Supplementary Information for

**Exploring the role of access regimes over stewardship behaviors of small-scale fishers**

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1. **High- and low-performance classification for sampled associations**

To categorize association in high and low-management TURF performance we use the social integration and management capacity dimensions of the co-management performance index built by Marin et al., 2012. **Table S1** describes de variables included, their scale and justification.

**Table S2** present the values for the different associations in our sample as assessed by Marin et al., 2012 (database provided by the author). We estimated a TURF management performance index as the average score of the included variables. To define the cutoff at which an association will be considered a high- or low-performance association we calculated the median value in the whole sample by Marin et al., 2012, which was equal to 2.13. All associations with performance index greater than 2.13 were considered high-performance associations and those smaller than 2.13 were considered low-performance associations. We then sampled from both types of associations in the central coast of Chile to build our sample.

**Table S1.** Social integration and Management capacity portion of the Co-management performance index presented in Marin et al., 2012.

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| **Dimension** | **Variable** | **Survey question/ Source** | **Scale** | **Variable justification** |
| Social integration | Pride in TURF | In our organization we are proud  of our TURF | 4 = Highly agree to  1 = Highly disagree | More pride with TURF = higher recognition of fishers’ stewardship role in benthic  resources sustainability |
| Self-assessed compliance to  TURF’s rules | Our union members observe the management agreement to the  letter | 4 = Highly agree to  1 = Highly disagree | More compliance = reduced poaching and better self-governance |
| Management capacity | Trend in official MEABR annual  TACs | SUBPESCA statistics | 1 = Increased  -1 = Decreased  0 = No significant trend | Biologically assessed TURF TACs maintained or increased =  sustained resources stocks |
| Third party assessed “star  caletas” | TURFs considered successful/  model cases of co-management in each region | 1 = Star caleta  0 = Other caletas | Better current results = better perceived management capacities |
| Third party assessed current  performance of TURF | Which of these words better describe the overall performance of  the following fishers’  associations’ TURFs? | 5 = Success  4 = Stability  3 = Improvement  2 = Stagnation  1 = Failure | Better future projections = better  perceived long-term management  capacities |
| Third party assessed future  projection of TURF | Assign a score to each organization reflecting its future projections with respect to their TURF performance? | 5 = Good performance to  1 = Bad performance | Better future projections = better  perceived long-term management  capacities |

**Table S2.** Values for the variables included in the TURF-performance index for the different associations included in our sample as assessed by Marin et al., 2012 (database provided by the author). Associations are presented with an alias to ensure anonymity. TURF performance index is presented in the last column to the right. Red values indicate those values under the cutoff of 2.13 (the median value in Marin et al. 2012) and green values indicate those above the cutoff.

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| Association | Pride in TURF | Self-assessed compliance | Trend TAC | Star Association | Current performance | Projected performance | TURF performance index |
| A | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4.5 | 5 | 2.58 |
| B | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3.5 | 1.75 |
| C | 2 | 3 | NA[[1]](#footnote-1) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1.60 |
| D | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 2.33 |
| E | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 | 3 | 1.58 |

1. **Instructions of the Common-pool resource game** [[2]](#footnote-2)

Welcome, and thank you for being here. You have been randomly chosen from the list of members of your fishers’ association to participate in a game. This research is concerned with the **harvesting/fishing** of  **loco/ hake.** It is part of a project carried on jointly Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the Research Center in Social Complexity from the Universidad del Desarrollo. Your association’s board, and National fisheries authorities like the National Service of Fisheries and Aquaculture (SERNAPESCA) and The Undersecretary of Fisheries (SUBPESCA) are not involved in this study. The game will last around an hour. By participating you could earn up to $32.500 CLP each. Once the session ends you will receive your payoffs individually and privately.

Now we will read the instructions aloud. If you have any questions, please rise your hand in silence and we will answer them aloud. Let us start. You will play the game via computers. Do not worry if you have never used a computer before because we will only be using the numeric keypad, which works very similar to the numeric keypad in a cellphone or a calculator.

Before starting the game, the ten participants in the room will be randomly assembled in two groups of five fishers each. All the interaction with your partners will be perform anonymously via the computer. You will never know who the other members of your group were, neither during the game nor after it.

The game recreates a situation in which you go **out harvesting/ fishing** for **loco/ hake** and need to decide individually how many **units of locos/ kilos of hake** to **harvest/ fish**.

The game is divided into 20 rounds, which represent fishing trips. Each one of you has an individual quota of 100 **units of locos/ kilos of hake** per round, which was established by **the association’s board/ SUBPESCA** ― this is just a recreation given that **the association’s board/ SUBPESCA** is not really involved in this study. The computer will always assume that you will **harvest/fish** all the **units of locos/ kilos of hake** from your individual quota. In addition, you will have the chance to **harvest/ fish** up to 50 more units above your quota in each round.

**Harvest/fish** more **units of locos/kilos of hake** than the quota established by **the association’s board/ SUBPESCA** brings more economic benefits to you, but it produces economic harm to the other members in your group. This is because for every two **units of locos/ kilos of hake** you **overharvest/ overfish** the other members in your group will lose **one units of loco/ kilo of hake** each from their individual catch. This mimics the damage that **overharvesting/overfishing** generates over the marine ecosystem reducing everyone’s’ productivity.

