Allocation Criteria Framework

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- Three foundation criteria for allocation to provide framework.

- If the TCAC agrees to structure negotiations within this framework, we would then develop a decision tree and workplan to negotiate the details.

- These '*other details*' would determine the calculation and application of the allocation criteria – for example weightings, reference years, catch attribution, compliance, etc.
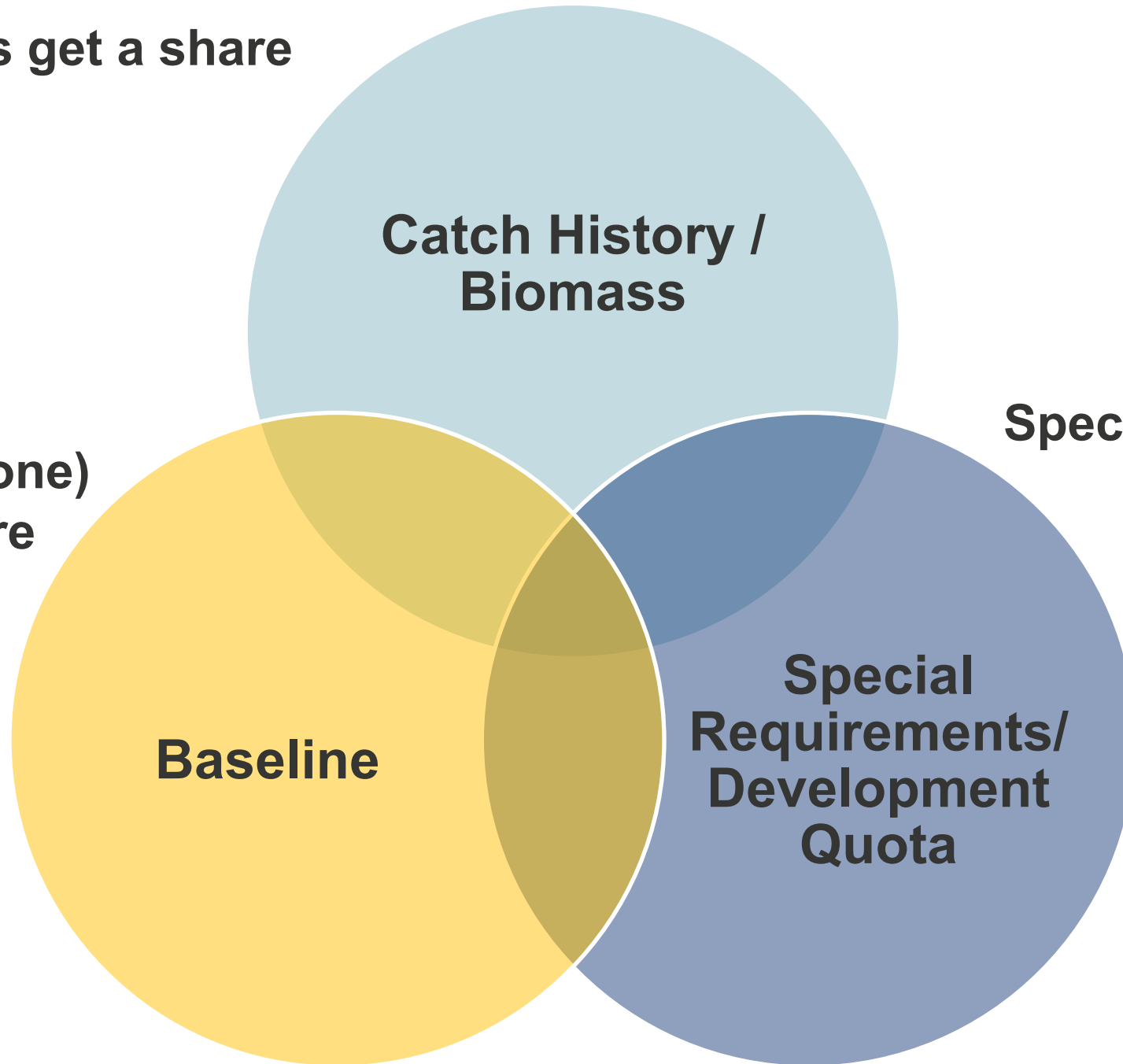
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Catch History / Biomass

Equity (i.e everyone) gets a small share

Special Requirements get a share

Baseline

Special Requirements/ Development Quota

Baseline

- Baseline has been previously discussed and is in the previous Chair's draft.
- Would provide all CPCs with an equal minimum 'baseline' share.
- Partly addresses equity concerns and provides an incentive for non-members and CNCPs to join the IOTC and abide by the limits.
- TCAC04 agreed in 2018 that a baseline allocation should be included, but no weighting has been agreed.

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Catch History / Biomass

- Catch history previously discussed and in the previous Chair's draft.

- While catch history is not mentioned in the IOTC agreement, UNFSA requires the consideration of the respective interests, fishing patterns and practices of new and existing members.

- Connected to catch history is biomass. Some coastal States have similarly argued that the spatial distribution of the biomass must also be considered, instead of, or alongside catch history.

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- Some argue that this is necessary due a lack of data, others argue that it reflects their sovereign rights over the fish within their EEZ.
- Given the limited data available in the IOTC, and the lack of science on spatial distribution, EEZ size could provide a proxy for biomass, as is practiced within other allocation frameworks.

Special Requirements / Development Quota

- The special requirements of development States and the equitable treatment of their development aspirations has also similarly been considered in previous TCAC discussions and the previous Chair's draft, and is widely referred to in the IOTC agreement, and broader international law and development fora.

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