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

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Secretariat's 2019 Administrative Report

Secretariat



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1. Membership

During 2019, the following States, territories, regional economic integration organisation and fishing entities were Members of the SPRFMO Commission:

1. Australia
2. Republic of Chile
3. People's Republic of China
4. Cook Islands
5. Republic of Cuba
6. Republic of Ecuador
7. European Union
8. Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands
9. Republic of Korea
10. New Zealand
11. Republic of Peru
12. Russian Federation
13. Chinese Taipei
14. United States of America
15. Republic of Vanuatu

2. Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties

In 2019 the following States were granted the status of CNCP in accordance with Article 32 of the Convention and Decision 2-2018 of the Commission:

1. Republic of Colombia
2. Curaçao
3. Republic of Liberia
4. Republic of Panama

3. Observers

In 2019 the following Observers participated in SPRFMO meetings in accordance with Article 18 of the Convention and Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure:

Inter-Governmental Organisations

- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS)
- Network for the Exchange of Information and Shared Experiences Between Latin American and Caribbean Countries to prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU fishing.

Non-Governmental Organisations

- National High Seas Fishing Vessel Owners' Association (Anapesca)
- Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC)
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- High Seas Fisheries Group (NZHSFG)
- Oceana
- PEW Charitable Trust



4. SPRFMO Officers

Commission

Chairperson: Mr Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile, elected in 2017, re-elected 2019)

Vice Chairperson: Kate Anderson (Faroe Islands, elected January 2019)

Scientific Committee

Chairperson: Dr Jim Ianelli (USA, elected in 2013, re-elected in 2014, 2016, and 2018)

Vice Chairperson: Mr Niels Hintzen (EU, elected in 2013, re-elected in 2014, 2016, and 2018)

Compliance and Technical Committee

Chairperson: Mr Andrew Wright (New Zealand, elected in 2018)

Vice Chairperson: Mr Luis Molledo (EU, elected in 2017)

Finance and Administration Committee

Chairperson: Ms Kerrie Robertson (Australia, elected in 2017)

Vice Chairperson: Mr Gerry Geen (Vanuatu, elected in 2017)

Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Western Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Secretariat

- **Executive Secretary:** Dr Sebastián Rodríguez Alfaro (since July 2018)
- **Data Manager:** Mr Craig Loveridge (since March 2013)
- **Coordination and Communications Officer:** Ms Susana Delgado (since May 2013)
- **Compliance and VMS Manager:** Mr Pablo Ortiz (since November 2019)
- **Finance and Office Manager:** Ms Yanbin Liu (since August 2016)
- **IT Manager:** Mr John Cheva (since July 2017; Part-time since November 2019)
- **Fisheries Data Analyst:** (temporary part-time personnel under contract): Ms Marianne Vignaux
- **Secondment Officer:** Mr Jongkwan Ahn, Korea (April 2018-December 2019)

5. Main Service Providers

- Fishery database: [FINNZ](#)
- Bank of New Zealand: [BNZ](#)
- VMS Service Provider: [CLS](#)
- Auditors: [KPMG](#)

6. SPRFMO Meetings

The **7th Commission Meeting** (COMM7) was held from 23 to 27 January 2019, in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The **6th Compliance and Technical Committee** (CTC6) met on 19-21 January 2019.

The **6th Finance & Administration Committee** (FAC6) met during the seventh Commission Meeting.

The **7th Meeting of the Scientific Committee** (SC7) was held from 7 to 12 October 2019 in Havana, Cuba.

The **7th Scientific Committee workshop** (SCW7) was the first meeting of the SPRFMO Habitat Monitoring Working Group, which met in Galway, Ireland, on 30 April 2019.



The **8th Scientific Committee workshop** (SCW8) was the second Squid Workshop, which took place immediately before the SC7, on 5-6 October 2019.

The **9th Scientific Committee workshop** (SCW9) was the second workshop of the Habitat Monitoring Working Group, which took place immediately before the SC7 on 6 October 2019.

