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1. Membership

During 2018 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 2018 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 2018 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

- Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS)

Non-Governmental Organisations

- National High Seas Fishing Vessel Owners' Association (Anapesca)
- Center for the Development and Sustainable Fisheries (CeDePesca)
- Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC)
- Greenpeace
- Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group (NZHSFG)
- Oceana
- PEW Charitable Trust
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)



4. SPRFMO Officers

Commission

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

Vice Chairperson: n/a

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 Sebastian Rodriguez (since July 2018)

Data Manager: Mr Craig Loveridge (since March 2013)

Coordination and Communications Officer: Ms Susana Delgado (since May 2013)

Finance and Office Manager: Ms Yanbin Liu (since August 2016)

IT Manager: Mr John Cheva (since October 2017)

Fisheries Data Analyst (temporary personnel under contract): Ms Marianne Vignaux

Secondment Officer: Mr Jongkwan Ahn, Korea (since April 2018)

5. Main Service Providers

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

6. SPRFMO Meetings

The [sixth Commission Meeting](#) (COMM6) was held from 30 January to 3 February 2018, in Lima, Peru.

The [fifth Compliance and Technical Committee](#) (CTC5) met on 26-28 January 2018.

The [fifth Finance & Administration Committee](#) (FAC5) met during the sixth Commission Meeting.

The [sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee](#) (SC6) was held from 9 to 14 September 2018 in Puerto Varas, Chile.

The [sixth Scientific Committee workshop](#) (SCW6), to conduct a Jack mackerel assessment, took place 28-30 May 2018, in Valparaiso, Chile. It was followed by a 2-day meeting of the [SC Habitat Monitoring Task Group](#), on 31 May-01 June 2018.



7. Cooperation with Other Organisations

In 2018, 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:

- 12-15 March 2018, Yokohama, Japan. NPFC/FAO workshop "Protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the North Pacific Fisheries Commission Area: applying global experiences to regional assessments". SPRFMO was represented by Dr. Martin Cryer (New Zealand). The meeting report is currently still being finalized but the NPFC has published an [overview of the workshop](#).
- 10-13 April 2018, Seoul, Korea. [The 2nd meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organisations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on Accelerating Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals](#). The Data Manager (Craig Loveridge) attended this meeting which recognized the role of cross-sectoral collaboration in enhancing ecosystem-based approaches and area management tools, and in preventing pollution. The outcomes of the meeting are [summarised here](#). The meeting also provided opportunities to network with representatives from IATTC, CPPS, SPC, SREP, IMO, ISA, FAO and UN DOALOS as well as the Executive Secretaries from NAFO and NEAFC.
- 22-23 May 2018, New York, USA. [Thirteenth round of informal consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks \(ICSP-13\)](#) organised by the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. The Executive Secretary, Dr. Johanne Fischer, participated via teleconference with a presentation on the topic "[SPRFMO: Science-policy interface](#)".
- 13-14 June 2018, Cali, Colombia. Workshop on "[Opportunities for Strengthening Ocean Governance in the Southeast Pacific](#)" (report to be provided later). The Executive Secretary, Dr. Johanne Fischer, was invited to attend. The workshop was organised by the CPPS and the STRONG High Seas ('Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance for the High Seas') project. Its objective was to bring together stakeholders within the region to discuss the current status and challenges for global and regional ocean governance, foster exchange and build new networks, as well as identify the key interests and challenges in ocean governance faced by the region, particularly:
 1. Present and characterise the current status and challenges for ocean governance in the Southeast Pacific, especially with regard to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, with a focus on areas beyond national jurisdiction.
 2. Identify and define key interests and challenges for ocean governance in the Southeast Pacific, especially with regard to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Topics to be covered include: a) environmental pressures; b)



biodiversity and marine ecosystems; c) socioeconomic costs and benefits; and d) management and governance.

