

# Including SS3 assessment within the Management Procedure of FLBEIA

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## Aim

**FLBEIA** (Garcia et al. 2017) provides a battery of tutorials for learning how to use this software. This tutorial is a practical guide about how to use Stock Synthesis (SS3) (Methot and Wetzel 2013) assessment model to assess the stock status within **FLBEIA** in the Management Procedure (MP).

In this tutorial it is presented an example on how to include SS3 within the MP to assess a stock. It has to be stated that this is an example for a particular stock and in case of aiming to use it for other stock this should only serve as a guide, because some of the functions are case specific. This will be detailed along the tutorial.

## Required packages to run this tutorial

To follow this tutorial you should have installed the following packages:

- FLR: FLCore and FLFleet.
- Stock Synthesis: r4ss.
- Data manipulation: arrayhelpers, reshape2, dplyr and tidyr.

```
install.packages( c("FLCore", "FLFleet", "FLBEIA"),  
                  repos="http://flr-project.org/R")  
install.packages(c("r4ss", "reshape2", "arrayhelpers", "dplyr", "tidyr"))
```

It has to be noted that packages FLCore, FLFleet and FLBEIA have to be installed in this exact order, as alternative orders can cause some problems.

Load all thenecessary packages.

```
library(FLBEIA)  
library(r4ss)  
library(reshape2)  
library(arrayhelpers)  
library(tidyr)  
library(dplyr)
```

## Loading your data

The first step is to condition the Operating Model and the Management Procedure with all the relevant information.

In this example, we will take most of the objects required to run the MSE from an `.RData` file and we will exclusively focus on the observation and assessment part.

For this case, the Operating Model (OM) runs annually and it is formed by a single age-structured stock, the Iberian sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*, ICES pil.27.8c9a) and an unique fleet which activity is performed in an unique metier (i.e. not differing among the different fleets and metiers targeting the stock).

The file is downloaded into a temporary folder, and uncompressed. Simply change the value of `dir` to save the file in another folder.

```
dir <- tempdir()
# download.file("http://www.flr-project.org/doc/src/ibPIL.zip", file.path(dir, "ibPIL.zip"))
# unzip(file.path(dir, "ibPIL.zip"), exdir=dir)
unzip("src/ibPIL.zip", exdir=dir)
```

The FLBEIA input data can now be loaded using `load`:

```
load(file.path(dir, "ibPIL.RData"))
ls()

## [1] "advice"      "advice.ctrl" "ages"
## [4] "assess.ctrl" "assini.yr"    "biols"
## [7] "biols.ctrl"  "covars"       "covars.ctrl"
## [10] "dat"         "dir"          "fleets"
## [13] "fleets.ctrl" "flq.PIL"      "indices"
## [16] "it"          "main.ctrl"    "nyr"
## [19] "obs.ctrl"    "PIL_ref.pts"  "proj.yrs"
## [22] "s0"          "s0_bio"       "s0flt"
## [25] "s0_risk"     "sc"           "SRs"
## [28] "ss32flbeia" "stk.MP"       "stk.OM"
## [31] "yrs"
```

This data file contains information to condition FLBEIA. Specifically, it contains all the elements to run FLBEIA, except from `obs.ctrl` and `assess.ctrl` arguments that will be defined in this tutorial.

The Operating Model (OM) is conditioned with the information from the last stock assessment available (ICES 2018). The population is age-structured (ages 0 to 6+) and exploited by an unique fleet (composed by one metier) and is moved forward in anual steps. It is assumed that the fleet fully complies with the catch advice and this behaviour is obtained using the **SMFB** function (for details, see information on **SMFB** function in the **FLBEIA** manual).

In the Management Procedure (MP), the stock is observed without error, and the stock is assessed with SS3, version 3.24f (Methot 2012). The yearly catch advice (the TAC) is obtained using the HCR used by ICES in the MSY framework for data rich stocks (ICES 2009).

The objects used have 1 iteration and uncertainty in the projection comes exclusively from the generation of the new incoming recruitments.

- Operating model
  - Biological:
    - \* Population dynamics: PIL - age structured population growth
    - \* SR model: PIL - Beverthon and Holt (segmented regression)
  - Fleet: INT - Simple Mixed Fisheries Behaviour
  - Covariates: no covariates
- Management Procedure
  - Observation: PIL - observation of biological and catch information
  - Assessment: PIL - SS3 assessment
  - Management advice: PIL - ICES harvest control rule

```

# Projection years
main.ctrl

# Stock: one stock named as PIL with an age-structured population growth
#       - recruitment: generated by a Beverton-Holt model fitted to historical data
summary(biols)
biols.ctrl
summary(SRs)
SRs$PIL@model
SRs$PIL@params
SRs$PIL@uncertainty

# Fleet: one unique fleet (INT), with one unique metier (ALL), targeting only sardine (PIL)
#       - effort dynamics: simple mixed fisheries behaviour
#       - catch model      : Cobb Douglas at age
#       - capital model    : fixed capital
#       - price model      : fixed price
summary(fleets)
summary(fleets$INT@metiers)
summary(fleets$INT@metiers$ALL@catches)
fleets.ctrl

# Covariates: no covariates
covars
covars.ctrl

# Advice: TAC given by ICES HCR
summary(advice)
advice.ctrl

# Indices: two indices available
#       - AcousticNumberAtAge: numbers at age
#       - DEPM                : total biomass every 3 years
summary(indices)
indices$AcousticNumberAtAge@index
indices$AcousticNumberAtAge@index.q
indices$DEPM@index
indices$DEPM@index.q

```

## SS3 assessment

The sardine assessment is an age-based assessment assuming a single area, a single fishery, a yearly season and genders combined. Input data include catch (in biomass), age composition of the catch, total abundance (in numbers) and age composition from an annual acoustic survey and spawning stock biomass (SSB) from a triennial DEPM survey. Considering the current assessment calendar (annual assessment WG in November) in year (y), the assessment includes fishery data up to year y-1 and acoustic data up to year y. The reference assessment used was the one from the last assessment year (ICES 2018). For more details, see (ICES 2019).

- The model estimates population biomass in the beginning of the last assessment year (interim year). There are data from the acoustic survey but not from the fishery (catch and age composition) for the interim year. Data used for the interim year are the following: stock weights-at-age, catch biomass and catch weights-at-age are equal to those assumed for short-term predictions.

- The fishery age composition in the interim year is assumed to be equal to that in the previous year. The fishery age composition is included in the calculation of expected values but excluded from the objective function. Recruitment in the interim year is derived from the stock-recruitment relationship.
- The model estimates spawning stock biomass (SSB) and adult biomass (B1+, biomass of age 1 and older) at the beginning of the year. The reference age range for output fishing mortality is 2-5.

For more details on the Iberian sardine stock assessment see the ICES Stock Annex.

To include the SS3 stock assessment model within the MSE simulations running in FLBEIA, we need to create an specific function that mimics the stock assessment. This function will update values for every assessment cycle. Such function is not available in the FLBEIA library, as it should be case-specific. Therefore, the function presented here is an example and it should be readapted if it wants to be used for another stock.

We will name the function as `ss32flbeia`. As inputs, the function needs the ‘observed’ stock and indices objects (surveys) as well as a folder with the reference assessment in SS3 (in this case is exactly the one used to condition the operating model for MSE). This folder is available in the `ibPIL.zip` file, so it has been already uncompressed in the `temp` folder (see “./ss3R”). Firstly, you need to choose the appropriate ss3 executable and call it `SS3.exe` (in the `assess_ref` folder there are three different options: `ss3_win.exe`, `ss3_linux.exe`, `ss3_ios.exe`).

