

# Package ‘SlotLim’

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**Description** Catch advice for data-limited vertebrate and invertebrate fisheries managed by harvest slot limits using the SlotLim harvest control rule. The package accompanies the manuscript ``SlotLim: catch advice for data-limited vertebrate and invertebrate fisheries managed by harvest slot limits'' (Pritchard et al., in prep). Minimum data requirements: at least two consecutive years of catch data, length–frequency distributions, and biomass or abundance indices (all from fishery-dependent sources); species-specific growth rate parameters (either von Bertalanffy, Gompertz, or Schnute); and either the natural mortality rate ('M') or the maximum observed age ('tmax'), from which M is estimated. The following functions have optional plotting capabilities that require 'ggplot2' installed: prop\_target(), TBA(), SAM(), catch\_advice(), catch\_adjust(), and slotlim\_once().

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**Description**

Calculates the targeted proportions under historical (old) and proposed (new) harvest slot limits using the same survivorship-by-length framework as [prop\\_target](#). The ratio ("catch adjustment") is returned, and (optionally) a historical catch value is scaled by the adjustment. The optional plot overlays old/new in-slot proportions on the normalized survivorship curve with arrows indicating the direction of change (old → new).

**Usage**

```
catch_adjust(
  old_minLS = NULL,
  old_maxLS = NULL,
  old_Lc = NULL,
  new_minLS = NULL,
  new_maxLS = NULL,
  new_Lc = NULL,
  catch = NULL,
  M = NULL,
  growth_model = c("vb", "gompertz", "schnute"),
  Linf = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  l0 = 0,
  tmax = NULL,
  Gom_Linf = NULL,
  Gom_K = NULL,
  Gom_l0 = NULL,
  g1 = NULL,
  g2 = NULL,
  l2 = NULL,
  Lmin = NULL,
  plot = FALSE,
  length_units = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| old_minLS, old_maxLS, old_Lc | Numeric. Historical slot limits and length at first capture.   |
| new_minLS, new_maxLS, new_Lc | Numeric. New slot limits and length at first capture. If new_Lc is NULL, old_Lc is used.   |
| catch                        | Optional numeric. Historical catch to be adjusted. If provided, adjusted_catch = catch * (prop_new/prop_old) is also computed.                       |
| M                            | Numeric or NULL. Natural mortality. If NULL, defaults to $M = 4.899 * tmax^{-0.916}$ .   |
| growth_model                 | One of "vb", "gompertz", "schnute".  |
| Linf, K, 10                  | von Bertalanffy parameters; 10 is start length (default 0).  |
| tmax                         | Numeric. The maximum observed age used to bound the integrals via l(tmax) and in the default mortality estimator $M = 4.899 * tmax^{-0.916}$ .       |
| Gom_Linf, Gom_K, Gom_10      | Gompertz parameters; requires $0 < Gom\_10 < Gom\_Linf$ .  |
| g1, g2, 12                   | Schnute parameters; 12 is length at tmax; requires g1>0, 12>0, and this parameterization assumes g2 != 0.  |
| Lmin                         | Optional numeric. Lower bound for the curve grid. If NULL it uses the model's start length (10, Gom_10, or 0).                                       |
| plot                         | Logical. If TRUE, return a ggplot2 plot. Default FALSE (returns numeric catch adjustment only).  |
| length_units                 | Optional character scalar. Units to show in the x-axis label when plot = TRUE (e.g., "mm" or "cm"). If NULL (default), the label is simply "Length". |

## Value

If plot = FALSE (default): a numeric scalar adjust\_factor = prop\_new/prop\_old. If plot = TRUE: a list with

- prop\_old, prop\_new — targeted proportions under old/new slots,
- adjust\_factor — prop\_new/prop\_old,
- adjusted\_catch — only if catch provided,
- plot — the ggplot2 object (or NULL if ggplot2 is unavailable).

## Examples

```
# numeric only
catch_adjust(old_minLS = 130, old_maxLS = 280, old_Lc = 80,
            new_minLS = 100, new_maxLS = 240,
            growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, 10 = 0, tmax = 34)

# with plot (requires ggplot2)
catch_adjust(old_minLS = 130, old_maxLS = 280, old_Lc = 80,
            new_minLS = 100, new_maxLS = 240,
```

