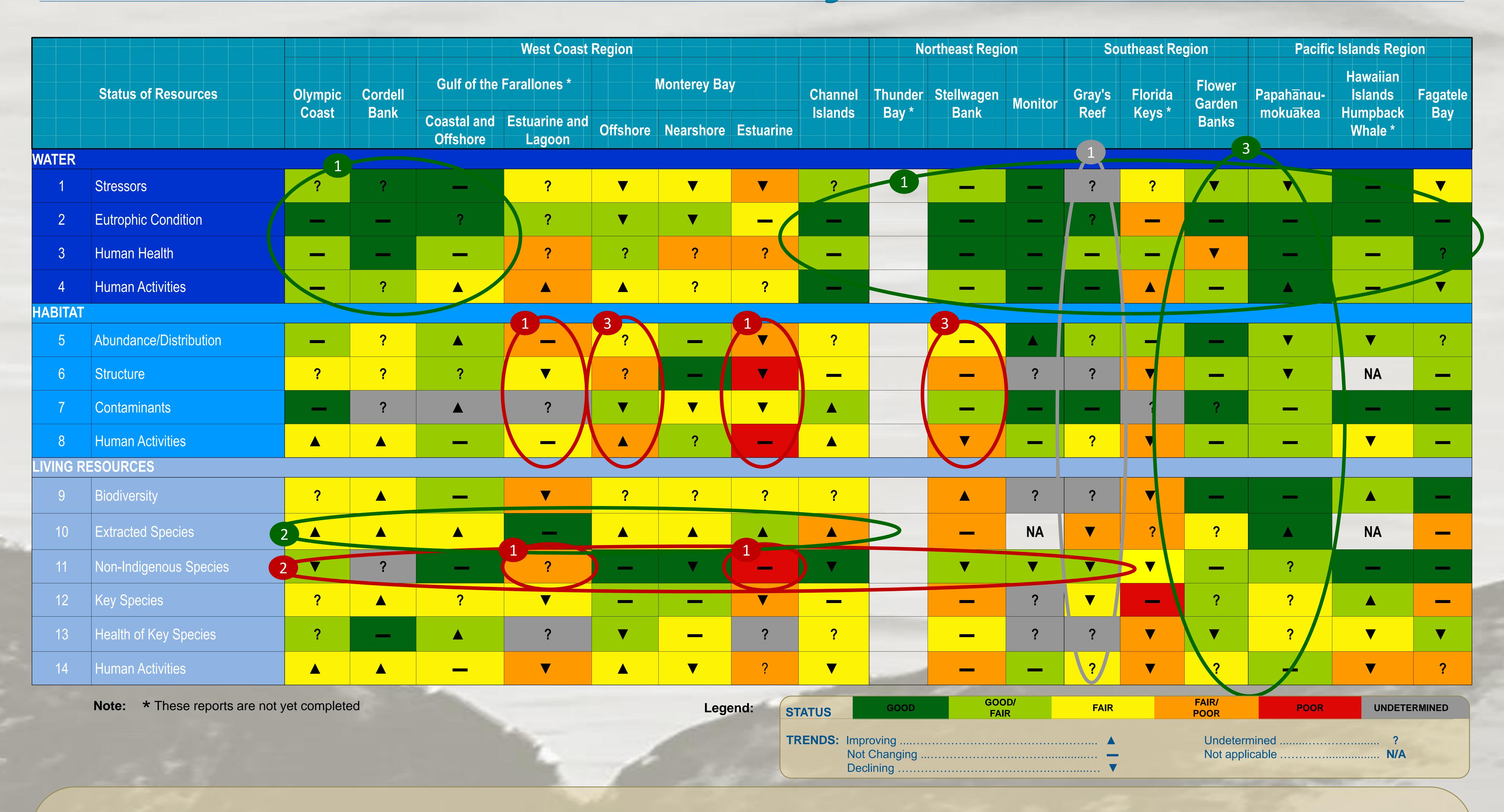
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Example;

Interpreting

Results

GAPS

1 Limited financial resources have hindered the ability of sanctuaries to track changes in ecosystem condition.

PROBLEMS

- 1 Some nearshore areas have compromised health due to habitat degradation and invasive species.
- For most sanctuaries, invasive species are becoming a greater threat.
- Trawling has significantly affected some offshore areas.

SUCCESSES

- 1 Water quality is generally good, particularly in offshore areas.
- 2 Recent fisheries actions appear to be having a positive effect for some species, particularly on the west coast.
- 3. Isolation appears to foster good conditions.