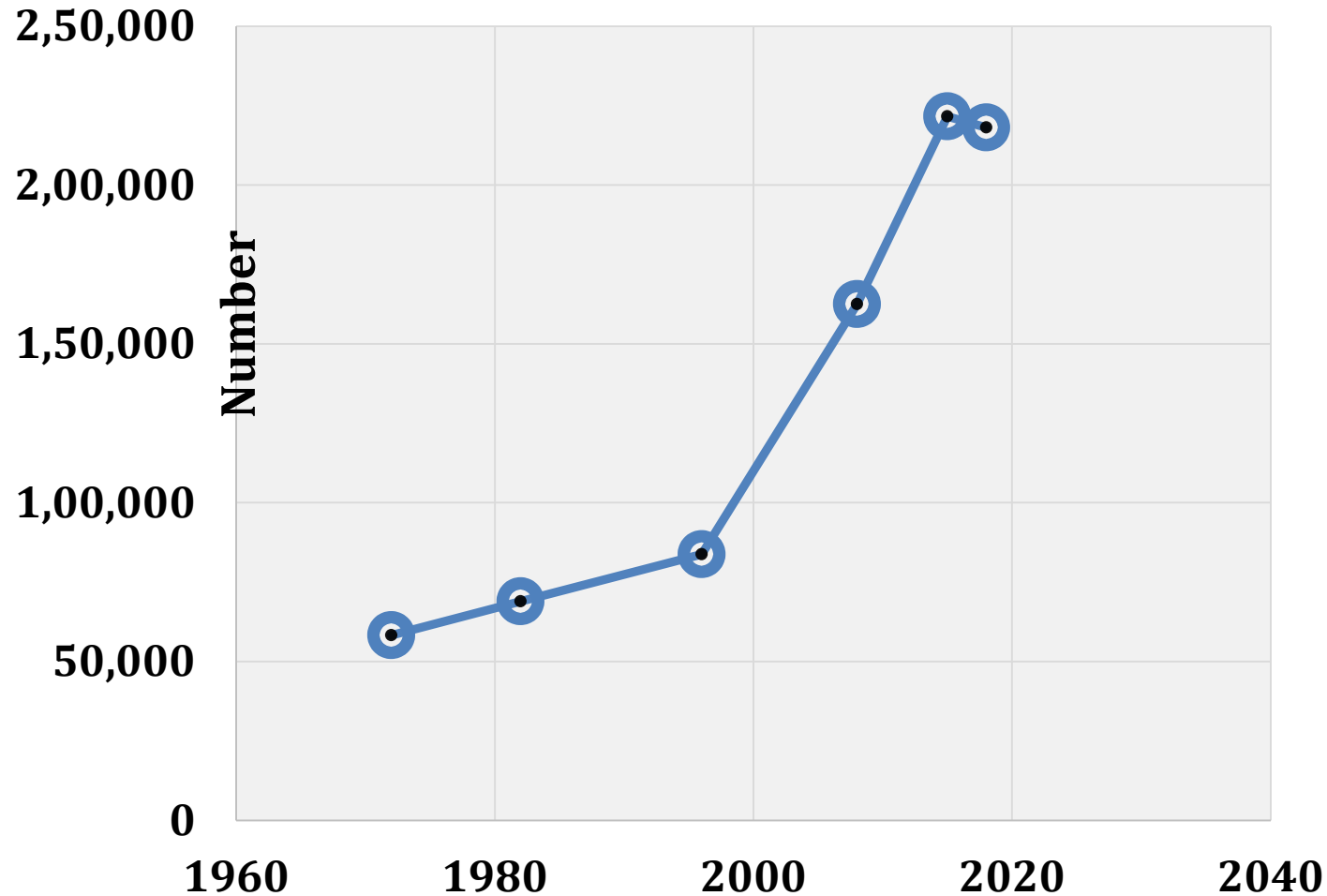
Doing things Right



- FARA 1996 & amendments providing protection against the use of environmentally unfriendly fishing techniques
- Establishment of **enabling institutes** (Dept. of Fisheries, Ceylon Fisheries Corporation, NAQDA, NARA, CFHC, CEYNOR)
- **Social Protection** (pension and Insurance Schemes)
- Training on post-harvest processing (**women**)