3. Prioritise current and future needs for strengthening ocean governance and identify pathways for successfully linking regional needs and opportunities with a global vision of ocean governance.
 4. Take initial steps towards fostering exchange between relevant actors and stakeholders in the Southeast Pacific. This workshop will provide an opportunity to identify existing networks and discuss options as well as lay the groundwork for establishing regional platforms for exchange.
 5. Identify and assess opportunities, challenges, overlaps and gaps in the current legal and institutional framework in the Southeast Pacific. Research undertaken by the STRONG High Seas project will be shared with participants and will provide a basis for discussion.
- 7-13 July 2018, Rome, Italy. [7th Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network \(RSN\) Meeting](#). The Executive Secretary, Dr. Sebastian Rodriguez, participated in this biennial meeting, held in the margins of the 2018 FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in Rome. A [report of the meeting and relevance to SPRFMO](#) has been produced by Dr. Rodriguez following the agenda of the meeting.
 - 10-13 July 2018, Christchurch, New Zealand. Technical visit by the Korean Secondment Officer, Mr. Jongkwan Ahn, to Recreational Fishing and Salmon Aquaculture centres in the South Island of New Zealand. A [report](#) of Mr. Ahn's mission is available.
 - 24-26 July 2018, Bangkok, Thailand. The Chairperson of the SPRFMO Commission participated in a [UNEP meeting](#) on advancing environmental law leading a round table discussion on the impacts of fishing activities and how to minimise them. A [brief report](#) is available.
 - 7-9 August 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark. SPRFMO's Coordination and Communications Officer, Ms Susana Delgado, visited the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [ICES](#) and [Eurofish](#) to learn from their experience in the development and implementation of a Communication Strategy. A [summary report](#) is available.

Projects Inputs and Requests

- August 2018, "The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime": Contribution on the questionnaire facilitated to the Secretariat addressing IUU fishing.
- August 2018, "OECD": Input and reviewing the OECD report TAD/FI(2017)16/REV2 "Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing".
- September 2018, "Safer Seas for Albatrosses": Contribution on Electronic Automated Reporting System and mitigation tools.
- October 2018, "A Sea of Connections: Contextualizing Fisheries in the South Pacific Region": Feedback to the kick-off workshop.
- November 2018, "CBD": Request for information on activities related to Aichi Target 10 Priority Actions on coral reefs; biodiversity in cold-water areas; and marine debris.
- December 2018, "ABNJ": Contribution on the Report of Key Outcomes from the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Deep Seas Project Third Project Steering Committee Meeting.



Members Observing Annual Meetings of Regional Fisheries Bodies/Arrangements on behalf of SPRFMO

- The United States of America observed the 40th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) held in Tallinn, Estonia, 17-21 September 2018 on behalf of SPRFMO. The report can be found in Annex II.
- Australia observed the 37th Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XXXVII) held in Hobart, Australia, 22 October - 2 November 2018 on behalf of SPRFMO. The report can be found in Annex III.

8. Publications

Meeting Reports

- Report of the sixth Commission Meeting
- Report of the fifth meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee
- Report of the fifth meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Report of the sixth meeting of the Scientific Committee

Data summaries

- COMM7-Inf01 Catch data submitted to the Secretariat
- COMM7-Inf02 SPRFMO List of Authorised and Active Vessels
- SC6-Doc09 Updated species of Concern bycatch
- SC6-JM01 *T. murphyi* catch history and predicted 2017 catches
- SC6-SQ01 Squid information held by the Secretariat

Other meeting documents

COMM7:

- COMM7-Doc08 CCAMLR Arrangements
- COMM7-Doc09 SPRFMO and FIRMS
- COMM7-Doc10 SPRFMO and ABNJ
- COMM7-Doc11 MoU Criteria and Priorities
- COMM7-Prop18 Guidelines for Developing States fund
- COMM7-Prop18.1 Secretariats procedure for travel support

CTC6:

- CTC6-Doc05 Draft Compliance report [restricted]
- CTC6-Doc06 Follow-up actions related to Compliance
- CTC6-Doc07 The Secretariat's Record of Vessels Implementation Report
- CTC6-Doc08 The Secretariat's VMS Implementation Report
- CTC6-Doc09 The Secretariat's Port Inspections Implementation Report
- CTC6-Doc10 Draft and Current IUU lists [restricted]

FAC6:

- FAC6-Doc04 Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2016
- FAC6-Doc05 Report of Income
- FAC6-Doc06 SPRFMO budget Development Analysis (2013/14-2018/19)