```

growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, l0 = 0,
tmax = 34, plot = TRUE, length_units = "mm")
# note that overlapping portions stray from color in legend due to alpha value
catch_adjust(old_minLS = 100, old_maxLS = 150, old_Lc = 80,
             new_minLS = 160, new_maxLS = 300,
             growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, l0 = 0,
             tmax = 34, plot = TRUE, length_units = "mm")

```

catch\_advice

catch\_advice

## Description

Calculates the advised catch using the SlotLim framework and (optionally) returns a plot of the percentage change relative to Cy across a grid of (TBA, SAM) values, with the output overlaid.

## Usage

```

catch_advice(
  Cy = NULL,
  TBA = NULL,
  SAM = NULL,
  T1 = NULL,
  T2 = NULL,
  plot = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

|      |   |
|------|---|
| Cy   | Numeric (length 1) > 0. Most recent annual catch, or multi-year average. If landing size restrictions have changed, use <code>catch_adjust</code> to adjust the starting catch value accordingly. |
| TBA  | Numeric (length 1) > 0. Targeted Biomass Adjustment (see <code>TBA()</code> ).  |
| SAM  | Numeric (length 1) > 0. Size Adherence Multiplier (see <code>SAM()</code> ).  |
| T1   | Optional numeric (length 1) in (0,1). Maximum allowed proportional <i>decrease</i> . If NULL, no lower cap.   |
| T2   | Optional numeric (length 1) in (0,1). Maximum allowed proportional <i>increase</i> . If NULL, no upper cap.   |
| plot | Logical. If TRUE, return a <code>ggplot2</code> heatmap (default FALSE).  |

## Value

- Ay: Catch advice (same units as Cy).
- Ay\_percent: Percent change of advice relative to Cy.
- plot: (only when `plot` = TRUE) a `ggplot2` object visualizing percent change across  $TBA \times SAM$ .

**See Also**[TBA](#), [SAM](#)**Examples**

```
Cy <- 1000; TBA <- 1.1; SAM <- 0.9  
catch_advice(Cy, TBA, SAM) # compute only  
  
catch_advice(Cy, TBA, SAM, plot = TRUE)  
catch_advice(Cy, TBA, SAM, T1 = 0.2, T2 = 0.2, plot = TRUE)
```

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*percentile**percentile*

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**Description**

Calculates specified percentiles from length-frequency data.

**Usage**

```
percentile(  
  LF = NULL,  
  probs = c(0.025, 0.975),  
  na.rm = TRUE,  
  sort_probs = TRUE,  
  unique_probs = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| LF           | Numeric vector of length-frequency data (e.g., <code>data\$length</code> ).  |
| probs        | Numeric vector of probabilities in [0, 1] indicating which percentiles to calculate. Default is <code>c(0.025, 0.975)</code> as per <code>SlotLim</code> .     |
| na.rm        | Logical; if TRUE (default), NAs are removed before computing percentiles. If FALSE, NA values may propagate to the result.                                     |
| sort_probs   | Logical; if TRUE (default), <code>probs</code> are sorted ascending (labels follow the returned order). If FALSE, percentiles are returned in the input order. |
| unique_probs | Logical; if TRUE (default), duplicate <code>probs</code> are deduplicated (first occurrence kept for labeling).  |

**Details**

Uses `stats::quantile(..., type = 7)`, the R default. Labels drop trailing zeros (e.g., `L_5` not `L_5.0`).

**Value**

A named list (length = length of probs) where each element corresponds to the requested percentile. Names are formatted as L\_x, where x is the percentile value in percent (e.g., L\_2.5, L\_97.5).

**Examples**

```
length_data <- c(10, 9, 7, 10, 11, 13, NA, 11, 6, 20)
percentile(length_data) # default 2.5th and 97.5th
percentile(length_data, probs = c(0.05, 0.95)) # 5th and 95th percentiles
```

prop\_target

*prop\_target***Description**

Calculates the proportion of normalized survivorship  $S(L)$  falling inside harvest slot limits [ $\text{minLS}$ ,  $\text{maxLS}$ ] relative to the exploitable population ( $>\text{Lc}$ ), where  $S(L) = \exp(-M t(L))$  and  $t(L)$  is the inverse age-from-length for a chosen growth model.

**Usage**