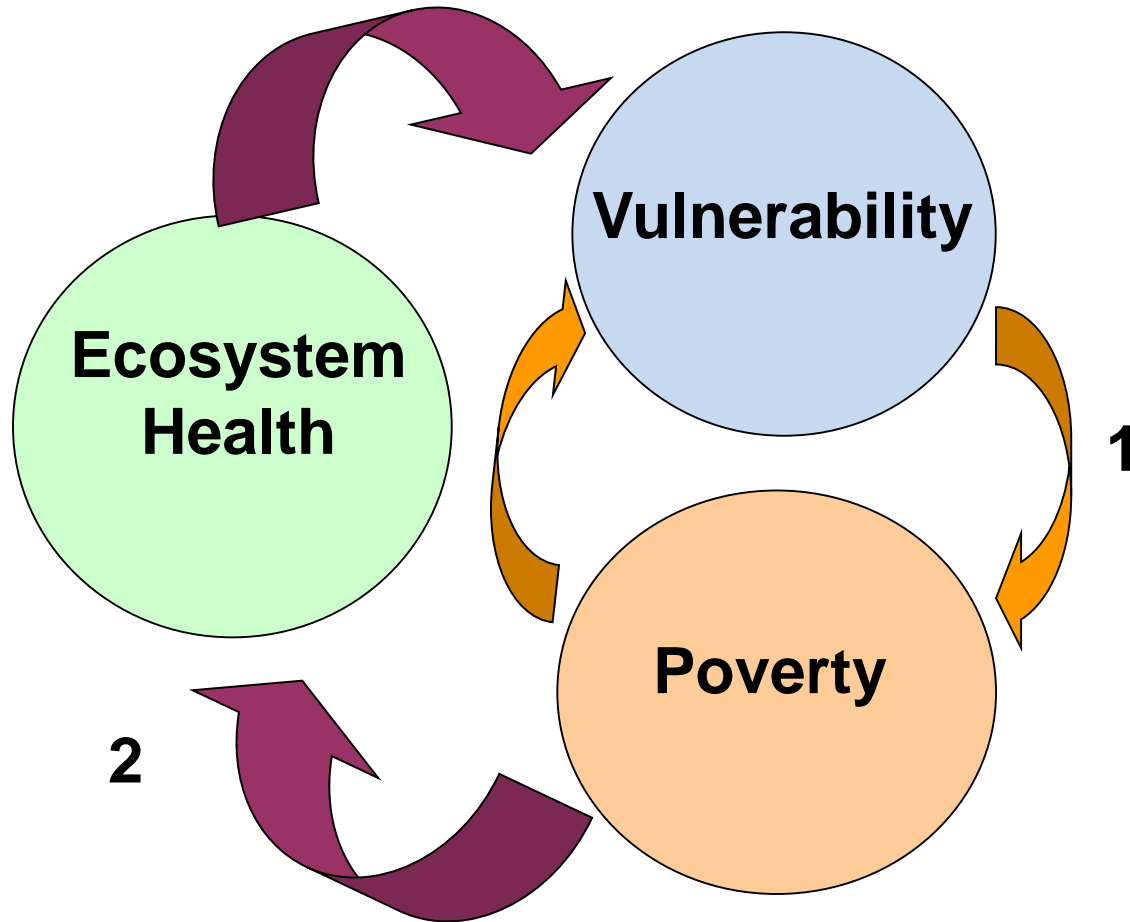
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YET, Fishing Pressure was on the rise



Growth in the number of active fishers in the marine coastal fisheries sector (1972-2018)

Non-sustainable livelihoods!!



