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Annual Report of the Cook Islands to the 5th Scientific Committee Meeting

The Cook Islands has been a full member of SPRFMO since its formation. We submit this Annual Report to the 5th Scientific Committee Meeting of SPRFMO.

The Cook Islands in the past has had vessels fishing for Jack Mackerel but currently has no vessels participating in this fishery. We do not intend to have flagged vessels target this species until stocks have fully recovered. Cook Islands has no other vessels authorised to fish in the SPRFMO area but we do have four bunker vessels that are on the SPRFMO RFV and are authorised to bunker to authorised vessels in the SPRFMO region. The Cook Islands has in the past fished in the convention area on the high seas, and information regarding this historical fishery has been provided to the Secretariat in the past. As such, the Cook Islands has no data or information to provide regarding Cook Islands fisheries operating under SPRFMO jurisdiction in 2017 or recent years. The Cook Islands has a continuing interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO and may have vessels that enter these fisheries in the future. If Cook Island-flagged vessels enter SPRFMO-managed fisheries, the Cook Islands would provide the Commission with all relevant data and information and abide by all relevant Management measures adopted.