Now, we will show you the screens that you will see in the computer during the game. In each round the computer will ask the same question: How many **units of locos/ kilos of hake** above your individual quota you want to **harvest/fish** (from 0 up to 50)? If you want to comply with your quota, the answer must be zero.

Your answers will be recorded anonymously in the computer. Neither the researches, nor the other participants will know how **many units of locos/ kilos of hake** did you **harvest/ fish** during the game. Your identity will never be revealed. To remain anonymous, it is very important to be quiet during the game and no make any comments. It is not allowed to speak during the game, if you need any help please rise your hand in silence and a monitor will assist you.

Once every group’s member had entered their responses, you will see a summary screen, summarizing the results of the round. As you can see, it will tell you:

1. The number of **units of locos/ kilos of hake** that you **harvested/ fished** in that round.
2. The number of **units of locos/ kilos of hake** **harvested/ fished**, on average, by the rest of the members in your group in that round.
3. The number of **units of locos/ kilos of hake** that you lost due to the **overharvesting/ overfishing** of the other members of your group in that round.
4. The number of **units of locos/ kilos of hake** that you ended up with and are available to be sold in that round.
5. The amount of money that you earned in that round.

Once you have read the screen press the red button to continue. Once everyone has read their screens, the next round will automatically begin.

Summarizing:

1. You have an individual quota of 100 **units of locos/ kilos of hake** in each round.
2. You have the chance of **harvest/ fish** beyond your quota up to 50 additional **units of loco/ kilos of hake** in each round.
3. For each additional **unit of loco/ kilo of hake** you **overharvest/ overfish** the rest of the members in your group will lose half a **unit of loco/ kilo of hake** from their catch in that round.
4. We will pay you $10 CLP for each **unit of loco/ kilo of hake** at the end of each round.
5. Your earnings will be accumulated during the 20 rounds of the game and will be paid privately at the end of the session.

Before starting you will play three trial rounds just to practice. These rounds are not for real money. Please rise your hand in silence if you have any question and wait until a monitor can assist you. Once the trial rounds are completed, the real game will start, and you will be playing for real money.

Please remember that communication during the game is not allowed!

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Starting from round 11 a new rule will be implemented.

After everyone has decided how many **units of loco/ kilos of hake** they want to **overharvest/ overfish**, the computer will randomly match two players in each group. One person in each of the couples formed by the computer, will be assigned as the inspector and will be allowed to observe their partner’s catch without knowing their identity. Since the groups have five players, two persons in each group will be inspectors, two will be inspected and one person will remain inactive during this stage. The computer will randomly assign the roles in each round.

If you are randomly chosen as an inspector, you will see a screen that will show you your partner’s catch. It is like you could see how many **units of locos/ kilos of hake** the other fisher has in her or his boat. If your partner has exceeded her or his quota, you will have the chance of reporting she or he to **the association’s board/ SERNAPESCA** ― again this is just a recreation given that the **association’s board/ SERNAPESCA** is not really involved in this study. If you are selected as an inspector, $250 CLP will be added to your account. You can use them to report your partner if she or he has exceeded their quota. If you do not spend the $250 CLP in reporting your partner, they will be accumulated in your account. If **the association’s board/ SERNAPESCA** is informed about a quota violation, it will punish the offender by seizing all their catch for that round, leaving that fisher with zero **units of locos/ kilos of hake**. In the game, the computer will play the role of **the association’s board/ SERNAPESCA**. Since the game is anonymous, no one will really know who exceeded their individual quota.

If you are being inspected in a given round, the screen will let you know that your catch is being inspected by other fisher, and you should wait in silence for the next screen.

If you have been selected to remain inactive during this stage, it means you do not inspect anyone’s catch nor will someone inspect yours. The screen will ask you to wait in silence for the next screen.

After insoectors have decided whether to report, everyone will see a summary screen. As you can see, it will tell you:

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2. The number of **units of locos/ kilos of hake** **harvested/ fished**, on average, by the rest of the members in your group in that round.
3. The number of **units of locos/kilos of hake** that you lost because of the **overharvesting/ overfishing** of the other members of your group in that round.
4. Whether you have been reported to **the association’s board/ SERNAPESCA** and your catch has been seized in that round.
5. The number of **units of locos/ kilos of hake** that you ended up with and are available to be sold in that round.
6. The amount of money that you earned in that round.

Once everyone had read their results, the next round will start.

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4. After everyone have entered their decisions, the computer will randomly assign two players as inspectors, two as inspected, and one will remain inactive in each round. Each inspector will see the catch of an inspected
5. If the inspector sees that the inspected has exceed her or his quota, she or he can decide whether to report it to **the association’s board/ SERNAPESCA**. The inspector will receive $250 CLP in her or his account that can be spent in reporting a quota violation. If the inspector does not use the $250 CLP for reporting, they will be accumulated in her or his account.
6. The association’s board will seize all the catch of a reported offender, including their individual quota.
7. We will pay you $10 CLP for each **unit of loco/ kilo of hake** at the end of each round.
8. Your earnings will be accumulated during the 20 rounds of the game and will be paid privately at the end of the session.

Before starting you will play three trial rounds just to practice. These rounds are not for real money. Please rise your hand in silence if you have any question and wait until a monitor can assist you. Once the trial rounds are completed, the real game will start, and you will be playing for real money.

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1. No official records available. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Original instructions were written and read in Spanish. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)