Fishing is a way of Life . Exit is difficult

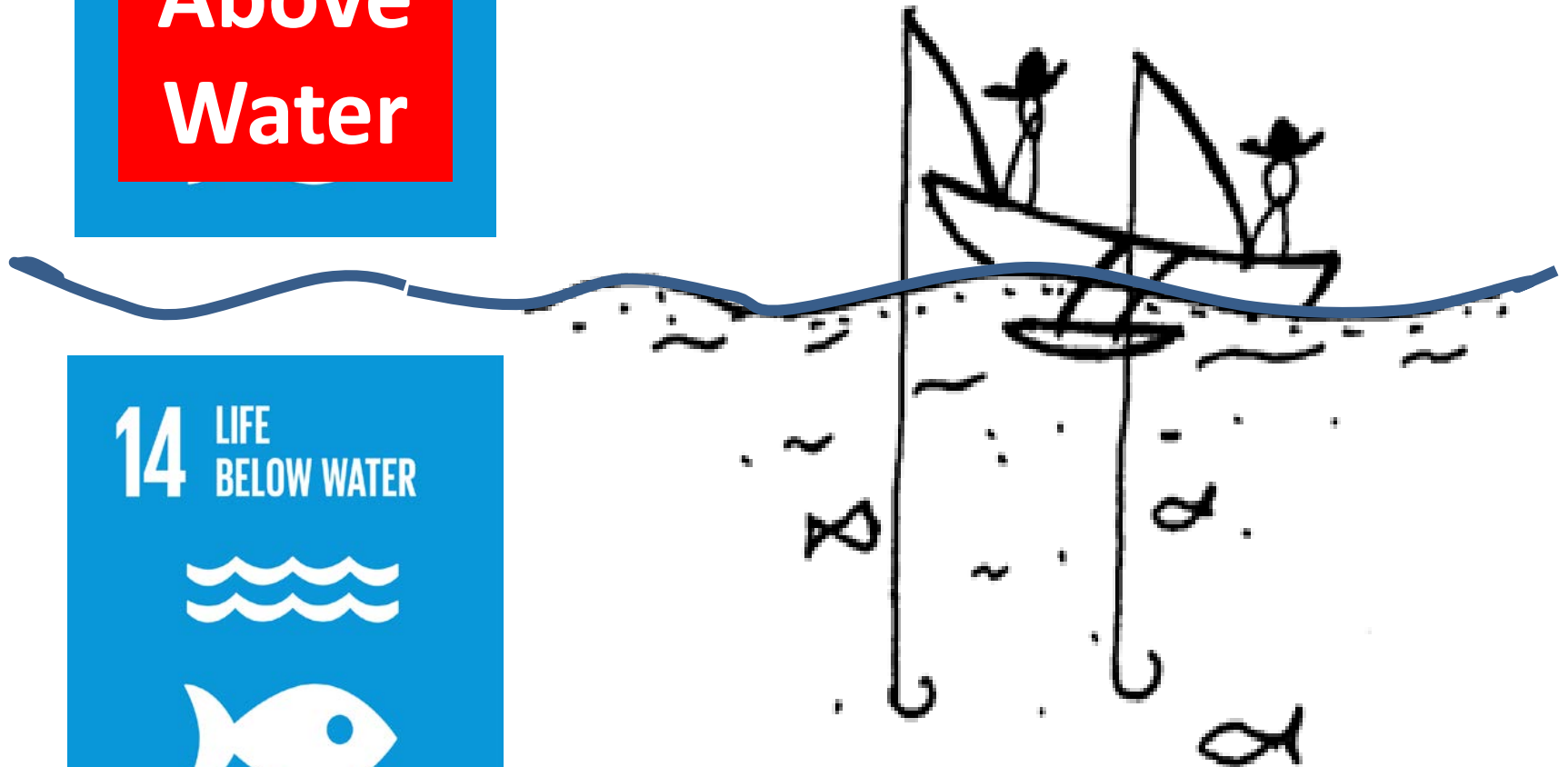
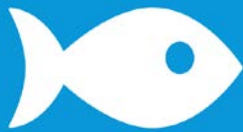
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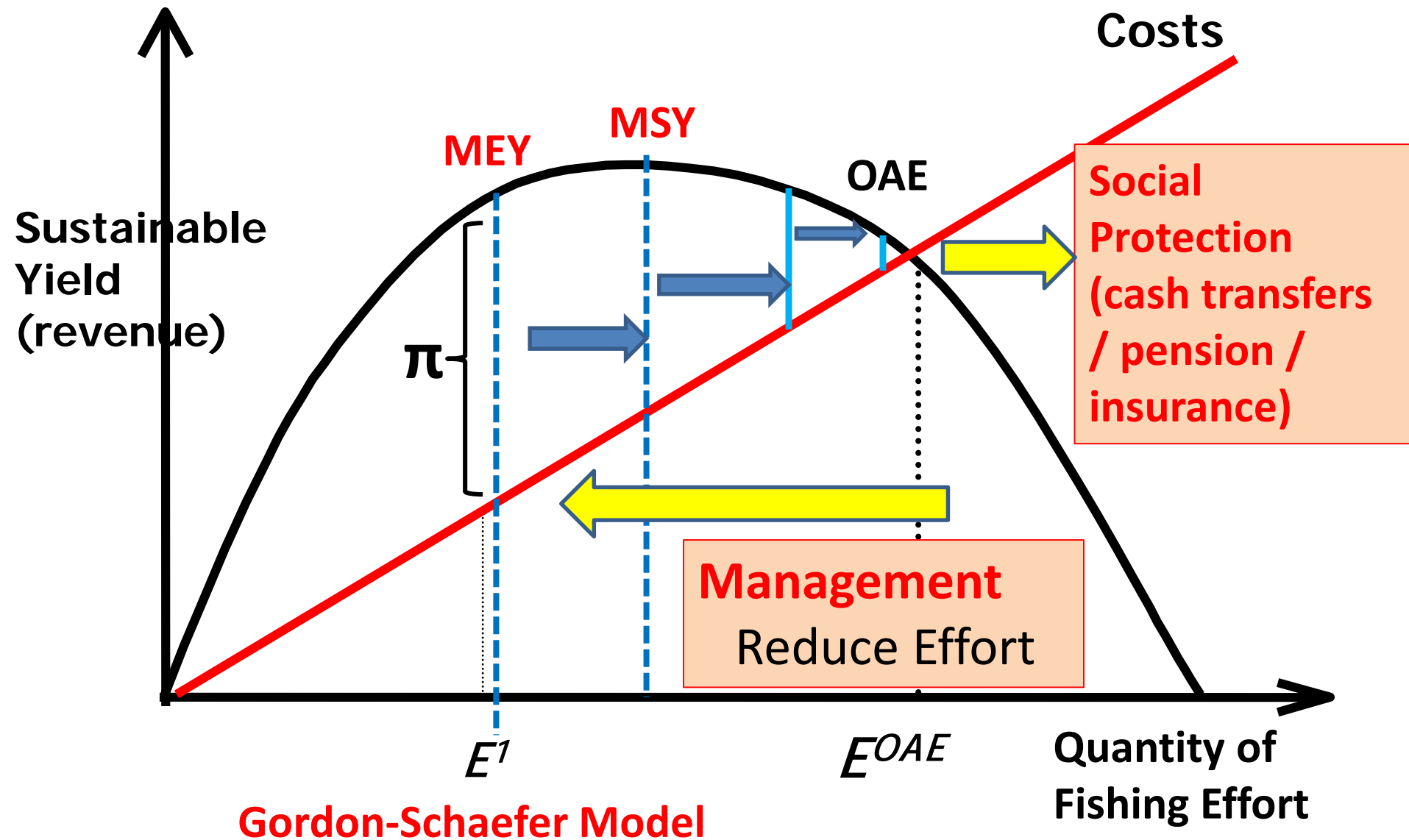
Our knowledge of the human system is very poor

Life
Above
Water

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BELOW WATER



Overexploitation of resources



Governance has to be Interactive (inclusive governance)

Third (Meta) Order	Policy / Rights / Principles	Interactive Governance Platform 3
Second Order	Institutions / Rules	Interactive Governance Platform 2
First Order	Ground-level Interactions among stakeholders	Interactive Governance Platform 1

Interactive Governance – Jentoft 2022: BLUE JUSTICE

Ensure: Effective Communication

Knowledge translation

Integrated and inclusive decision making



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