```
prop_target(
  minLS = NULL,
  maxLS = NULL,
  Lc = NULL,
  M = NULL,
  growth_model = c("vb", "gompertz", "schnute"),
  Linf = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  l0 = 0,
  tmax = NULL,
  Gom_Linf = NULL,
  Gom_K = NULL,
  Gom_l0 = NULL,
  g1 = NULL,
  g2 = NULL,
  l2 = NULL,
  Lmin = NULL,
  plot = FALSE,
  length_units = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <code>minLS, maxLS</code> | Numeric. Minimum and maximum harvest slot limits (same units as length). |
| <code>Lc</code>           | Numeric. Lower cutoff; individuals below Lc are <i>not exploitable</i> . |

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| M                       | Numeric or NULL. Natural mortality. If NULL, defaults to $M = 4.899 t_{max}^{-0.916}$ .   |
| growth_model            | Character. One of "vb", "gompertz", "schnute".  |
| Linf, K, l0             | VB parameters; l0 is the start length (default 0).  |
| tmax                    | Numeric. Maximum age used to determine $l(t_{max})$ and set the upper integration bound.  |
| Gom_Linf, Gom_K, Gom_l0 | Gompertz parameters; requires $0 < Gom\_l0 < Gom\_Linf$ .   |
| g1, g2, l2              | Schnute parameters; l2 = 1(t_{max}); requires g1 > 0, l2 > 0, g2 != 0.  |
| Lmin                    | Optional numeric. Lower bound for the curve grid. If NULL it uses the model's start length (l0, Gom_l0, or 0).  |
| plot                    | Logical. If TRUE, return a <b>ggplot2</b> visual; default FALSE.  |
| length_units            | Optional character scalar. Units to display in the x-axis label when plot = TRUE (e.g., "cm" or "mm"). If NULL (default), the label is simply "Length". |

## Details

Supported growth models (reparameterized to avoid negative length-at-age-0 and to give exact  $t(L_{start}) = 0$ ):

- **von Bertalanffy (VB)** with start length  $l_0$ :

$$t(l) = -\frac{1}{K} \ln\left(\frac{L_\infty - l}{L_\infty - l_0}\right), \quad l(t) = L_\infty \left(1 - (1 - l_0/L_\infty) e^{-Kt}\right).$$

- **Gompertz** with start length  $l_0$  (requires  $0 < l_0 < L_\infty$ ):

$$t(l) = -\frac{1}{K} \ln\left(\frac{\ln(l/L_\infty)}{\ln(l_0/L_\infty)}\right), \quad l(t) = L_\infty (l_0/L_\infty)^{e^{-Kt}}.$$

- **Schnute** with  $l(0) = 0$  and  $l(t_{max}) = l_2$ :

$$t(l) = -\frac{1}{g_1} \ln\left(1 - \frac{l^{g_2}}{l_2^{g_2}} (1 - e^{-g_1 t_{max}})\right), \quad l(t) = \left(\frac{l_2^{g_2}}{1 - e^{-g_1 t_{max}}} (1 - e^{-g_1 t})\right)^{1/g_2}.$$

Survivorship is normalized at the model start so that  $S(L_{start}) = 1$ : 10 for vB, Gom\_l0 for Gompertz (requires  $0 < Gom\_l0 < Gom\_Linf$ ), and 0 for Schnute.

Targeted proportion:

$$\frac{\int_{\max(\min(L_S, L_c))}^{\min(max(L_S, l(t_{max})))} S(L) dL}{\int_{\max(L_c, L_{start})}^{l(t_{max})} S(L) dL}.$$

We clamp only near the upper limit to avoid  $\log(0)$  and never shift the start, preserving  $t(L_{start}) = 0$ .

## Value

If `plot` = FALSE (default): numeric scalar (the targeted proportion). If `plot` = TRUE: list with `proportion` and `plot` (a **ggplot** object).