- FAC6-Doc08 Draft budget
- FAC6-Doc08.1 Explanatory Note on Secretariat's premises
- FAC6-Doc08.2 Explanatory Note on Meeting and Travel
- FAC6-Doc08.3 Explanatory Note on Translation Costs
- FAC6-Doc08.4 Explanatory Note on Database expenditure
- FAC6-Doc08.5 Explanatory Note on costs associated with a Compliance Manager
- FAC6-Doc09 Calculation of contributions
- FAC6-Doc10 the Secretariat's administrative report on the 2018 intersessional activities
- FAC6-Doc11 Secretariat internal data and security procedures
- FAC6-Doc12 Secondment assessment
- FAC6-Doc13 Secretariat communication plan
- FAC6-Doc14 potential hosting for SPRFMO annual and subsidiary meetings

SC6:

- SC6-Doc05 July 2018 web meeting summary
- SC6-Doc06 Secretariat's SC related activities
- SC6-Doc10 Status of the fund for Scientific support
- SC6-Doc28 SPRFMO and FIRMS
- SC6-Doc33 SPRFMO and the ABNJ Project
- SC6-Doc34 Renewal of the Arrangement between SPRFMO and CCAMLR
- SC6-Doc35 Template for Exploratory fishing assessments
- SC6-DW04 Data Management for Exploratory Fisheries

Media requests

- Mongebay - <https://es.mongabay.com/2018/12/oceanos-barco-ilegal-y-orop-ps-peru-chile/>
- RSN Newsletter: "SPRFMO: a tale of successful fisheries management"

9. Fishery Statistics

The Secretariat has received the 2017 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 692 458 tonnes of fishery resources were taken from the area managed by SPRFMO during 2017 (details are reported in COMM7-Inf01).

The Secretariat has processed 1 264 data files received during the year. A summary of those files is shown in Annex I.

10. Budget

The budget approved by the Commission for the financial year starting 1 July 2018 and ending 30 June 2019 was NZ\$ 1 103 000.

In 2018 contributions in full were received from all Members. Voluntary CNCP contributions were received from Liberia and Panama. In addition, a voluntary contribution was received from China.



Annex I - Data files processed by the Secretariat during the period Nov 2017 – Oct 2018

Member	Vessels new	Vessels altered	Vessel images	Fishing activity	Observer	Landings	Transshipment notifications	Transshipment details	Port inspections	Monthly reports	Totals
Australia		6		2		2				12	22
Belize		1									1
Chile		6	1	1	239 ¹	1			11	12	271
China	89	273	174	2	1	1	14	14		9	577
Cook Islands	3										3
Cuba											-
Ecuador	1									2	3
EU		11		1		1				10	23
Faroe										11	11
Korea	2	11	5	2	2	1	7	8	3	10	51
Liberia	4	23						1		10	38
New Zealand	1	17	3	4	37 ²	1				12	75
Panama	22	35	5				6	3			71
Peru	6	13	12						6	2	39
Russian Federation	4			1	1	1				7	14
Chinese Taipei	25	25	9	1		1		1	2		64
United States											-
Vanuatu				1	1						2
Totals	157	421	209	15	281	9	27	27	22	96	1,164

¹ 312 observer files from Chile were received; the remaining 73 files are still being loaded

² 20 files were received this year, the additional 17 represent files received last year.



Annex II - Report from the SPRFMO Observer (United States) to the 40th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

(Tallinn, Estonia, 17-21 September 2018)

The 40th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) took place from 17-21 September in Tallinn, Estonia. Delegates from the 12 NAFO Contracting Parties were welcomed to Estonia by the NAFO President, Stéphane Artano, and the Honourable Siim Kiisler, Minister of the Environment of Estonia. Contracting Parties were also welcomed by the Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries from the European Commission, Mr. João Aguiar Machado, later in the week.

At the meeting, NAFO accepted the Performance Review Panel Report and its 36 recommendations to further improve its functioning. This second comprehensive review addressed conservation and management; compliance and enforcement; governance; science; international cooperation; and financial and administrative issues. NAFO also established a working group to develop an action plan to address all the recommendations. A copy of NAFO's Performance Review Report and its recommendations can be found on the NAFO website (<https://www.nafo.int>).

