

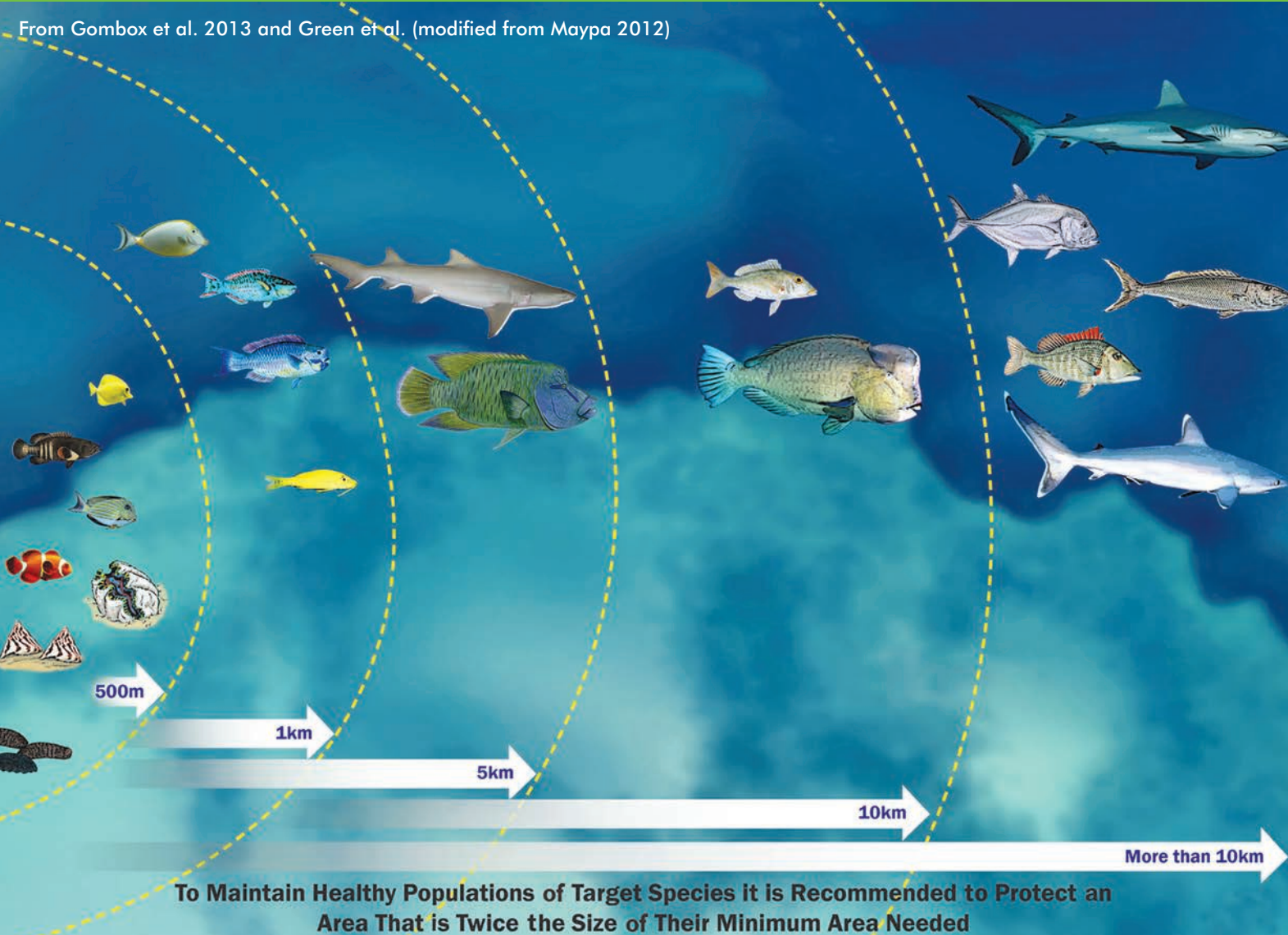
# A Guide to Effective Tabu Areas

## Governance

- Set clear objectives for the tabu area. What are you hoping to achieve?
  - Effective tabu areas need to be closed permanently.
- Respect for tabu area rules is best achieved through education and awareness, and enforcement is also needed.
- Community monitoring is needed to assess if a tabu area is effective.
- Develop a Coastal Resource Management Plan that includes adjacent marine areas and supports effective tabu areas.



From Gombox et al. 2013 and Green et al. (modified from Maypa 2012)



## Design

- A tabu area needs to be large enough to protect key species and allow them to move throughout their natural range.
- A tabu area should include ecologically important sites (e.g. spawning, feeding and nursery areas) and/or unique sites (e.g. habitats for rare and threatened species).
- A tabu area should extend from the shore to beyond the reef edge.
- All fishing and extractive activities should not be allowed in a tabu area.

## Community Engagement

- Tabu areas are for the benefit of communities and so community involvement is critical for tabu areas to be effective.
- Communities should be consulted throughout the process and provided with on-going awareness and education about the tabu area.

