CHAPTER 7: ADJUSTING THE SAILS | TOOLKIT

Predictive Analysis and AI-CHAMP

Look at the past, understand the present, estimate the future. This sheet walks one prediction through the seven steps, then runs it through AI-CHAMP before anyone acts on it.

The question I want to predict

Sector **Region** **Time frame**

STEP 1 Collect

Relevant, trustworthy, varied, historical and current. Start with 10 to 20 items.

#	Item	Source type	Date	Historical or current?	Viewpoint / bias
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

STEP 2 Prepare

- ☐ Formats normalized
- ☐ Dates standardized
- ☐ Duplicates flagged (not deleted)
- ☐ Sources labeled
- ☐ Gaps noted

STEP 3 Model

Model type: ○ Classification (which bucket?) ○ Clustering (what goes together?) ○ Other

STEP 4 Train

Training prompt or instructions (patterns to watch, what NOT to classify as a threat, output format)

STEP 5 Test

 # known cases tested

 # it got right

Reasoning matched mine?

What I had to fix in the instructions

STEP 6 Predict

The model's prediction and its stated reasoning

STEP 7 Act

Analytic judgment in plain language for stakeholders

Who needs to know, and what I recommend

TRACKER Early warning indicators

AI suggests indicators. You decide which ones are worth watching.

Early warning indicator	Realistic?	Observable with OSINT?	Priority	Notes

AI-CHAMP Checklist before you trust the forecast

- ☐ C: Context first. I gave the model the problem, case, timeframe, boundaries, and only the evidence I want used.
- ☐ H: Human judgment in the loop. I checked the output against real evidence and fixed what it got wrong.
- ☐ A: Ask structured questions. I defined what it can use, the format, and the evidence it must cite.
- ☐ M: Model for a range, not a conclusion. I asked for multiple outcomes with indicators for each.
- ☐ P: Probability requires human revision. I assigned likelihood and impact myself, and I'll update them.

Likelihood: ○ Low ○ Moderate ○ High

Impact: ○ Low ○ Moderate ○ Critical

Confidence: ○ Low ○ Moderate ○ High