Within the FLBEIA MSE process, for each projection year, the `ss32flbeia` function works as follows:

- Copies the reference assessment folder (containing all files needed to run ss3)
- Reads the `ss3.dat`, `wtatage` and `.ctl` files
- Sets  $10^{-5}$  value for very low observed catches (i.e. when `stock@catch`  $< 10^{-5}$ )
- Reads the catch and the indices values from the FLR objects
- Eliminates catch at age for years where catch is very low ( $< 10^{-4}$ )
- Creates new `.dat`, `wtatage` and `.ctl` files based on the reference `.dat`, `wtatage` and `.ctl` files with new catch and indices values from FLR objects
- Runs `ss3.exe` executable
- Reads ss3 output files using the `r4ss` package
- Updates `stock@harvest` and `stock@stock.n` slots with SS3 output
- Saves convergence indicator, recruitment, `fbar`, SSB, catchabilities and selectivities from SS3 runs in the `covars` component of the OM.
- Deletes the copied folder after running each realization.

Therefore we translate this into R code:

```
#####
#### Function to read from FLstock object,
#### create SS3 files (from existing reference ones),
#### run ss3 assessment with new data, and
#### update FLR stock object with estimates from SS3.
#####

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#####

ss32flbeia <- function(stock,indices,control,covars=covars){

  # save iteration number
```

```

runi <- control$run_it

# last year of the new stock object
lasty <- range(stock)["maxyear"]

# To avoid problems in SS3:
# if catch < 10^-5 --> small value to total catch,
# remove catch at age (done some lines later),
# and put the wt from year before.
stock@catch.wt[,which(is.na(stock@catch.wt[2,]))] <- stock@catch.wt[,ac(lasty-1)]

stock@catch <- computeCatch(stock)
stock@catch[,which(stock@catch<10^-5)] <- 10^-5

# print
cat("catches in it", runi, range(stock)["maxyear"], "\n",
    stock@catch[,ac(range(stock)["maxyear"])] , "\n")

# ref_name: reference ss3 assessment folder name
ref_name <- control$ref_name

# directory where the folder with the reference ss3 assessment is located
assess_dir <- control$assess_dir

# get current working directory
dir0 <- getwd()

# set the new working directory
setwd(assess_dir)

# create a new folder where the new assessment will be run
dir <- paste0("assess_temp", runi, lasty)
dir.create(dir)

# copy the reference assessment folder into the new folder
file.copy(ref_name, dir, recursive = T)

# set the working directory inside this folder
# (at the end of the assessment this new folder will be deleted,
# but the reference assessment is always kept)
temp_dir <- paste0(dir,paste0("/",ref_name))
setwd(temp_dir)

#####
#### read data from new FLR objects and write to SS3 files
#####

# last year of the new stock object
lasty <- range(stock)["maxyear"]

# read reference assessment data file
datss <- SS_readat("sardine.dat", verbose = FALSE)

```

```

##control file
ctl <- readLines("sardine.ctl")

# natural mortality vector
ctl[27] <- paste(m(stock)[,1],collapse=" ")
# - update the year in the control file (from reference assessment year to actual year)
ctl_new <- gsub(pattern = ac(datss$endyr), replace = ac(lasty), x = ctl)
# - update the year recruitmen devs (assessment year-1)
ctl_new <- gsub(pattern = ac(datss$endyr-1), replace = ac(lasty-1), x = ctl_new)
# - write the new control file, it overwrites the old one
writeLines(ctl_new, con="sardine.ctl")

# total catch
catch <- melt(catch(stock)[,])[,c("value", "year")]
catch$seas <- 1
colnames(catch) <- colnames(datss$catch)
datss$catch <- catch

# age structured catch and index

catchn <- dcast(na.omit(melt(catch.n(stock)[,])[,c("value", "year", "age")]), year~age)
catchn <- cbind(catchn[,1], subset(datss$agecomp, FltSvy==1)[1,2:9], catchn[, -1])
lastrow <- dim(catchn)[1]
# no catch at age for the last year available (--> delete this value)
catchn <- catchn[-lastrow,]
# remove catch at age when catch<10^-4
catch0years <- which(catchn[,ac(4)]<10^-4)
if(length(catch0years)>0)
  catchn <- catchn[-catch0years,]
# set manullay sample size for catch.n for years > 1990
# sample size = 50 for year <= 1990
# sample size = 75 for year > 1990
# (see Iberian sardine Stock Annex for details)
catchn[, "Nsamp"][catchn[,1]>1990] <- 75

indexn <- dcast(na.omit(melt(indices[[1]]@index[,])[,c("value", "year", "age")]), year~age)
indexn <- cbind(indexn[,1], subset(datss$agecomp, FltSvy==2)[1,2:9], indexn[, -1])
colnames(indexn) <- colnames(catchn) <- colnames(datss$agecomp)
agecomp <- rbind(catchn, indexn)
datss$agecomp <- agecomp

# biomass indices

index2 <- cbind(indexn[,1], rowSums(indexn[,c(10:16)]))
se_log2 <- subset(datss$CPUE, index==2)$se_log
index2 <- cbind(year=index2[,1], seas=1, index=2, obs=index2[,2], se_log=mean(se_log2))

index3 <- na.omit(melt(indices[[2]]@index[,])[,c("value", "year")])
se_log3 <- subset(datss$CPUE, index==3)$se_log[1]
index3 <- cbind(year=index3$year, seas=1, index=3, obs=index3$value, se_log=se_log3)

datss$CPUE <- as.data.frame(rbind(index2, index3))

