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Proposal to clarify SPRFMO data reporting requirements

Secretariat

Summary

The SRFMO Commission has adopted four Conservation Management Measures (CMMs).

Both CMM 1.01 (*T. murphyi*) and CMM 1.03 (Data standards) have sections that detail how data should be collected and reported to the Secretariat, the former for *Trachurus murphyi* only, and the latter generally for all species covered by the Convention.

One of the noticeable differences in process is that CMM 1.01 requires that data be provided to the Secretariat in accordance with the Data Standards and templates on the SPRFMO website. CMM 1.03 does not require that data be submitted in accordance with the templates and as a result some information is being submitted in non-standard formats. This leads to inefficiencies in database upload procedures.

The Secretariat requests the SC to support a proposal to modify CMM 1.03 so that references to the developed templates are added, and it is made clear that data should be submitted using those templates.

In addition, the Secretariat would like to encourage members and CNCPs to become registered users of the Database and to begin uploading data remotely without needing to transmit data via email to the Secretariat.

Proposal

That the Scientific Committee recommends to the Commission that CMM 1.03 (Data Standards) be amended by replacing paragraph 7 with the following text:

7. Members and CNCPs are to report all data required by this measure to the Secretariat in accordance with the specifications and format described in Annex 9 of this measure, using the templates created by the Secretariat and stored on the SPRFMO website.