7. Cooperation with Other Organisations

In 2019, SPRFMO representatives were invited to attend several meetings relevant to the activities and objectives of SPRFMO. Article 31 of the Convention (Cooperation with Other Organisations) calls for appropriate cooperation with other RFMOs, the FAO and other relevant organisations. The Secretariat coordinates attendance of these meetings by officers, delegates, or staff members, bearing in mind the availability of funds and timing. Apart from the thematic and strategic relevance for SPRFMO, in several cases, the offer by the organiser to fully or partially cover travel expenses facilitated a participation by SPRFMO representatives. The following meetings were attended by SPRFMO representatives:

- 21-29 October 2019, Hobart, Australia. SPRFMO's Data Manager, Craig Loveridge, attended 3 separate CCAMLR meetings. During the first week the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR) met concurrently with the Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance (SCIC) and following those meetings the CCAMLR Commission convened. A [Report of External Meeting](#) is available.
- 13-18 May 2019, Rome, Italy. SPRFMO's Data Manager, Craig Loveridge attended the 11th session of FIRMS steering committee (FSC11, 13-14 May), and the 26th session of the Coordinating Working Party on Fisheries Statistics (CWP, 15-18 May). The relevant [Report with relevant information and assessment](#) has been prepared and is available for download.
- 02-03 May 2019, New York, United States of America. SPRFMO's Executive Secretary, Dr. Sebastián Rodríguez Alfaro, attended the Fourteenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement (ICSP-14), focusing on the topic "Performance reviews of regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements". A summary report has been circulated to SPRFMO Members and CNCPs through letter G129-2019, and is also [available here](#).
- 10-12 April 2019, Rome, Italy. SPRFMO's Executive Secretary, Dr. Sebastián Rodríguez Alfaro, attended the ABNJ Deep Sea Project "Rights Based Management Workshop." A summary report has been circulated to SPRFMO Members and CNCPs through letter G22-2019, and is also [available here](#).
- 13-15 March 2019, Guayaquil, Ecuador. SPRFMO's Executive Secretary, Dr. Sebastián Rodríguez Alfaro, attended the CPPS-ABNJ Workshop on Planning and Governance in ABNJ in the South-East Pacific. Dr. Rodríguez Alfaro's report of the meeting was circulated to SPRFMO Members and CNCPs through letter G21-2019, and is also [available here](#).
- 29 January - 04 February 2019, Brussels, Belgium, and London, United Kingdom. After the 7th Commission Meeting, SPRFMO's Data Manager, Mr. Craig Loveridge, visited the EU Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Units DG MARE B2 (RFMOs) and D4 (Fisheries Control and Inspection) in Brussels, and later visited the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), as well as IHS Markit and International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The report of this training, learning and exchange experience is now [available here](#).



Projects Inputs and Requests

- FAO-ABNJ Deep-Seas Project
- CITES CoP18 to Amend Cites Appendix II
- NEAFC
- FAO-Transshipment
- FIRMS
- FAO-RSN

Members Observing Meetings of RFB/Arrangements on behalf of SPRFMO

- The Faroe Islands observed the 41st Annual Meeting of NAFO, in Bordeaux, France 23-27 September 2019.

Outreach to non-Members and non-CNCPs

- Solomon Islands – Best Practice Guidelines for a Model Data Analysis Unit
- Angola – Invitation to become a Contracting Party to the SPRFMO Convention
- Tonga – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Ukraine – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Solomon Islands – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Samoa – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Kiribati – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Federate States of Micronesia – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Fiji – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Japan – Invitations to attend the SC7 and COMM8 meetings
- Nauru – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Niue – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Papua New Guinea – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Marshall Islands – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting
- Palau – Invitation to attend the COMM8 meeting

8. Publications

Meeting Reports

- [Report of the seventh Commission Meeting, COMM7](#)
- [Report of the sixth meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee, CTC6](#)
- [Report of the sixth meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee, FAC6](#)
- [Report of the seventh meeting of the Scientific Committee, SC7](#)

Data summaries

- COMM8-Inf01 Catch data submitted to the Secretariat
- SC7-Doc13 Updated species of Concern bycatch
- SC7-JM01_Rev1 *T. murphyi* catch history and predicted 2019 catches
- SC7-SQ01 Squid information held by the Secretariat
- SC7-Doc11 Coarse summary of Observer coverage in SPRFMO
- SC7-Doc14 Secretariat VMS summary and SC access to data



Newsletters

- G27-2019 SPRFMO Newsletter Vol. 1 May 2019
- G86-2019 SPRFMO Newsletter Vol. 2 September 2019
- G05-2020 SPRFMO Newsletter Vol. 3 January 2020

Other meeting documents

COMM8:

- COMM8-Doc01 Provisional COMM8 Agenda
- COMM8-Doc02 Provisional Annotated COMM8 Agenda
- COMM8-Doc03 List of Documents (COMM8)
- COMM8-Doc04 Meeting Programme and Timetable (COMM & FAC)
- COMM8-Doc06 Regional Processes relevant for SPRFMO
- COMM8-Doc07 Progress of cooperation with other RFMO's (MoUs)
- COMM8-Doc08 Implementation of COMM Performance Review Recommendations
- COMM8-Doc08.1 SC Responses to the Performance Reviews (SPRFMO SC7-Report-Annex 10)
- COMM8-Doc09 Task Group on Jack mackerel Management Strategy Evaluation
- COMM8-Prop20 SPRFMO MoU IATTC
- COMM8-Prop21 SPRFMO MoU WCPFC
- COMM8-Prop22 SPRFMO MoU NPFC
- COMM8-Prop23 Staff Regulations of the Commission
- COMM8-Prop24 Policy for Secondments and Internships
- COMM8-Prop25 Rules of Procedure of the Commission
- COMM8-Prop25.1 RoP 2.2 Update of Official Contacts

CTC7:

- CTC7-Doc01 Provisional CTC Agenda
- CTC7-Doc02 Annotated CTC Agenda
- CTC7-Doc03 List of meeting documents (CTC)
- CTC7-Doc04 CTC meeting Programme and Timetable
- CTC7-Doc05 Draft Compliance Report (Revised)
- CTC7-Doc06 Follow-up actions related to Compliance
- CTC7-Doc07 Secretariat's report on CJM Implementation
- CTC7-Doc08 Commission Record of Vessels Implementation Report
- CTC7-Doc09 Secretariat's report on VMS Implementation
- CTC7-Doc10 Port inspection CMM Implementation
- CTC7-Doc11 SPRFMO Observer Programme Implementation Report
- CTC7-Doc12 Chairpersons Technical and Financial analysis of the Proposed Observer Programme Accreditation Evaluators
- CTC7-Doc13 Draft IUU Vessel List (revised) & Current IUU List
- CTC7-Doc13.1 IUU Vessel Documentation Process
- CTC7-Doc14 CNCP Applications
- CTC7-Doc15 CMS Audit point report
- CTC7-Doc16 Implementation of CTC Performance Review Recommendations
- CTC7-Doc16.1 Possible proactive approaches for identifying non-Member/non-CNCP fishing vessels
- CTC7-Doc16.2 Suitability of the audit point model in SPRFMO
- CTC7-Doc16.3 Working Group on Identification of Capacity Building Needs



FAC7:

- FAC7-Doc01 Provisional FAC Agenda
- FAC7-Doc02 Annotated FAC Agenda
- FAC7-Doc03 List of Meeting Documents (FAC)
- FAC7-Doc04 Annual Financial Statements for the Year ending 30 June 2019
- FAC7-Doc04.1 Statement of transfers of appropriations (FR3.3)
- FAC7-Doc04.2 SPRFMO Contingency Fund (FR, Annex 2)
- FAC7-Doc04.3 Status of SC (Scientific Support) Fund & Developing States Fund
- FAC7-Doc05 Report of Income
- FAC7-Doc05.1 Voluntary Contributions
- FAC7-Doc06 Selection and Appointment of Independent Auditors
- FAC7-Doc07 Implementation of FAC Performance Review Recommendations
- FAC7-Doc08 Draft Budget for Financial Year 2020-21 and forecast Budget for 2021-22
- FAC7-Doc08.1 SPRFMO Secretariat Travel Plan for Financial Year 2020-2021
- FAC7-Doc08.2 Explanatory note regarding Database developments and update
- FAC7-Doc08.3 Estimate of additional financial impacts or influence on the Secretariat work arising from proposed Conservation and Management Measures
- FAC7-Doc08.4 Workload assessment Cooperation with other RFMOs
- FAC7-Doc09 Calculation of contributions for FY2020-21 and Estimate of contributions for FY2021-22
- FAC7-Doc10 The Secretariat's administrative report on the 2019 intersessional activities
- FAC7-Doc10.1 Monitoring of the Secretariat's Tasks as per COMM 7 Decisions
- FAC7-Doc10.2 Staff Association Updates
- FAC7-Doc11 Secretariat Communication Strategy Progress
- FAC7-Doc12 Secretariat Structure Review
- FAC7-Doc13 Staff Performance Review Summary
- FAC7-Doc14 Secondment Assessment
- FAC7-Doc14.1 End of Secondment Informative Report
- FAC7-Doc15 Potential hosting Commission meetings 2022 & 2023 and SC2020, 2021 & 2022

SC7:

- SC7-Doc05 "Expanded" SC Multi-Annual Workplan
- SC7-Doc06 DRAFT Protocol for SPRFMO SC Submission
- SC7-Doc07 DRAFT Guidelines for annual report to the SPRFMO SC
- SC7-Doc08 SPRFMO Performance review (SC recommendations)
- SC7-Doc09 July 2019 Summary of web meeting(s)
- SC7-Doc10 Secretariat SC related activities
- SC7-Doc11 Coarse summary of Observer coverage in SPRFMO
- SC7-Doc12 Observer programme accreditation process and progress
- SC7-Doc14 Secretariat VMS summary and SC access to data
- SC7-Doc15 Capacity building needs for the SC
- SC7-Doc16 Status and use of the SC funds
- SC7-Doc11 Future SC meeting planning



9. Media requests

- Industrias Pesqueras
Article “Fishing Mortality Rates for the Jack Mackerel in the Past Three Years Decreased”, page 22. Published June 2019.
- El Comercio el Peru
<https://elcomercio.pe/economia/dia-1/jurel-el-jurel-y-el-atun-en-el-ojo-de-la-tormenta-atun-produce-snp-noticia/> issued 14-21 October 2019
- Diario Financiero
<https://www.df.cl/noticias/empresas/industria/escala-denuncia-de-chile-a-peru-por-jurel-paises-miembros-de-ente/2019-10-10/202022.html>, issued 13 October 2019

10. Fishery Statistics

The Secretariat has received the 2018 Annual Catch Reports from all Commission Members and CNCPs who fished in the SPRFMO Area in accordance with CMM 02-2018. These reports show that a total of 825,985 tonnes of fishery resources were taken from the area managed by SPRFMO during 2018 (details are reported in COMM8-Inf01).

The Secretariat has processed 1,871 data files received during the year. A summary of those files is shown in Annex I.

11. Budget

The budget approved by the Commission for the financial year starting 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020 was NZ\$ 1 172 000.



Annex 1 - Data files processed by the Secretariat during the calendar year 2019

Member	Vessels new	Vessels altered	Sets of vessel images	Fishing activity	Observer	Landings	Transshipment notifications	Transshipment details	Port inspections	Monthly reports	Totals
Australia	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	12	18
Chile	2	0	2	1	534	1	0	0	12	12	564
China	111	189	111	2	2	1	14	11	0	9	450
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook Islands	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Cuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curaçao	6	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
European Union	0	12	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	22
Faroe Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Korea	0	39	10	2	0	1	3	8	1	7	71
Liberia	3	24	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	31
New Zealand	5	13	3	4	17	1	0	0	0	12	55
Panama	50	76	52	1	0	0	153	238	0	0	570
Peru	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	17	11	32
Russian Federation	0	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	15
Chinese Taipei	4	6	8	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	22
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	183	370	199	15	556	8	170	259	32	79	1871



Annex 2. Report from the SPRFMO Observer (Faroe Islands) to the 41st Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

Bordeaux, France, 23-27 September 2019

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) took place from 23-27 September in Bordeaux, France. Delegates from the 12 NAFO Contracting Parties were welcomed to France by the French Minister for Agriculture and Food, Didier Guillaume, the French Director General for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Frédéric Gueudar Delahaye, and the NAFO President, Stéphane Artano. Contracting Parties were also welcomed by Stephan Delaux, Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux, Eric Banel, Interregional Director for the Sea, representing the Regional Prefect of New Aquitaine, and Raphaëlle Seguin, Counsellor at the Ministry for French Overseas Territories, later in the week.

At the meeting, NAFO agreed to advance its review of the Precautionary Approach Framework to support the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources in the NAFO Regulatory Area. The comprehensive management strategy for Divisions 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut, adopted in 2017, will continue to inform sustainable management decisions for this NAFO stock. NAFO agreed to reopen the Flemish Cap shrimp fishery (Division 3M) after an increase of the stock to levels above B_{lim} . The fishery for this shrimp stock has been closed since 2011.

In addition, to the traditional total allowable catch (TAC) and quota decisions, significant decisions were made regarding the following:

- NAFO agreed to a process to address the recommendations of the 2018 Performance Review, along with an annual progress reporting procedure.
- NAFO continued its commitment to transparency and agreed to post its vessel registry on the NAFO website.
- NAFO increased its Monitoring, Control and Surveillance data availability to at sea and in port inspectors.
- NAFO continued to make progress on the NAFO Observer Application for the instantaneous reporting of scientific and catch data to the NAFO Secretariat.
- NAFO reelected, Stéphane Artano (France in respect of St. Pierre et Miquelon), as NAFO President, and Temur Tairov (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chair of the NAFO Commission, for an additional two-year term.