

## 6th Meeting of the Scientific Committee

Puerto Varas, Chile, 9 - 14 September 2018

### SC6-Doc10

#### Status of the fund for “Scientific Support”

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#### 1. Expense plan from the 5<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee Meeting (2017):

According to the Report of the 5<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee Meeting Item 12, the following indicative expense plan was suggested:

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| • Invited experts to the 2018 SC workshop/meeting (work time and travel expenses):                                 | 30 000 NZD |
| • Analytical support (2018):   | 3 000 NZD  |
| • Support to deep-sea research (coordinated by NZ):  | 5 000 NZD  |
| • Support to squid-related research (coordinated by China):  | 5 000 NZD  |
| • Assistance for participation of SPRFMO scientists to external meetings (Secretariat in consultation with Chair): | 13 000 NZD |

So far, NZ\$15 899 has been spent for inviting experts to the 2018 SC workshop/meeting and NZ\$431 was spent for SC subscription – GITHUB<sup>1</sup>. In addition, the SC Committee has committed to spend another NZ\$37 000 in 2018.

The table below shows the budgeted vs. current, and forecast expenses in 2018:

Category (SC5)	Planned spend NZ\$	Current NZ\$	Committed Expense NZ\$	Remaining NZ\$
Invited experts to 2018 SC/workshops	30 000	15 899	13 500	601
Analytical support	3 000	431	500	2 069
Deep-sea research	5 000	0	1 000	4 000
Squid-related research	5 000	0	5 000	0
Participation Assistance	13 000	0	13 000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56 000</b>	<b>16 330</b>	<b>33 000</b>	<b>6 670</b>

#### 2. Status of Scientific Committee Fund:

**Financial Regulation 2.3:** For the budget categories” Scientific Support (SC) and Developing States (DS)”, unspent appropriations may accrue between financial years, up to a limit of \$50 000 for the SC and \$30 000 for the DS. Beyond these levels such funds shall be treated as surplus and transferred to the accumulated surplus account. The Commission will review these categories once the defined level has reached or after 4 years, whichever occurs first, and at least every four years thereafter.

In accordance with Financial Regulation 2.3, the Secretariat established a separate account for Scientific Support Fund in 2017. This Fund contains the accumulated unspent appropriations from

<sup>1</sup> GitHub is a web-based hosting service that provides a platform to share data and is currently being used to hold the Jack mackerel assessment code and associated inputs.

previous Financial Years (since Financial Year 2016 to 2018) under the budget item for Scientific Support.

Taking into the budget plan above, the table below shows the year- to- date and forecast status of the Scientific Support Fund up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019:

Financial Year	Budget NZ\$	Current NZ\$		Remaining NZ\$
2015-2016	20 000	GITHUB	424	19 576
2016-2017	20 000	GITHUB	432	39 144
2017-2018	12 000	GITHUB	431	
		FAO ABN workshop	1 517	
		Invited experts to 5 <sup>th</sup> SC 2017	3 835	
		Invited experts to workshop 2018	15 899	
		Subtotal expense for FY 2017-2018	21 683	
2018-2019	20 000	Committed Expenses 2018/2019 NZ\$		Forecast remaining NZ\$
		Invited experts to 6 <sup>th</sup> SC 2018	13 500	
		Analytical support	500	
		Deep sea research	1 000	
		Squid - related research	5 000	
		6 <sup>th</sup> SC 2018, participation assistance	13 000	
		Subtotal Committed Expense 2018/2019	33 000	

### 3. Other Resources - Financial support from Developing States Fund

Since 2017, the Developing States Fund has been used to support the participation of members from developing States in the Scientific Committee's workshops and meetings.

So far, NZ\$3 117 has been spent for the 6<sup>th</sup> SC workshop which was held in Chile May 2018 and NZ\$21 000 has been committed to provide financial support to 3 Members to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> SC meeting.

The table below shows the detailed expense and forecast available balance of NZ\$17 443, this amount will be used to support Members' participation in the upcoming Commission Meeting:

Meeting/Workshop	Country Member Subsidized	Spent/Committed NZ\$
6 <sup>th</sup> SC Workshop in May 2018	Ecuador	3 117
6 <sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in September 2018	Cook Islands	7 000
	Ecuador	7 000
	Peru	7 000
	<b>Total Spent/Committed</b>	<b>24 117</b>
<b>Developing States Fund Forecast Available Balance</b>		<b>17 443</b>

The Secretariat has been and will continue to work together with the Scientific Committee to review the extent to which financial resources made available to the Scientific Committee would help in achieving the objectives set by the Commission and exploring the ways to use these funds efficiently.