## Examples

```
# Numeric only
prop_target(minLS=120, maxLS=240, Lc=80,
            growth_model="vb", Linf=405, K=0.118, l0=0, tmax=34, plot=FALSE)

# With plot (requires ggplot2)
out <- prop_target(minLS=120, maxLS=240, Lc=80,
                    growth_model="schnute", g1=0.2, g2=0.2, l2=405, tmax=34, plot=TRUE, length_units = "mm")
out$plot
```

rb

*rb*

## Description

Calculates the proportional rate of change in an abundance or biomass index (*rb*) between consecutive data points using one of three methods:

- "annual" Change between the two most recent data points:  $(x_1 - x_2)/x_2$ . Requires at least 2 values.
- "1over2" Change between the most recent value and the mean of the two values prior:  $(x_1 - \bar{x}_{2:3})/\bar{x}_{2:3}$ . Requires at least 3 values.
- "2over3" Change between the mean of the two most recent values and the mean of the three values prior:  $(\bar{x}_{1:2} - \bar{x}_{3:5})/\bar{x}_{3:5}$ . Requires at least 5 values.

## Usage

```
rb(
  b_index = NULL,
  method = c("annual", "1over2", "2over3"),
  na.rm = FALSE,
  digits = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>b_index</code> | Numeric vector of abundance or biomass indices in descending time order (most recent first).  |
| <code>method</code>  | Character string; one of "annual" (default), "1over2", or "2over3".   |
| <code>na.rm</code>   | Logical; if TRUE, NAs are removed before computing. If FALSE (default) and NAs are present in the needed positions, the result may be NA. |
| <code>digits</code>  | Optional integer. If supplied, the result is rounded using <code>round(x, digits)</code> . If NULL (default), full precision is returned. |

## Details

Validates that sufficient data are available for the chosen method and guards against (near-)zero denominators. If a needed denominator is NA (after `na.rm`) or numerically zero, an error is thrown.

## Value

A numeric scalar: the proportional rate of change `rb`. Positive values indicate an increase; negative values indicate a decrease.

## Note

`b_index` must be in descending time order (most recent first). Indices should be non-negative (e.g., CPUE).

## See Also

[TBA](#)

## Examples

```
cpue <- c(0.75, 0.70, 1.49, 1.20, 1.10) # most recent first
rb(b_index = cpue) # annual method by default
rb(b_index = cpue, method = "1over2")
rb(b_index = cpue, method = "2over3")

cpue2 <- c(0.75, NA, 1.49, 1.20, 1.10)
rb(cpue2, method = "1over2", na.rm = TRUE, digits = 2)
```

## Description

Calculate the size adherence multiplier (SAM), which evaluates adherence to harvest slot limits by comparing (lower, upper) percentiles of length–frequency data to `minLS` and `maxLS`. Optionally, produce a graph showing how SAM varies across a grid of (lower, upper) values.

When `lower >= minLS` and `upper <= maxLS`, neither of the slot limits are violated and the multiplier is calculated without constraint. When `lower < minLS` or `upper > maxLS`, at least one slot limit is violated and the multiplier is capped at constraint (default = 1).

## Usage

```
SAM(
  lower = NULL,
  upper = NULL,
  minLS = NULL,
  maxLS = NULL,
```

```

constraint = 1,
digits = 2,
plot = FALSE,
res = 1,
lower_percentile = 2.5,
upper_percentile = 97.5,
length_units = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>lower</code>                              | Numeric (length 1). Lower percentile of catch length (e.g., 2.5th).  |
| <code>upper</code>                              | Numeric (length 1). Upper percentile of catch length (e.g., 97.5th).   |
| <code>minLS</code>                              | Numeric (length 1). Minimum landing size (must be > 0).  |
| <code>maxLS</code>                              | Numeric (length 1). Maximum landing size (must be > 0).  |
| <code>constraint</code>                         | Numeric (length 1) in [0, 1]. Cap applied <i>when either</i> slot limit is violated (default = 1).   |
| <code>digits</code>                             | Integer. Number of decimal places used to round outputs (default = 2). Set <code>digits = NA</code> to prevent rounding.                                     |
| <code>plot</code>                               | Logical. If TRUE, include a <b>ggplot2</b> plot of the calculated value on a grid of (lower, upper) combinations (default FALSE).                            |
| <code>res</code>                                | Numeric > 0. Grid step for plotting when <code>plot = TRUE</code> . Smaller values increase smoothness but can be slower (default 1).                        |
| <code>lower_percentile, upper_percentile</code> | Numbers used only for axis labels when <code>plot = TRUE</code> (defaults 2.5 and 97.5).   |
| <code>length_units</code>                       | Optional character scalar. Units to display in the x/y-axis labels when <code>plot = TRUE</code> (e.g., "cm" or "mm"). If NULL (default), units are omitted. |

## Details

The unconstrained multiplier is  $(1 + lower\_adherence) \times (1 + upper\_adherence)$ . If any slot limit is violated, the multiplier is `pmin(constraint, multiplier)`.