```

```
#####

#number of lines
datss$styr <- min(catch$year)
datss$endyr <- an(lasty)
datss$N_catch <- dim(datss$catch)[1]
datss$N_cpue <- dim(datss$CPUE)[1]
datss$N_agecomp <- dim(datss$agecomp)[1]

#write the new data file, it overwrites the old one
SS_writedat(datss,"sardine.dat", overwrite = T, verbose = FALSE)

##wtatage file
#stock weight (fleet=0)
stockwt <- t(stock.wt(stock)[,,drop=T])
stockwt <- cbind(rownames(stockwt),1,1,1,1,0,stockwt)
stockwt <- apply(stockwt,1,function(x){paste(x,collapse="\t")})
names(stockwt) <- NULL

# weighth for age structured acoustic index (fleet=2) (same as stock weight)
index2wt <- t(stock.wt(stock)[,,drop=T])
index2wt <- cbind(rownames(index2wt),1,1,1,1,2,index2wt)
index2wt <- apply(index2wt,1,function(x){paste(x,collapse="\t")})
names(index2wt) <- NULL

# catch weight (fleet 1 and -1)
catchwt <- t(catch.wt(stock)[,,drop=T])
catchwt <- cbind(rownames(catchwt),1,1,1,1,1,catchwt)
catchwt <- apply(catchwt,1,function(x){paste(x,collapse="\t")})
names(catchwt) <- NULL

catchwt_1 <- t(catch.wt(stock)[,,drop=T])
catchwt_1 <- cbind(rownames(catchwt_1),1,1,1,1,-1,catchwt_1)
catchwt_1 <- apply(catchwt_1,1,function(x){paste(x,collapse="\t")})
names(catchwt_1) <- NULL

# maturity (fleet=-2)
mat <- t((mat(stock)*stock.wt(stock))[,,drop=T])
mat <- cbind(rownames(mat),1,1,1,1,-2,mat)
mat <- apply(mat,1,function(x){paste(x,collapse="\t")})
names(mat) <- NULL

# read the reference weight file
wta <- readLines("wtatage.ss")[1:7]
# generate the new weight matrix with the data from FLR objects
wta_new <- c(wta,stockwt,catchwt,mat,catchwt_1,index2wt)
# update number of lines
wta_new[1] <- ac(length(wta_new)-length(wta))
# write the new weight file, it overwrites the old one
writeLines(wta_new, con="wtatage.ss")

#####
```

```

##                                     execute SS3
## (be careful to use the adequate executable depending on the
## operating system -windows, linux or ios-)
#####

system('./SS3.exe')

#####
## S3 output back to FLR. Just harvest and stock:
#####

dir.assess <- paste0(getwd(),"")
assess <- SS_output(dir = dir.assess, model = "ss3", forecast = FALSE,
                    printstats = FALSE, verbose = FALSE, covar = FALSE)
maxyear <- assess$endyr
ages <- assess$agebins
years <- assess$startyr:assess$endyr

#-----
# extract assessment outputs:
# F-AT-AGE, REFERENCE F
#
# we need to calculate F-at-age from apical F
# (i.e. F on the fully selected age) and
# selectivity at age
#-----

selectivity <- subset(assess$agesele, fleet==1 & factor=="Ase12" & year %in% years,
                      select=c("year", ac(ages)))

idx <- grep("F_", assess$derived_quant$LABEL)
f.apical <- data.frame(f=assess$derived_quant[idx,"Value"])
f.apical$year <- years

f.apsel <- merge(f.apical, selectivity, all.x = T, by="year")

f <- f.apsel$f * f.apsel[,ac(ages)]

harvest <- FLQuant(unname(as.matrix(t(f))), quant="age", units="f",
                  dimnames=list(age=ac(ages), year=ac(years)))

#-----
# extract assessment outputs:
# NUMBERS-AT-AGE
#-----

natage <- subset(assess$natage, Era=="TIME" & `Beg/Mid`=="B" , select=ac(ages))

stock.n <- FLQuant(unname(as.matrix(t(natage))), quant='age', units='NA',
                  dimnames=list(age=ac(ages), year=ac(years)))

# update stock object

```



```

harvest(stock) <- harvest
stock.n(stock) <- stock.n
stock(stock) <- computeStock(stock)

# fill covars to see retros
covars$ssb[ac(lasty),ac(years)] <- ssb(stock)[,]
covars$rec[ac(lasty),ac(years)] <- rec(stock)[,]
covars$fbar[ac(lasty),ac(years)] <- fbar(stock)[,]

params <- assess$parameters
q2 <- exp(subset(params,Label=="LnQ_base_2_Acoustic_survey"),"Value")
q3 <- exp(subset(params,Label=="LnQ_base_3_DEPM_survey"),"Value")
covars$qs[1,ac(lasty)] <- q2
covars$qs[2,ac(lasty)] <- q3

# Three selectivity periods - breakpoints at 1986 & 2004
# (see Iberian sardine Stock Annex for details)
covars$sel[,ac(lasty),3,,] <- as.numeric(subset(selectivity,year==lasty)[1,-1])
covars$sel[,ac(lasty),2,,] <- as.numeric(subset(selectivity,year==2004)[1,-1])
covars$sel[,ac(lasty),1,,] <- as.numeric(subset(selectivity,year==1986)[1,-1])

# CONVERGENCE

covars$conv[,ac(lasty)] <- assess$maximum_gradient_component

#####
### delete files
#####

setwd(assess_dir)
unlink(paste0(assess_dir,dir),recursive=T)

#return to the original working directory
setwd(dir0)

return(list(stock = stock,covars=covars))
}

```

Now we need to define the `assess.ctrl` object to call to this new defined function, and we will additionally set some extra control arguments required by this function:

- `ref_name` : the directory where the assessment files for each new year will be stored;
- `assess_dir`: the directory where the assessment files are stored (in this case the full path must be provided); and
- `run_it` : an identifier for the scenario and iteration to avoid overwriting the files when running different iterations and scenarios at the same time (it is optional, but highly recommended when working with several runs at the same time in a computer).

For this stock, as it occurs for many small pelagics, the stock is observed and assessed up to the assessment year. This should be indicated in the control object also.

```

assess.ctrl <- list( PIL = list())

# Assessment model
assess.ctrl$PIL$assess.model <- "ss32flbeia"

# Does the assessment model work with iterations?
assess.ctrl$PIL$work_w_iter <- FALSE

# Units for fishing mortality: f or hr
assess.ctrl$PIL$harvest.units <- "f"

# Assessment control arguments
sc <- "s0"; it <- 1
assess.ctrl$PIL$control <- list( ref_name = "assess_ref",
                                assess_dir = file.path(dir,"ss3R/"),
                                run_it = paste(it,"_sc",sc,sep=""))

# Assess output also for assessment year
assess.ctrl$PIL$ass.curryr <- TRUE

```

We will also initialize the covars object to store there some information on the assessment outputs, in order to be able to track the assessment performance all along the projection period.

```

ages      <- dimnames(biols[[1]]@n)$age
yrs       <- dimnames(biols[[1]]@n)$year
proj.yrs  <- ac(main.ctrl$sim.years[1]:main.ctrl$sim.years[2])
assini.yr <- ac(main.ctrl$sim.years[1]-1)

# Assessment estimates:
covars$ssb <- covars$fbar <- covars$rec <-
  FLQuant(NA, dimnames=list(assess.year=c(assini.yr,proj.yrs), year=yrs))

# - ssb
covars$ssb[assini.yr,] <- ssb(biols$PIL[,])

# - recruitment
covars$rec[assini.yr,] <- (biols$PIL@n)[1,]

# - survey catchabilities
covars$qqs <- FLQuant(NA, dimnames = list(qs=c("acoustic","depm"), year=yrs))

# - selectivity at age
covars$sel <- FLQuant(NA, dimnames = list(age=ages, year=yrs,unit=1:3))

# Assessment convergence
covars$conv <- FLQuant(NA, dimnames = list(conv="conv",year=yrs))

```

## Observation model

For this assessment we need to observe the biological and catch information. Therefore, we need to use `age2ageDat` function (for details in observation functions see tutorial on Using different Assessment models in the Management Procedure of FLBEIA).

Additionally, we also need to observe the two indices available for the stock: a yearly index in numbers at age

(named `AcousticNumberAtAge`) and a 3-yearly biomass index (named `DEPM`).

