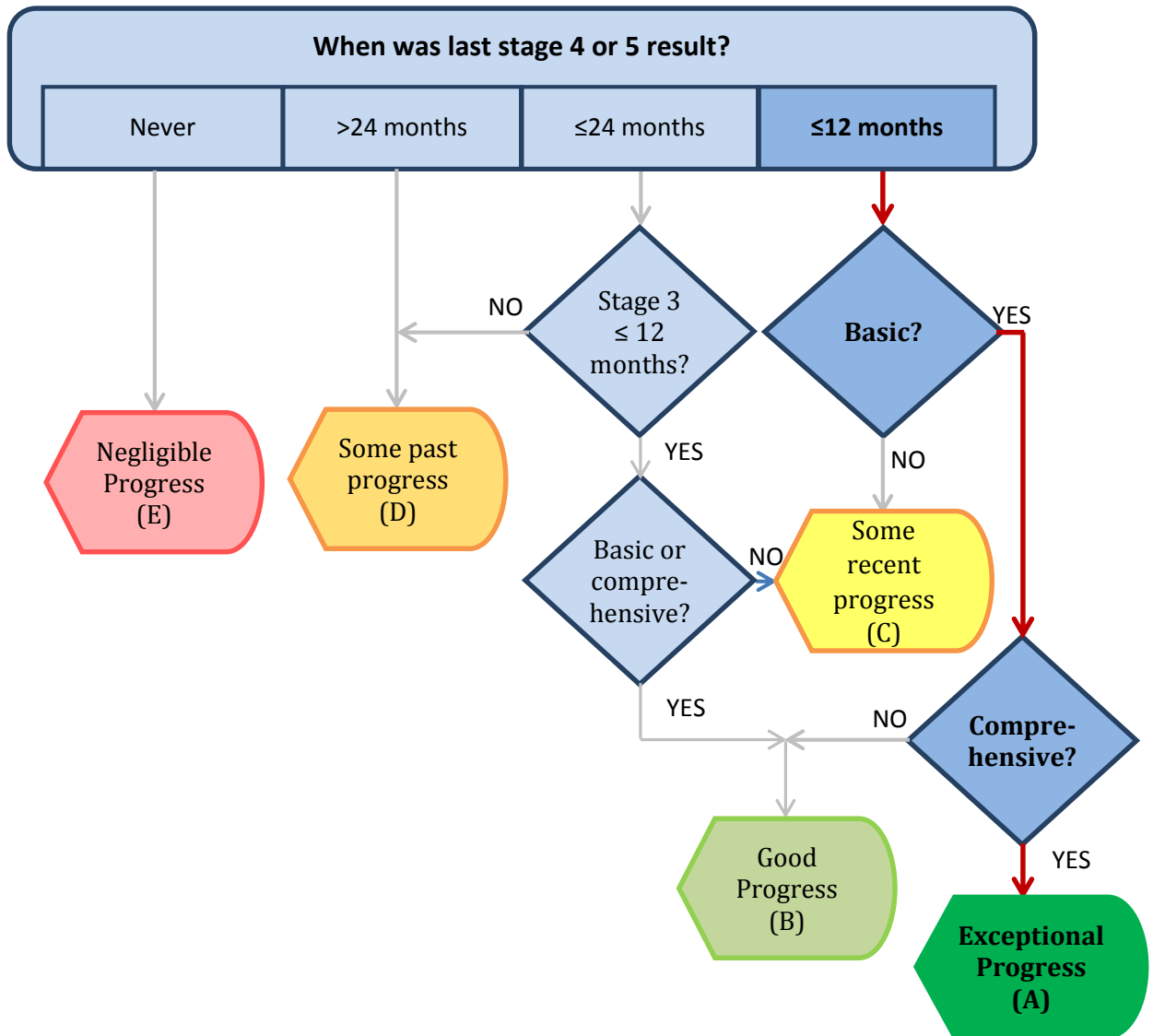


PANAMA MAHI AND YELLOWFIN TUNA FIP

RATING: "A - Exceptional Progress"

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Stage 4 most relevant progress during the last 12 months:

In August 2015, a Fisheries Advisory Council was established in the province of Chiriqui with the participation of ARAP, AMP, the Ministry of Health, the Municipality of Pedregal, and representatives from the artisanal fishers in Remedios, from FUPAIP (semi-industrial fishers association in Pedregal) and Panalang. The Council agreed to implement the fishing logbook initiative and to take samples at the processing plants as of December.

In October 2015, the IATTC's second technical meeting on mahi-mahi took place in the city of Lima in Peru. The aim of the meeting was to review the structure of the mahi-mahi stock and to identify potential indicators of stock status in the Pacific Ocean. The Panamanian mahi FIP presented an analysis of the size composition, volume and number of catches along different years as well as a stock structure hypothesis. The FIP also provided financial assistance to ensure the participation of ARAP's General Director for Fisheries Research and Development.