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

- NAFO adopted an exceptional circumstances protocol for NAFO's Greenland halibut management strategy evaluation.
- NAFO continued its commitment to the conservation of marine biodiversity in NAFO waters by implementing measures to prohibit the directed fishing of Greenland shark and for Contracting Parties to report on efforts to minimize incidental catches and mortalities.
- NAFO adopted a comprehensive revision to the NAFO Observer Program to enhance the quality of data being collected by NAFO observers.
- NAFO agreed to a schedule for the management strategy evaluation plan for cod in the Flemish Cap (Division 3M), including setting a Harvest Control Rule for the stock, for the next Annual Meeting.
- NAFO continued its efforts towards further developing its ecosystem approach to fisheries management by requesting that the NAFO Scientific Council develop a 3 to 5 year workplan to ensure its prioritization and support. In this context, NAFO looks to further progress in the implementation of its Ecosystem Approach Roadmap.



Annex III - Report from the SPRFMO Observer (Australia) to the 37th Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XXXVII)

(Hobart, Australia, 22 October – 2 November 2018)

The thirty-seventh meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XXXVII) was held 22 October to 2 November 2018 in Hobart, Australia.

The following are key decisions or discussions in the Commission related to issues considered by the Standing Committee on Implementation and compliance (SCIC):

- A proposal from France to contribute to the monitoring of suspected illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Convention Area by using imagery was approved. The duration of the project will be one year and the cost of €100, 000 will be met by the EU.
- Ecuador was granted the status of a Non-Contracting Party (NCP) cooperating with CCAMLR by participating in the Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS).
- Conservation Measure (CM) 10-04 (*Automated satellite-linked Vessel Monitoring Systems [VMS]*) was revised to remove the requirement to de-identify VMS data after a three-year period to enable the CCAMLR Secretariat to compile historical catch data for vessels and to be used for scientific analyses.
- CM 10-05 (*Catch Documentation Scheme for Dissostichus spp.*) was revised to enable NCPs trading in *Dissostichus* spp. (Toothfish) through imports and re-exports, but not engaged in the harvest or export of *Dissostichus* spp. to be recognised as cooperating with CCAMLR through limited access to the e-CDS as a permanent status. Based on the current practices, this enables Singapore to participate in the CDS.
- CM 10-10 (*CCAMLR Compliance Evaluation Procedure*) was revised to make it mandatory for a Member to suggest a preliminary compliance status in responding to its Draft Compliance Report.
- No vessels were added or removed from the Contracting Party (CP)-IUU Vessel List and the NCP-IUU Vessel Lists.
- The CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation was amended to require scientific observers to be equipped with an independent two-way satellite communication device and personal lifesaving beacon, the requirement coming into effect from 1 December 2019.
- No consensus was reached on a proposal to amend CM 10-09 (*Notification system for transshipments within the Convention Area*) to strengthen the monitoring and control of transshipments in the Convention Area.
- No consensus was reached on proposals to amend CMs 10-06 (*Scheme to promote compliance by Contracting Party vessels with CCAMLR conservation measures*) and 10-07 (*Scheme to promote compliance by non-Contracting Party vessels with CCAMLR conservation measures*) to allow the cross-listing of Contracting Party-IUU and NCP-IUU vessels that have been included in an IUU Vessel List adopted by a regional fisheries management organisation (RFMO) or on proposed amendments regarding the intersessional listing of stateless vessels.

The following are key decisions or discussions in the Commission related to issues considered by CCAMLR's Scientific Committee:

- CM 24-01 (*The application of conservation measures to scientific research*) was amended to update requirements for future submission of research proposals.
- The Commission agreed that new research proposals under CM 24-01 be limited to a maximum duration of three years.