For creating the `obs.ctrl` object we will use the specific creator function (`create.obs.ctrl`). As default, if not provided as an input, it considers no observation errors (i.e. values equal to 1). For details on how to set observation errors to alternative values see tutorial on Using different Assessment models in the Management Procedure of FLBEIA).

```
?create.obs.ctrl
```

```
flq.PIL <- FLQuant(dimnames = dimnames(biols$PILon))
obs.ctrl <- create.obs.ctrl( stksnames = "PIL", n.stks.ind = 2,
                           stks.indsnames = names(indices$PIL),
                           stkObs.models = "age2ageDat",
                           indObs.models = c("ageInd", "bioInd"),
                           flq.PIL = flq.PIL)
```

```
# Required observation also for assessment year
obs.ctrl$PIL$obs.curryr <- TRUE
```

## Run FLBEIA

```
s0 <- FLBEIA( biols = biols, SRs = SRs, BDs = NULL, fleets = fleets,
             covars = covars, indices = indices, advice = advice,
             main.ctrl = main.ctrl, biols.ctrl = biols.ctrl, fleets.ctrl = fleets.ctrl,
             covars.ctrl = covars.ctrl, obs.ctrl = obs.ctrl,
             assess.ctrl = assess.ctrl, advice.ctrl = advice.ctrl)
```

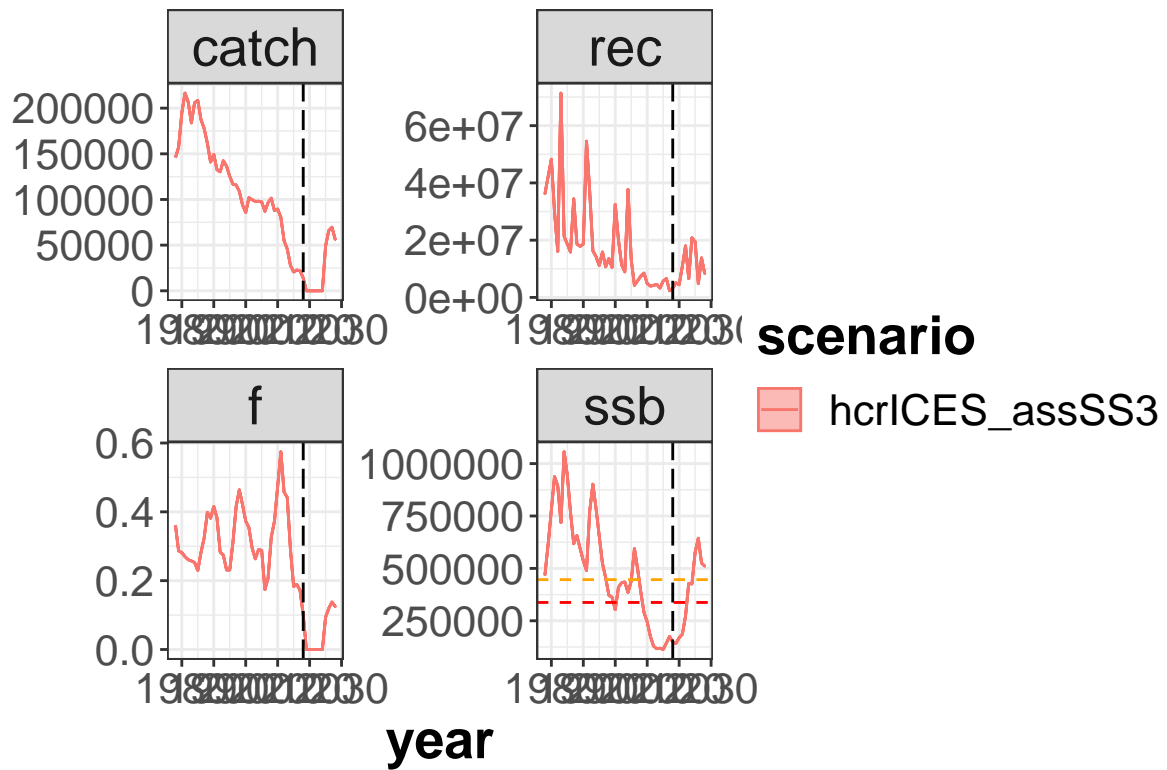
```
## #####
## - Year: 41 , Season: 1
## #####
## ***** OPERATING MODEL*****
## ----- BIOLOGICAL OM -----
## -----ASPG-----
## ----- FLEETS OM -----
## [1] "~~~~~ EFFORT ~~~~~"
## [1] "INT"
## [1] "~~~~~ UPDATE CATCH ~~~~~"
## [1] "~~~~~ PRICE ~~~~~"
## [1] "INT"
## [1] "***** CAPITAL *****"
## [1] "INT"
## ----- COVARS OM -----
## ***** MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE *****
## ----- OBSERVATION MODEL -----
## ----- ASSESSMENT MODEL -----
## catches in it 1_scs0 2018
## 14060
```

## FLBEIA output

```
# - stock summary
s0_bio <- bioSum(s0, scenario="hcrICES_assSS3")
plotbioSum( s0_bio, Blim=PIL_ref.pts[["Blim"]], Bpa=PIL_ref.pts[["Bpa"]],
```

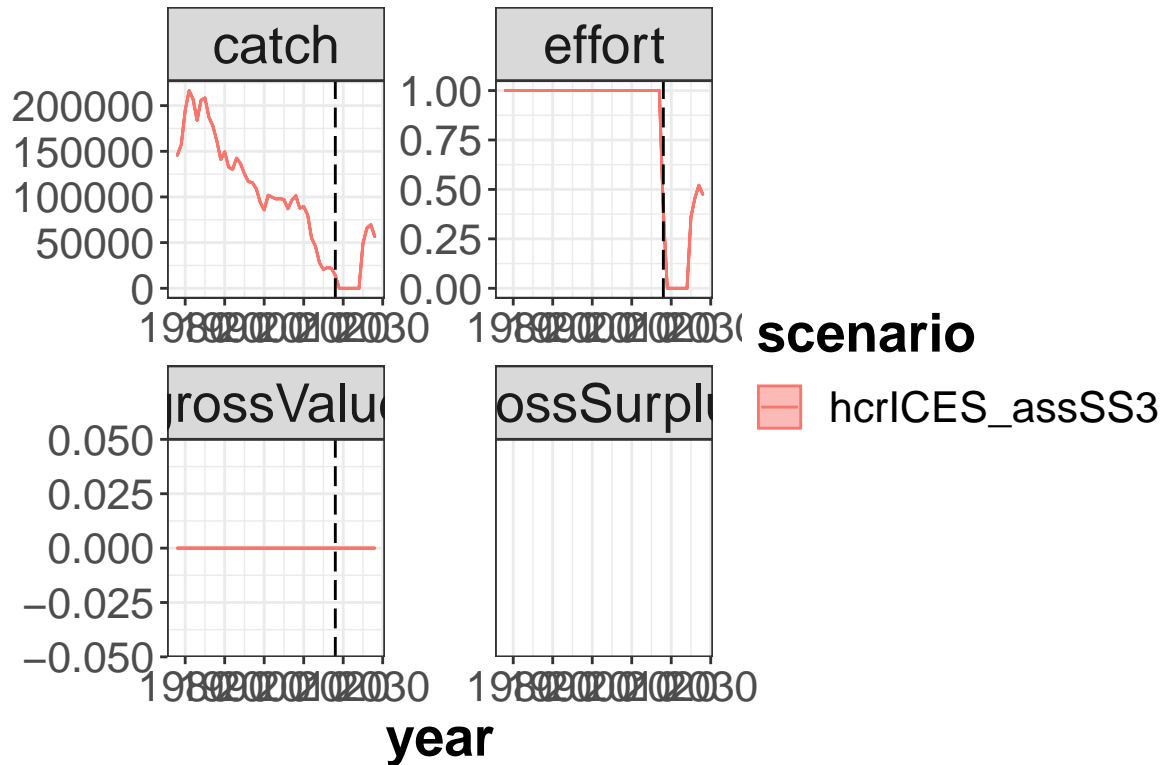
```
proj.yr=main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]])
```