## Value

A list with:

**lower\_adherence** Relative deviation of lower from `minLS`:  $(lower - minLS)/minLS$ .

**upper\_adherence** Relative deviation of upper from `maxLS`:  $(maxLS - upper)/maxLS$ .

**SAM** Size adherence multiplier. SAM > 1 increases the advised catch; SAM < 1 decreases it.

**plot** (only when `plot = TRUE`) a **ggplot2** object visualizing SAM over a grid. Illogical combinations of percentiles are shaded grey (e.g.,  $L_{2.5} > L_{97.5}$ ).

## See Also

[percentile](#) for computing percentiles from length–frequency data.

## Examples

```
SAM(lower = 13, upper = 24, minLS = 12, maxLS = 24) # no violation
SAM(lower = 13, upper = 25, minLS = 12, maxLS = 24, constraint = 0.95) # violation with constraint

out <- SAM(
  lower = 13, upper = 25,
  minLS = 12, maxLS = 24,
  res = 0.5,
  lower_percentile = 5, upper_percentile = 95,
  constraint = 1,
  plot = TRUE,
  length_units = "cm")
out$SAM
```

slotlim\_once

*slotlim\_once*

## Description

Run a single SlotLim pass: compute rb, P, TBA, SAM, and catch advice Ay\_percent; optionally show a composite plot (P, TBA, SAM, Ay\_percent).

## Usage

```
slotlim_once(
  Cy = NULL,
  b_index = NULL,
  method = c("annual", "1over2", "2over3"),
  minLS = NULL,
  maxLS = NULL,
  Lc = NULL,
  growth_model = c("vb", "gompertz", "schnute"),
  Linf = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  l0 = 0,
  tmax = NULL,
  Gom_Linf = NULL,
  Gom_K = NULL,
  Gom_l0 = NULL,
  g1 = NULL,
  g2 = NULL,
  l2 = NULL,
  M = NULL,
  lower = NULL,
  upper = NULL,
```

```

LF = NULL,
probs = c(0.025, 0.975),
constraint = 1,
T1 = NULL,
T2 = NULL,
plots = FALSE,
length_units = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Cy                      | Numeric. Historical catch.   |
| b_index                 | Numeric vector of a biomass or abundance index in descending time order (most recent first).   |
| method                  | Character. Method for calculating rb ("annual", "1over2", or "2over3").  |
| minLS, maxLS, Lc        | Numeric. Slot limits and length at first capture.  |
| growth_model            | One of "vb", "gompertz", "schnute".  |
| Linf, K, 10             | von Bertalanffy (vB) parameters; 10 is the start length (default 0).   |
| tmax                    | Numeric. Maximum observed age; used for integration bounds and (if M is NULL) to compute default M.  |
| Gom_Linf, Gom_K, Gom_10 | Gompertz parameters; requires $0 < \text{Gom\_10} < \text{Gom\_Linf}$ .  |
| g1, g2, 12              | Schnute parameters; 12 is length at tmax; requires $g1 > 0$ , $12 > 0$ , and this parameterization assumes $g2 \neq 0$ .   |
| M                       | Numeric or NULL. Natural mortality. If NULL, defaults to $M = 4.899 \times tmax^{-0.916}$ .  |
| lower, upper            | Optional values at specified percentiles. If provided, used directly by SAM().   |
| LF                      | Optional numeric vector of length-frequency data. If lower/upper are NULL and LF is supplied, the function computes percentiles via percentile(LF, probs) and uses them. |
| probs                   | Numeric vector of probabilities in [0, 1] passed to percentile() when LF is used. Default c(0.025, 0.975).   |
| constraint              | Numeric (default 1). Passed to SAM().  |
| T1, T2                  | Optional numerics passed to catch_advice().  |
| plots                   | Logical; if TRUE, a $2 \times 2$ composite plot is printed (if <b>patchwork</b> is available).   |
| length_units            | Optional character; x-axis units for the prop_target and SAM plots (e.g., "mm").   |

## Details

Precedence for size inputs: if both lower and upper are provided, they are used. Otherwise, if LF is provided, they are derived via percentile(LF, probs). Else error.

## Value

A list with Ay, Ay\_percent, TBA, SAM, rb, P, and (if plots=TRUE) a composite plot. Also returns the resolved M and the lower/upper bounds actually used; tmax is echoed back.

## Examples

