

10 Using Ecospace. Part 1: Ecospace inputs

Ecospace (Walters et al. 1999) is a dynamic, spatial version of Ecopath, incorporating all the key elements of Ecosim. This chapter describes the steps taken to set up Ecospace scenarios (the [Ecospace menu?](#), [Ecospace parameters?](#), [Define Ecospace habitats?](#), [Basemap?](#), [Assign habitats?](#), [Dispersal?](#), [Ecospace fishery?](#)).

Important note: Before using Ecospace you must have a balanced Ecopath model. It is also recommended you have fit the model to time series data by adjusting the [Vulnerability?](#) settings (see [Time series?](#), [Time series fitting in Ecosim?](#), [Hints for fitting Ecosim models to time series data?](#) and [Fit to time series?](#)).

See links in Chapter 4 in the Ecopath Users Guide for more detailed introduction of Ecospace.