## PIL

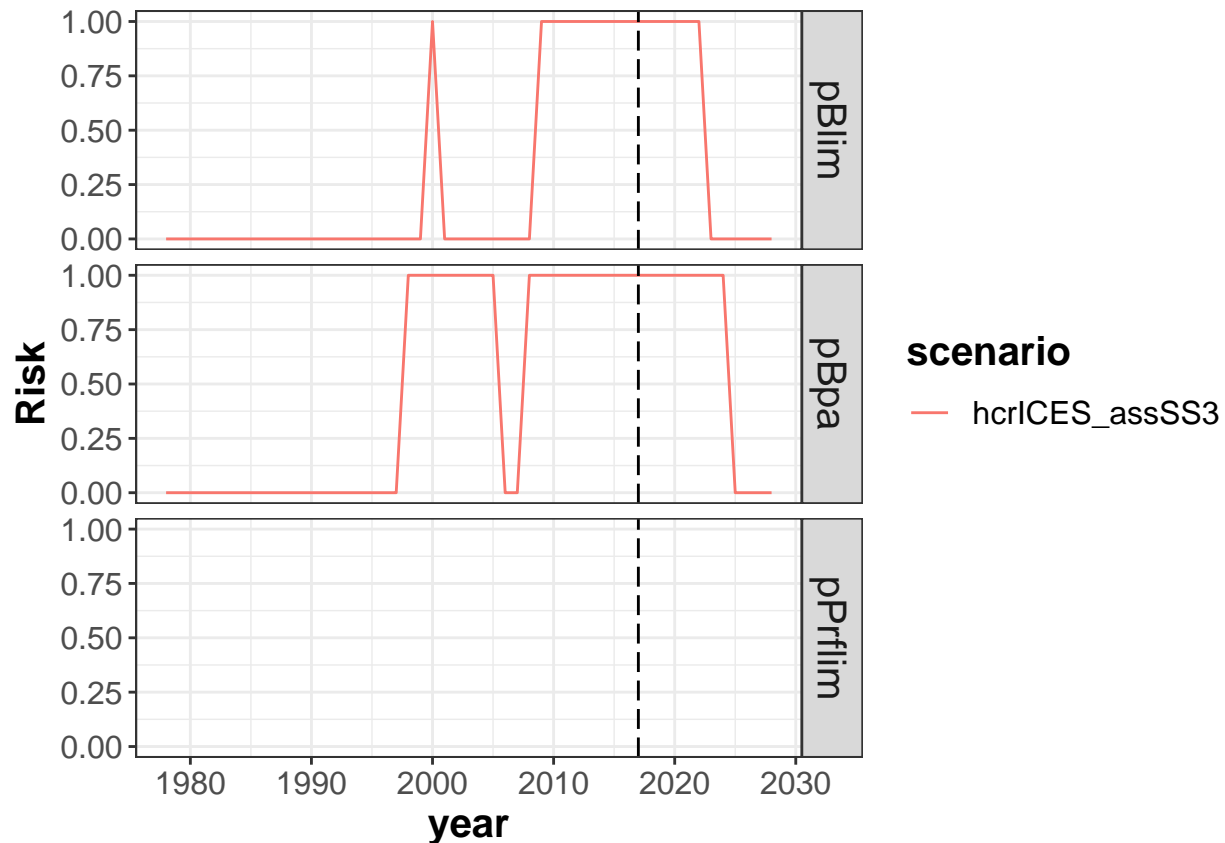


```
# - fleet summary
s0$fleets <- setUnitsNA(s0$fleets)
s0_flt <- fltSum(s0, scenario="hcrICES_assSS3")
plotfltSum( s0_flt, proj.yr=main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]])
```

# INT



```
# - risk summary
s0_risk <- riskSum( s0, Bpa = c(PIL=PIL_ref.pts[["Bpa"]]), Blim = c(PIL=PIL_ref.pts[["Blim"]]),
                   Prflim = c(INT = NA),
                   scenario="hcrICES_assSS3")
s0_risk$year <- as.numeric(ac(s0_risk$year))
ggplot( data=s0_risk, aes(x=year, y=value, color=scenario)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~indicator, scales="free") +
  facet_grid(indicator ~ .) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]]-1, linetype = "longdash")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(text=element_text(size=15),
        title=element_text(size=15,face="bold"),
        strip.text=element_text(size=15))+
  ylab("Risk")
```



We can also compare the last assessed stock (MP) with the real one (OM). In principle, in FLBEIA, the assessment results are only saved for the last assessed year. However, in this case we have kept track of the assessment results (ssb, rec and fbar) in every projection year (see next section for more details).

## Assessment fit - convergence issues

To check if the assessment fitting has converged, we have stored convergence values in the covars object.

```
# Number of years in which assessment did not converged
sum(s0$covars$conv>0.001,na.rm=T)
```

```
## [1] 0
```

```
# In case there are, let's see which one(s):
dimnames(s0$covars$conv)$year[!is.na(s0$covars$conv) & s0$covars$conv>0.01]
```

```
## character(0)
```

In case that we have lack of convergence in any of the projection years, then the projections should be repeated until we get an output where all the assessments converged.

