

Marine: decision tree

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How to use the decision tree

The decision tree is a tool to help you choose the most appropriate method(s) for your study. The way to choose the best method(s) is a cumulative decision, following consideration of many factors that may not become apparent until after reading the method specifications in detail. The ultimate decision is defined by a multitude of considerations that a generic decision tree cannot capture. Use the decision tree in conjunction with the comparative tables ('Marine: comparative tables'—doccm-2783270)¹. Read the full description for each method once you have made your selection. If after reviewing the decision tree and comparative tables, and reading the method specifications, you are still unsure which method to use, you should talk to someone in the Marine Ecosystems Team of the DOC Science & Policy Group.

¹ <http://www.doc.govt.nz/documents/science-and-technical/inventory-monitoring/im-toolbox-marine-comparative-tables.pdf>

Decision tree: choosing an inventory or monitoring method that suits your objectives