- CM 24-05 (*Fishing for research purposes pursuant to Conservation Measure 24-01*) was amended to include relevant information provided by the Scientific Committee on research proposals. This has increased the transparency and documentation related to fishing for research purposes authorised by the Commission.
- CM51-04 (*General measure for exploratory fisheries for Euphausia superba in the Convention Area in the 2018/19 season*) was amended to require marine mammal exclusion devices to be used in exploratory krill fisheries. This brings the exploratory krill fisheries in line with the established krill fisheries which already have this requirement (CMs 51-01 – 51-03).
- The following conservation measures for fisheries targeting *D. mawsoni* (Antarctic toothfish) and/or *D. eleginoides* (*Patagonian toothfish*) were adopted:
 - CM 41-01 (2018) – general measure for exploratory fisheries for *Dissostichus spp.*
 - CM 41-03 (2018) – fishery for *Dissostichus spp.* in Subarea 48.4
 - CM 41-04 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. mawsoni* in Subarea 48.6
 - CM 41-05 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. mawsoni* in Division 58.4.2
 - CM 41-06 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. eleginoides* in Division 58.4.3a
 - CM 41-07 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. mawsoni* in Division 58.4.3b
 - CM 41-09 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. mawsoni* in Subarea 88.1
 - CM 41-10 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. mawsoni* in Subarea 88.2
 - CM 41-11 (2018) – exploratory fishery for *D. mawsoni* in Division 58.4.1. Whilst the catch limits were updated, this fishery remains closed for the 2018/19 fishing season.
- The Scientific Committee's advice on the limits for the established fisheries for *C. gunnari* (Mackerel icefish) in Subarea 48.3 and Division 58.5.2 were endorsed. For Subarea 48.3, CM 42-01 (*Limits on the fishery for Champsocephalus gunnari in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons*) was carried forward, for Division 58.5.2 CM 42-02 (*Limits on the fishery for Champsocephalus gunnari in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 seasons*) was revised and adopted.
- The CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (CEMP) e-forms will be revised in order to increase data provision to CEMP and to progress the use of camera data for the collection of multiple CEMP parameters.
- The design and methodology for the 2019 krill synoptic survey was agreed.
- A second focused tagging program for skates will be conducted in 2019/20 and 2020/21 in the Subarea 88.1 and SSRUs 882A–B region.
- Four sites in the western Antarctic Peninsula and three sites in the South Orkney Islands were added to the CCAMLR Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem registry.
- It was noted that the 2017/18 season had the lowest extrapolated seabird mortality figure in CCAMLR's history and reflected on the large amount of work undertaken by many of the Scientific Committee's working groups and Members to achieve this.
- Russia's proposal to conduct lithodid crab research fishing under CM 24-01 (*The application of conservation measures to scientific research*) in Subareas 88.2 and 88.3 carried out according to the specific requirements set out in SC-CAMLR-XXXVII (paragraphs 4.2 – 4.5) was endorsed.
- No consensus was reached on the proposed multi-Member (Australia, France, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Spain) toothfish research plan in Division 58.4.1. Research in Division 58.4.2 will continue in 2018/19.
- No consensus was reached on proposed conservation measures to establish Marine Protected Areas in the East Antarctic, Weddell Sea and Domain 1 (Western Antarctic Peninsula and South Scotia Arc).



Other outcomes from CCAMLR XXXVII include:

- The Commission supported more active cooperation between CCAMLR and the RFMOs sharing a boundary with the Convention Area, as well as greater engagement between secretariats.
 - In particular, it encouraged further cooperation with the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), the South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO), the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT). This was in relation to toothfish research and tagging and operation of the e-CDS, and for those which manage toothfish, to promote compatibility in management, scientific and technical exchange on toothfish research and tagging, and cooperation in the CDS.
 - The Commission agreed to renew the Memoranda of Understanding between CCAMLR and CCSBT and SPRFMO for a further three years.
- The Commission agreed to establish an Intersessional Correspondence Group on Capacity Building and to hold a capacity building workshop to advance these discussions.
- Mr F. Curcio (Spain) was elected to the position of Chair of the Commission for the 2019 and 2020 meetings. Mr Dübner (Germany) will continue as Commission Vice-Chair.
- The Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Commission will be held at the CCAMLR Headquarters building in Hobart, Australia, from 21 October to 1 November 2019. The Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee will be held in Hobart from 21 to 25 October 2019.