We can also check the assessment consistency between years (e.g. checking if there are retrospective patterns).

```
# Management Procedure - perceived
stk.MP <- s0$covars[c("rec", "fbar", "ssb", "qs")]
nyr <- dim(stk.MP$ssb)[1]
stk.MP <- lapply( stk.MP, function(x) x[-nyr,])
```

```
# Operating Model - "real"
```

```

stk.OM <- list()
stk.OM$ssb <- ssb(s0$biols$PIL)
stk.OM$rec <- s0$biols$PILon[1,]
#! +++ CREA QUE HAY UN LAG DE UN ANNO EN LO QUE GUARDAMOS!!!! +++
#! --> COMPROBAR

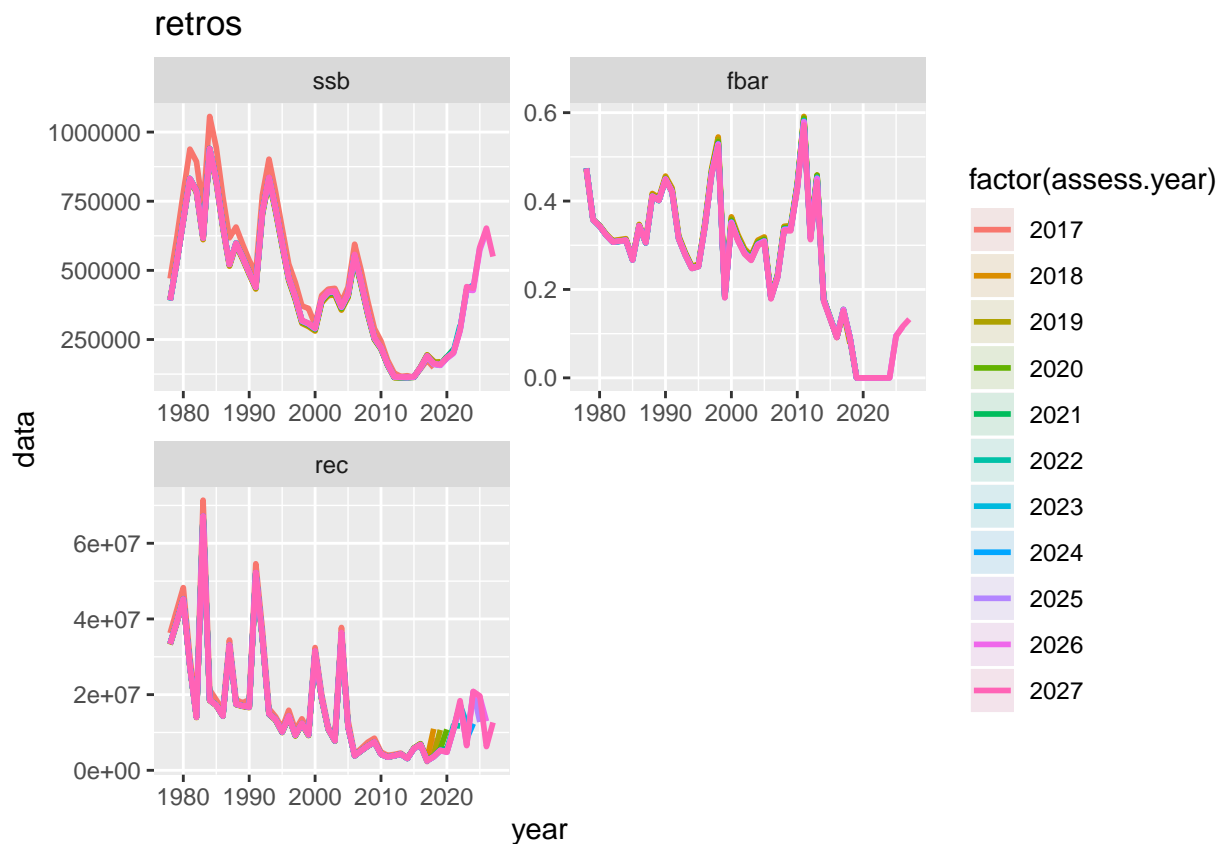
stk.OM$indices <- stk.MP$qs*NA
stk.OM$indices[1,] <- quantSums(s0$indices$PIL$AcousticNumberAtAge@index)
stk.OM$indices[2,] <- s0$indices$PIL$DEPM@index

dat <- stk.MP[c("ssb", "fbar", "rec")]

dat <- do.call("rbind", lapply(seq_along(dat), function(i,x) {
  cbind(as.data.frame(x[[i]]), indicator=names(x)[i])
}, x=dat))

ggplot( dat, aes( year, data, col = factor(assess.year), fill = factor(assess.year))) +
  facet_wrap(~indicator, scales = "free", ncol = 2) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
    fun.ymin = function(x) quantile(x,0.05),
    fun.ymax = function(x) quantile(x,0.95),
    geom = "ribbon", alpha=0.1, col=NA) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
    geom = "line", size=1) +
  ggtitle("retros")

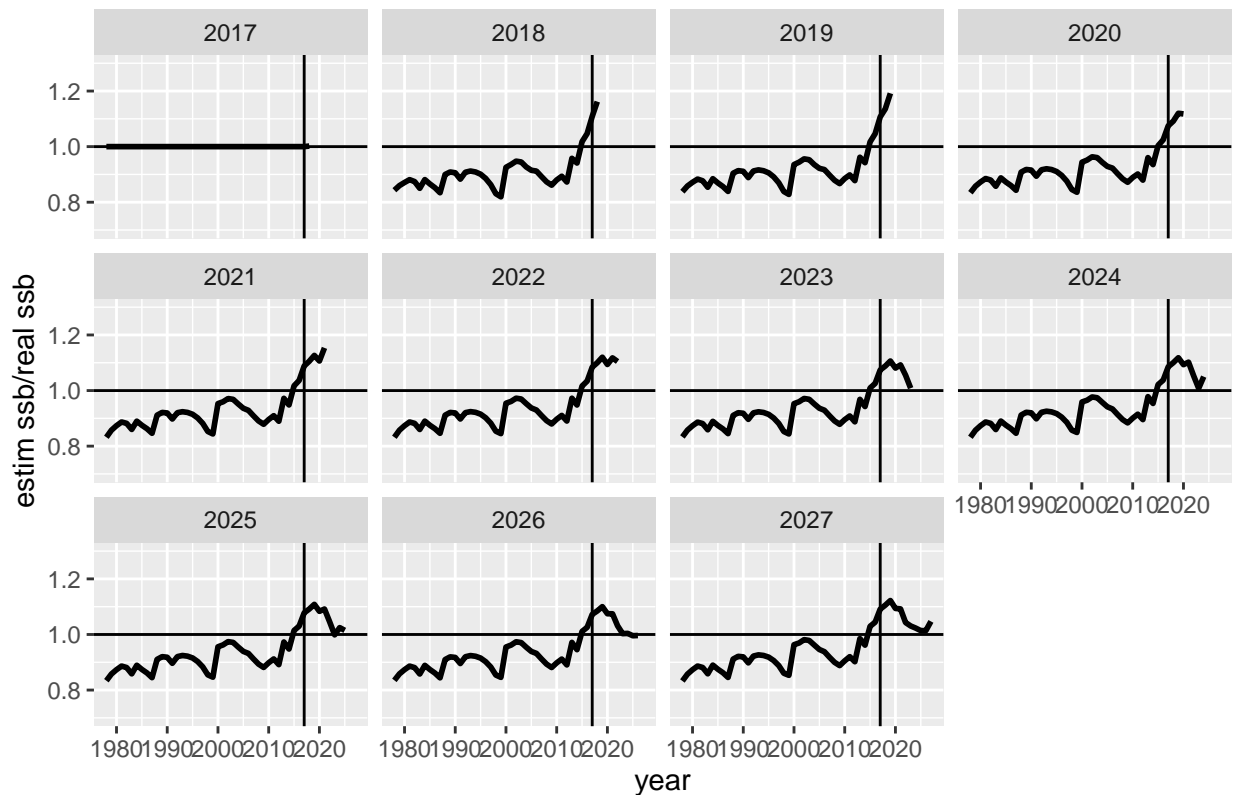
```



```

dat <- as.data.frame(sweep( stk.MP$ssb, 2, stk.OM$ssb, "/" ))
ggplot(dat,aes(year,data))+facet_wrap(~assess.year)+
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
    fun.ymin = function(x) quantile(x,0.05),
    fun.ymax = function(x) quantile(x,0.95),
    geom = "ribbon",alpha=0.2,col=NA) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
    geom = "line",size=1)+
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1)+geom_vline(xintercept = main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]]-1)+
  ggtitle("")+ylim(0.7,1.3)+ylab("estim ssb/real ssb")

