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Check List for Exploratory Fisheries Proposals – CMM13-2016 and CMM 14b-2018

Secretariat

Scientific Committee Considerations

Fisheries Operation Plans

8. The Scientific Committee shall provide recommendations and advice to the Commission on each Fisheries Operation Plan on the following matters, as appropriate:

	NZ	EU	Cook Islands
a) management strategies or plans for fishery resources;			
b) reference points, including precautionary reference points as described in Annex II of the 1995 Agreement;			
c) an appropriate precautionary catch limit;			
d) the cumulative impacts of all fishing activity in the area of the exploratory fishery;			
e) the impact of the proposed fishing on the marine ecosystem;			
f) the sufficiency of information available to inform the level of precaution required and the degree of certainty with which the Scientific Committee's advice is provided;			
g) the degree to which the approach outlined in the Fisheries Operation Plan is likely to ensure the exploratory fishery is developed consistently with its nature as an exploratory fishery, and consistently with the objectives of Article 2 of the Convention ¹ ; and			
h) in respect of a Fisheries Operation Plan that proposes any bottom fishing activity, advice and recommendations in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 03-2018 (Bottom Fishing) ² .			

¹ The objective of this Convention is, through the application of the precautionary approach and an ecosystem approach to fisheries management, to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources and, in so doing, to safeguard the marine ecosystems in which these resources occur.

² The Scientific Committee shall:

- a) assess, on the basis of the best available scientific information, whether the proposed bottom fishing would have significant adverse impacts on VMEs and if it is assessed that these activities would have significant adverse impacts, recommend measures to prevent such impacts, or recommend that the proposed bottom fishing should not proceed;
- b) assess, taking into account, inter alia, the cumulative impacts of other fishing occurring in the region where such information is available, whether the proposed activities are consistent with paragraph 1 of this CMM and Article 2 of the Convention;
- c) provide recommendations and advice to the Commission on the assessment.

Data Collection Plans

9. When considering a Fisheries Operation Plan... the Scientific Committee shall develop a Data Collection Plan in respect of that exploratory fishery which should include research requirements, as appropriate. The Data Collection Plan shall identify and describe the data needed and any operational research actions necessary to obtain data from the exploratory fishery to enable an assessment of the stock, the feasibility of establishing a fishery and the impact of fishing activity on non-target, associated or dependent species and the marine ecosystem in which the fishery occurs. The Scientific Committee shall review and update the Data Collection Plan for each exploratory fishery annually as appropriate.

10. The Data Collection Plan shall require, as appropriate:

	NZ	EU	Cook Islands
a) a description of the catch, effort and related biological, ecological and environmental data required to undertake the evaluations described in paragraph 24;			
b) the dates by which the data must be provided to the Commission;			
c) a plan for directing fishing effort in an exploratory fishery to allow for the acquisition of relevant data to evaluate the fishery potential and the ecological relationships among harvested, non-target and associated and dependent populations and the likelihood of adverse impact;			
d) where appropriate, a plan for the acquisition of any other research data obtained by fishing vessels, including activities that may require the cooperative activities of scientific observers and the vessel, as may be required by the Scientific Committee to evaluate the fishery potential and the ecological relationships among harvested, non-target, associated and dependent populations and the likelihood of adverse impacts; and			
e) an evaluation of the time scales involved in determining the responses of harvested, dependent and related populations to fishing activities			

Particularly regarding Exploratory Fisheries Proposal – CMM14b-2018

24. ...The proposal will include the following:

- a) A detailed and specific proposal and Fisheries Operation Plan that includes formal sampling designs and data collection plans for all phases of the proposed exploratory fishery that conform with CMM13- 2016;
- b) A description of how the proposed fishing meets the requirements of the Convention and relevant CMMs, including a bottom fishing impact assessment;
- c) Propose measures to ensure the long-term viability of the target species, including reproduction;
- d) A description of any fishing conducted to date, including effort, catch, and information on measures taken to protect VMEs.