

Compliance and Technical Committee Roadmap 2013-2014

Article 11 of the SPRFMO Convention establishes the Compliance and Technical Committee (CTC), whose functions are as follows:

- a) monitor and review the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures adopted under this Convention and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission;
- b) provide such other information, technical advice and recommendations as it considers appropriate or as may be requested by the Commission relating to the implementation of and compliance with the provisions of this Convention and the conservation and management measures adopted, or under consideration, by the Commission; and
- c) review the implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, and surveillance and enforcement adopted by the Commission and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission.

Article 27 of the SPRFMO Convention sets forth monitoring, control and surveillance measures that the Commission should establish to ensure compliance with the Convention and the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. It is, therefore, necessary to establish a set of tools for monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities in the Convention area.

The present Roadmap, covering the years 2013-2014, aims to plan the work of the CTC in order to ensure a sound programming of activities corresponding to the priorities identified by the Commission.

The Roadmap will be revised and adjusted by the Commission at each annual meeting, at its own initiative or on proposal by the CTC, to reflect developing priorities and state of play of on-going initiatives.

The activities are divided into recurrent activities, which form the core of the CTC mandate, and those activities which should be prioritised for the year 2013-2014.

Recurrent activities

- Examination of current and draft IUU lists
- Assessment of compliance of Members and CNCPs
- Assessment of Cooperating non-Contracting Parties nominations
- Review of existing Conservation and Management Measures

Priorities for 2013-2014***Development of a Vessel Monitoring Scheme***

Aiming at adequately following up the activities of fishing vessels operating in the SPRFMO area and supporting compliance of measures adopted by the Commission, the CTC should develop a Vessel Monitoring System, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the SPRFMO Data Standards and based on the Flag State principle.

Establishment of a record of vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area

In accordance with article 27 of the Convention, the CTC should establish and maintain a record of vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area, including support vessels.

Development and establishment of Inspection Procedures

The CTC should develop an inspection programme for Contracting Parties, both at sea and in ports, of vessels engaged in activities taking place within the Convention area, or vessels supporting said activities, including procedures to board and inspect each other vessels.

Development of a Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS)

The CTC should prepare the establishment of appropriate procedures for the effective monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing and ensuring compliance with the Convention and Conservation and Management Measures.

Development of procedures for Transshipment

Considering transshipment is an important part of fishing operations taking place in the high seas, the CTC should address their regulation and supervision, covering all types of transshipment.

The Commission mandates the Compliance and Technical Committee to prepare proposals and recommendations, including on budgetary implications, for the Annual Meetings of 2013 and 2014 based on the priorities identified in the present Roadmap.