```

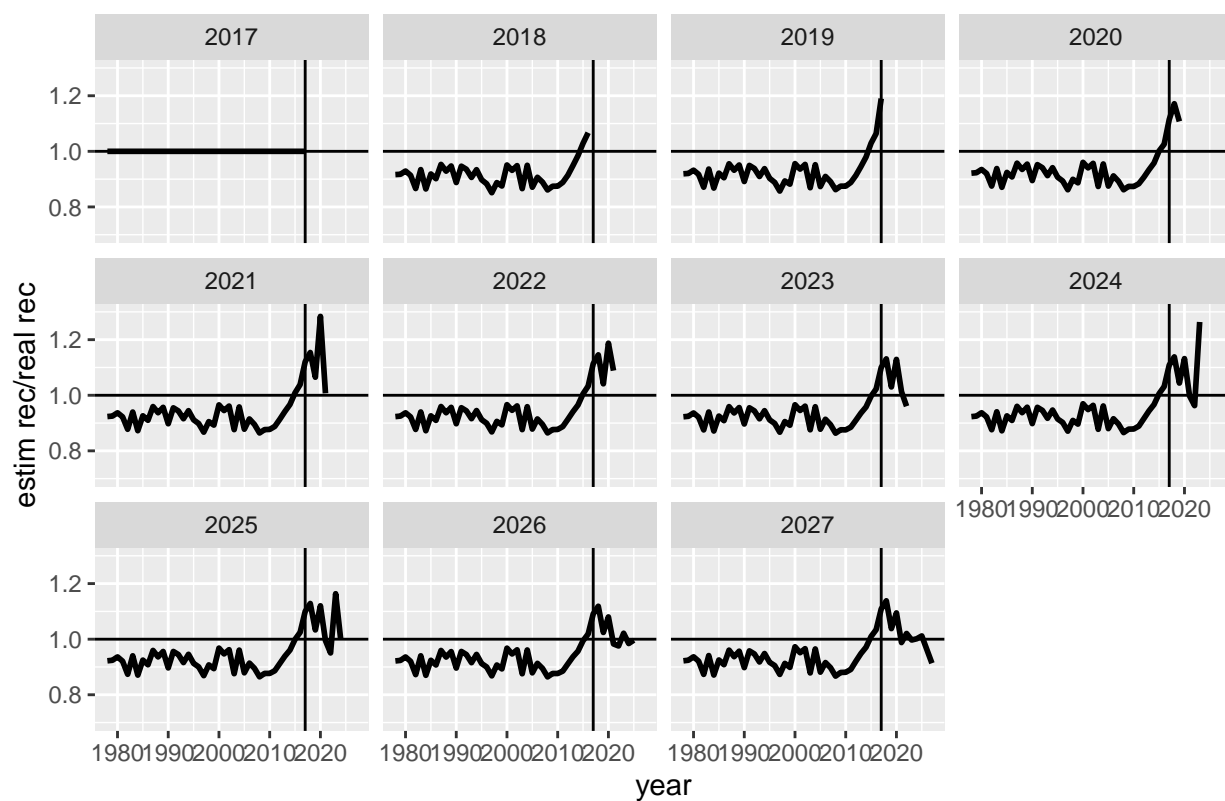


```

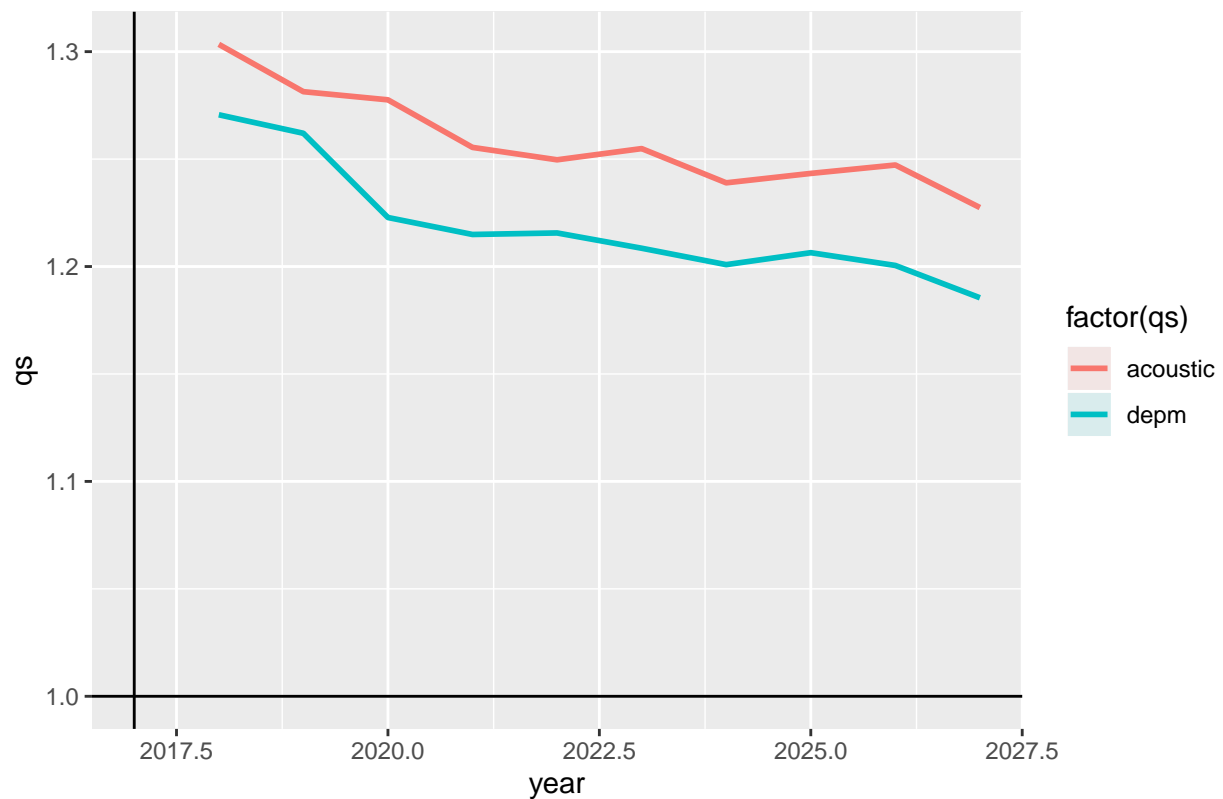
dat <- as.data.frame(sweep( stk.MP$rec, 2, stk.OM$rec, "/" ))
ggplot(dat,aes(year,data))+facet_wrap(~assess.year)+
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
    fun.ymin = function(x) quantile(x,0.05),
    fun.ymax = function(x) quantile(x,0.95),
    geom = "ribbon",alpha=0.2,col=NA) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
    geom = "line",size=1)+
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1)+geom_vline(xintercept = main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]]-1)+
  ggtitle("")+ylim(0.7,1.3)+ylab("estim rec/real rec")

