

7TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (FAC)

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Workload Assessment on the Potential Cooperation with other RFMOs Secretariat

1. Background

At the 7th Commission meeting in 2019, the Commission decided to “prioritise enhancing cooperation with the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)” ([SPRFMO COMM7-Report](#) Para 184).

Following this Commission decision, when the MoUs with NPFC, WCPFC and IATTC are finalised, the number of MoUs will be increased from four¹ to seven. It is expected that this will extend the international role and reputation of SPRFMO. However, in doing so, the Secretariat will be required to take on additional obligations. In order to facilitate the Commission’s consideration, the Secretariat wish to provide an assessment of the potential workload associated to both existing and proposed MoUs.

2. Workload Assessment

The estimated Secretariat annual workload (in hours) in the sixteen areas of cooperation identified from the seven finalised or draft Memoranda of Understanding have been assessed (Annex 1). The estimates are based on hours per year across the Secretariat staff, including both time allocated to preparing and disseminating information to the MoU partner and time allocated processing and making use of the information received from them. The estimates should be interpreted as an average, as particular issues may significantly increase the interaction with an MoU partner in a particular year. Meeting participation has not been quantified.

The current MoUs workload and the workload forecasted for the proposed ones are given below:

MoU		Priority ²	Estimated workload (hours)
Current	CCAMLR	0.9	48
	CPPS	0.6	15
	Network IUU	0.5	15
	ACAP	0.4	13
Proposed	NPFC	0.8	42
	WCPFC	0.8	39
	IATTC	0.7	32
Total			204

Each of the three new proposed MoUs are expected to require a low (32-42 hours) extra workload for the Secretariat. Implementing all MoUs mean approximately 5 weeks of a FTE (full time equivalent).

3. Recommendation

The FAC is invited to consider the estimated workload associated to the MoU implementation when addressing the budget discussion for Financial Year 2020-2021.

¹ Existing MoUs: [Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels \(ACAP\)](#), [Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources \(CCAMLR\)](#), [Network against IUU fishing of Latin American and Caribbean Countries](#), and [Permanent Commission of the South Pacific \(CPPS\)](#).

² As assessed in Annex 1 [COMM7-Doc11_Rev1 Priorities regarding MoUs with other RFMOs](#).



Annex 1

Potential Workload Assessment for Implementation of MoUs (estimated time in hours)

Area of Cooperation		<u>CCAMLR</u> ³	<u>CPPS</u> ³	<u>Network IUU</u> ³	<u>ACAP</u> ³	NPFC	WCPFC	IATTC
Institutional and Administration	1. Institutional strengthening (including training, sharing experiences and learning lessons)	0	2	0	2	2	2	2
	2. Consultations – through Executive Secretary via telephone, communications etc	6	2	2	2	4	2	2
	3. Exchange meeting reports, information, documents and publications regarding matters of mutual interest	10	2	2	2	6	2	2
	4. Grant reciprocal observer status	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
CMIMs	5. Cooperate to harmonise approaches in areas of mutual interest and concern, including compatibility of the conservation and management measures	6	2	2	2	6	3	6
	6. Consider methods of recognising and supporting CMMs and CMs	8	0	0	0	6	4	4
	7. Exchange catch, bycatch and vessel information	3	1	1	1	2	2	2
Compliance	8. Exchange information on vessels authorised to fish	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	9. Exchange information on vessels suspected of IUU fishing activity & IUU Vessel List	3	2	3	1	3	3	3
	10. Cooperate to harmonise approaches in the area of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance policy	6	0	1	0	6	3	3
	11. Cooperate in the area of Compliance and Monitoring Schemes and information management systems	0	1	1	0	0	12	0
	12. Exchange information on and promote initiatives promoted to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Science	13. Analyses and research efforts relating to species of mutual interest	2	0	0	0	2	1	2
	14. Exchange information on relevant physical and ecological data	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
	15. Development of management, training & education programmes on conservation techniques and measures to mitigate threats affecting albatrosses and petrels	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	16. Cooperate to harmonise approaches in the area of administration and structure of observer programmes including information management policies	3	0	0	0	3	3	3
TOTAL		48	15	15	13	42	39	32

³ Links to current MoUs are provided