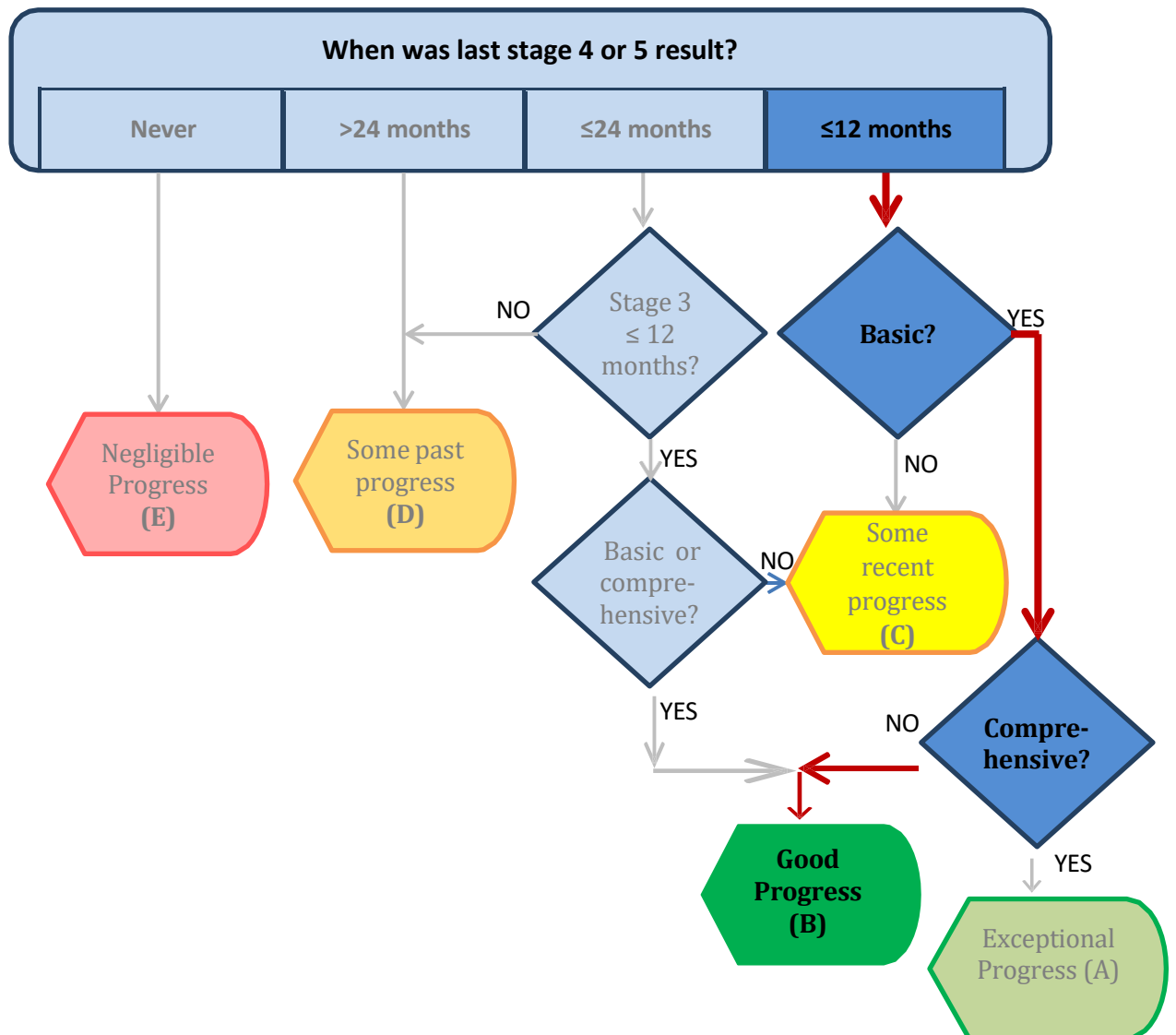


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RATING: "B - Good Progress"

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Stage 4 most relevant progress during the last 12 months:

As part of the strategy to protect juvenile red grouper, black grouper and species associated, a network of Fisheries Refugees Zones was proposed, and it is in progress. These areas are proposed and managed by coastal communities, to promote the recovery of specific species as groupers, octopus and lobster, among others. Celestun was decreted five years ago and it is ready to update. We collaborate with the Fisheries Refuge Zone of Celestún in the organization of the festival of the closed season, in strengthening the message that the members of the refugee must share and some trainings to their members, especially women. As of today we are working in the development of the Technical Document in order to develop Chicxulub Refugee Zone.

We participated, as some of our partners, in the Annual Session of the Yucatan State Fisheries Council, where local strategies are presented, analyzed and approved or not. A strategy to protect grouper fishery was presented by Semarnat to protect the area known as "Bajos del Norte", an important area to protect reproduction of several species of the fishery and red and black grouper, with the acceptance of the plenary. This area coincides with our proposal of an spatial-temporal closure. In session the proposal was accepted, to following the legal steps to its official final publication that took place on [January 8th, 2024](#).