```

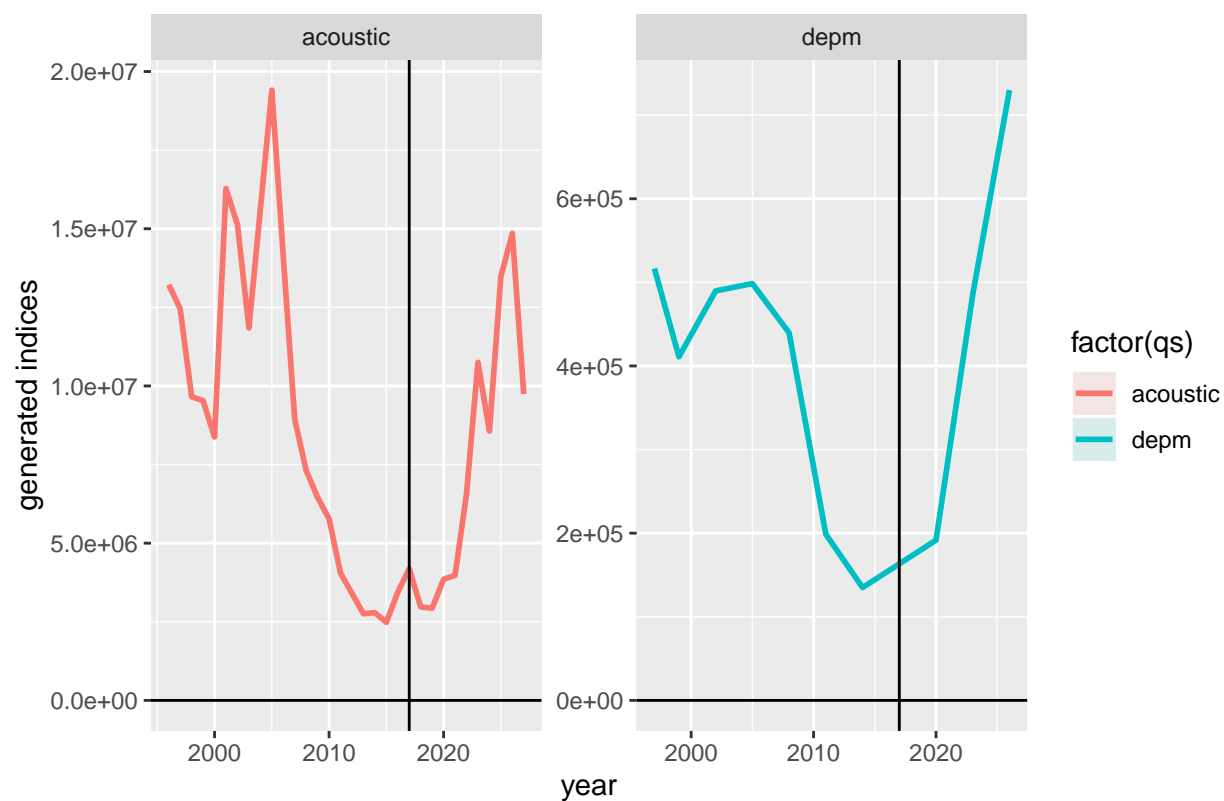




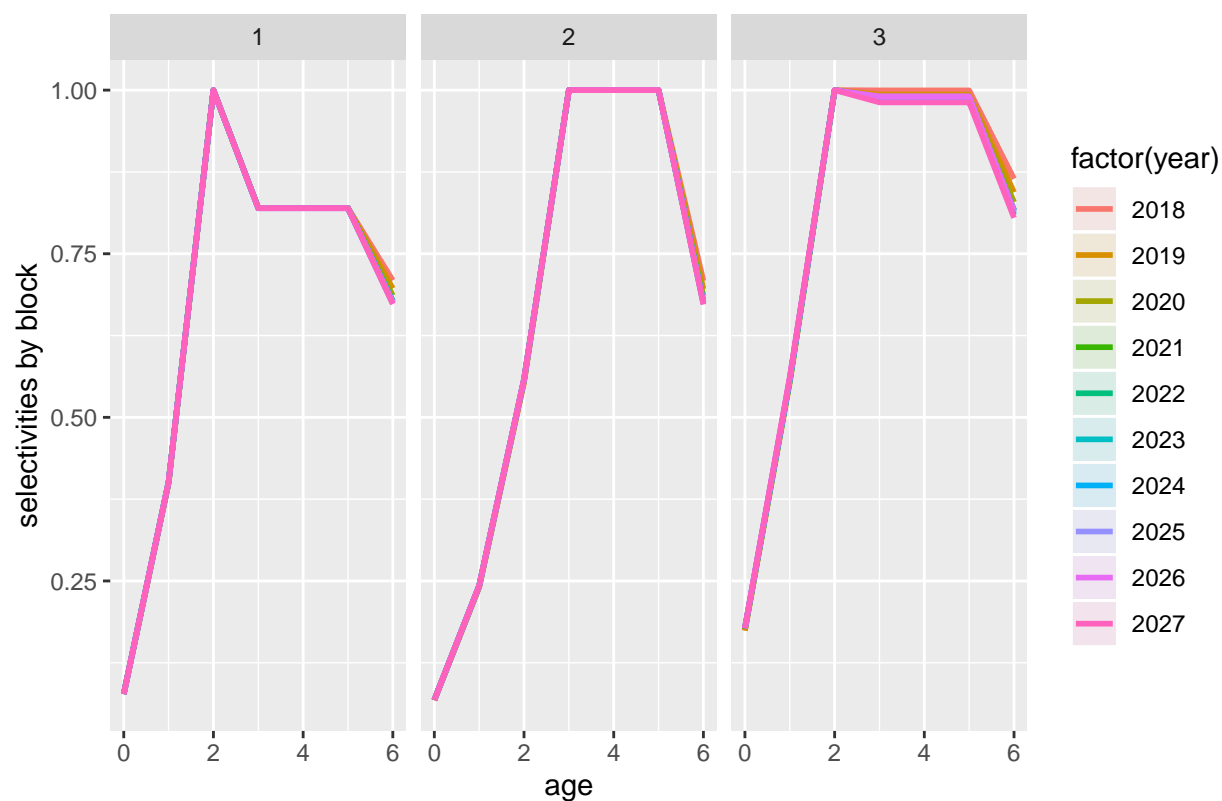
```
dat <- as.data.frame(stk.MP$qs)
ggplot(dat,aes(year,data,col=factor(qs),fill=factor(qs)))+#facet_wrap(~assess.year)+
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
               fun.ymin = function(x) quantile(x,0.05),
               fun.ymax = function(x) quantile(x,0.95),
               geom = "ribbon",alpha=0.1,col=NA) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
               geom = "line",size=1)+
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1)+geom_vline(xintercept = main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]]-1)+
  ggtitle("")+ylab("qs")
```



```
dat <- as.data.frame(stk.OM$indices)
ggplot(dat,aes(year,data,col=factor(qs),fill=factor(qs)))+facet_wrap(~qs,scales="free")+
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
               fun.ymin = function(x) quantile(x,0.05),
               fun.ymax = function(x) quantile(x,0.95),
               geom = "ribbon",alpha=0.1,col=NA) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
               geom = "line",size=1)+
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1)+geom_vline(xintercept = main.ctrl$sim.years[["initial"]]-1)+
  ggtitle("")+ylab("generated indices")
```



```
dat <- as.data.frame(s0$covars$sel)
ggplot(dat, aes(age, data, col=factor(year), fill=factor(year))) + facet_wrap(~unit) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
               fun.ymin = function(x) quantile(x, 0.05),
               fun.ymax = function(x) quantile(x, 0.95),
               geom = "ribbon", alpha=0.1, col=NA) +
  stat_summary(fun.y = median,
               geom = "line", size=1) +
  ggtitle("") + ylab("selectivities by block")
```



## More information

- You can submit bug reports, questions or suggestions on this tutorial at <https://github.com/flr/doc/issues>.
- Or send a pull request to <https://github.com/flr/doc/>
- For more information on the FLR Project for Quantitative Fisheries Science in R, visit the FLR webpage, <http://flr-project.org>.
- You can submit bug reports, questions or suggestions specific to **FLBEIA** to [flbeia@azti.es](mailto:flbeia@azti.es).

## Software Versions

- R version 3.5.2 (2018-12-20)
- FLCore: 2.6.13
- FLBEIA: 1.15.4
- FLFleet: 2.6.1
- FLash: 2.5.11
- FLAssess: 2.6.3
- ggplotFL: 2.6.7
- ggplot2: 3.2.1
- r4ss: 1.24.0
- reshape2: 1.4.3
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