```
# Minimal, fast example (no plotting), passing lower/upper directly:
slotlim_once(
  Cy = 1000,
  b_index = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5), method = "2over3",
  minLS = 120, maxLS = 240, Lc = 80,
  growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, l0 = 0,
  tmax = 34,
  lower = 100, upper = 220
)

# Derive lower/upper from length-frequency percentiles:
set.seed(1)
LF <- rnorm(200, mean = 180, sd = 40) # toy example LF

# Compute M from tmax:
slotlim_once(
  Cy = 1000,
  b_index = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5),
  minLS = 120, maxLS = 240, Lc = 80,
  growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, l0 = 0,
  tmax = 34,
  LF = LF, probs = c(0.05, 0.95),
  method = "1over2" # rb method chosen
)

# Use explicit M (still provide tmax for bounds):
slotlim_once(
  Cy = 1000,
  b_index = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5),
  minLS = 120, maxLS = 240, Lc = 80,
  growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, l0 = 0,
  tmax = 34,
  M = 0.19,
  LF = LF, probs = c(0.025, 0.975),
  method = "1over2" # rb method chosen
)

# Plotting example (needs ggplot2 and patchwork):
slotlim_once(
  Cy = 1000,
  b_index = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5),
  minLS = 120, maxLS = 240, Lc = 80,
  growth_model = "vb", Linf = 405, K = 0.118, l0 = 0,
  tmax = 34,
  LF = LF, probs = c(0.025, 0.975),
  method = "1over2", # rb method chosen
  plots = TRUE, length_units = "mm"
)
```

TBA

TBA

## Description

Calculate the targeted biomass adjustment (TBA), which dampens the influence of proportional rate of change  $rb$  on catch advice when the proportion of abundance targeted by harvest slot limits is small. Optionally, produce a graph showing how TBA varies across a grid of ( $P_{targeted}$ ,  $rb$ ) values.

The TBA is calculated as  $1 + (P_{targeted} \times rb)$ .

## Usage

```
TBA(P_targeted = NULL, rb = NULL, digits = 2, plot = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>P_targeted</b> | Numeric (length 1) in [0, 1]. Proportion of abundance targeted by harvest slot limits (e.g., from <code>prop_target()</code> ).                                       |
| <b>rb</b>         | Numeric (length 1). Proportional rate of change in a biomass index (e.g., from <code>rb()</code> ). Typical values lie in [-1, 1], but larger magnitudes are allowed. |
| <b>digits</b>     | Integer. Number of decimal places used to round outputs (default = 2). Set <code>digits = NA</code> to prevent rounding.  |
| <b>plot</b>       | Logical. If TRUE, include a <b>ggplot2</b> plot of the calculated value on a grid of ( $P_{targeted}$ , $rb$ ) combinations (default FALSE).                          |

## Details

The adjustment dampens large changes in biomass indices when the targeted proportion is small by multiplying  $rb$  by  $P_{targeted}$ . The plot shades the surface of  $1 + P_{targeted} \times rb$ . A dashed horizontal line marks  $rb = 0$ .

## Value

A list with:

**P\_targeted** Input targeted proportion (numeric scalar).

**rb** Input proportional rate of change (numeric scalar).

**damped\_change**  $P_{targeted} \times rb$  (numeric scalar).

**TBA** Targeted biomass adjustment multiplier  $1 + P_{targeted} \times rb$  (numeric scalar). TBA > 1 increases advised catch; TBA < 1 decreases it.

**plot** (only when `plot=TRUE`) a **ggplot2** object visualizing TBA over a grid.

## See Also

[prop\\_target](#) for targeted proportion; [rb](#) for proportional rate of change.

**Examples**

```
TBA(P_targeted = 0.5, rb = -0.5)           # compute only  
  
# compute + plot (requires ggplot2)  
out <- TBA(P_targeted = 0.5, rb = -0.5, digits = 2, plot = TRUE)  
out$plot
```

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