

DECISION 15-2023

Intersessional Decision to Amend CMM 11-2023 on High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures for the SPRFMO

The Members of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation:

Agree that the attached 4 documents (being an inspection flag - Annex 1, inspection pennant - Annex 2, boarding report template - Annex 3, and standardised questionnaire - Annex 4) are adopted as amendments to CMM 11-2023 (Boarding and Inspection).

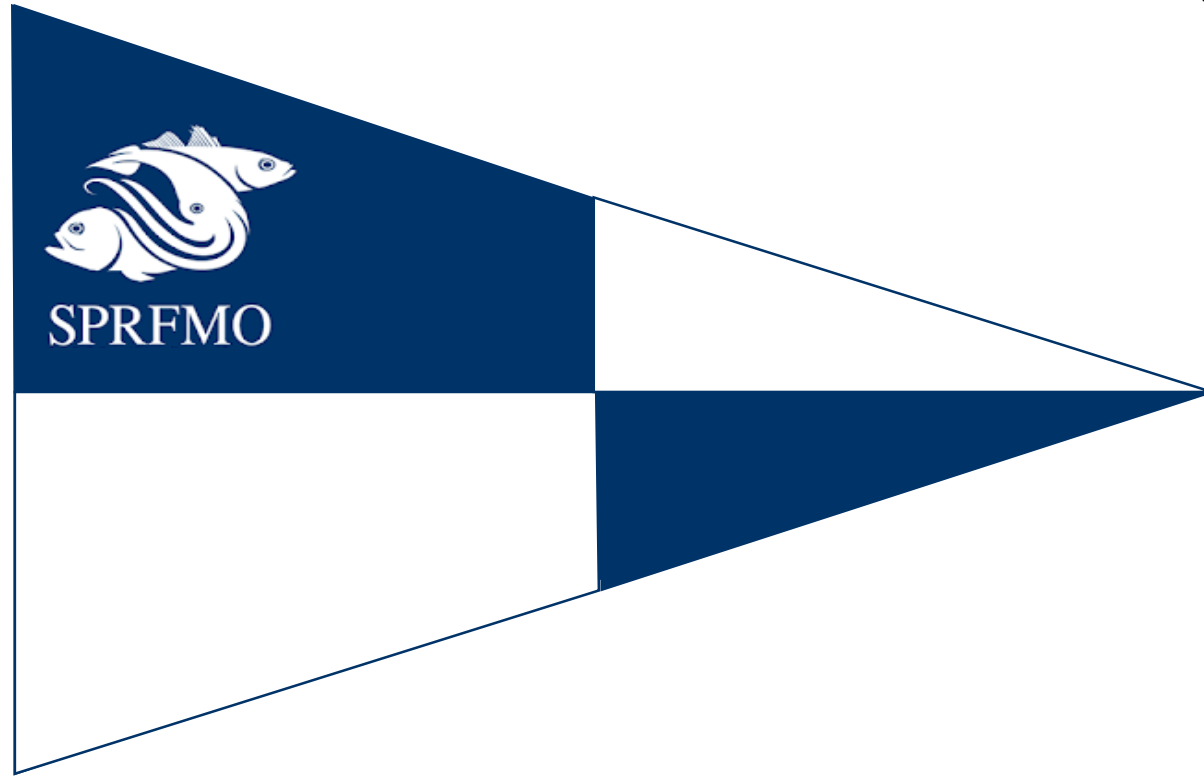
Annex 1 SPRFMO inspection flag

The following Inspection Flag is intended to be used by authorised inspection vessels. The dimensions are 94 cm by 213 cm (height by length)



Annex 2 SPRFMO inspection pennant

The following Boarding pennant is intended to be used by authorised inspection vessels. The dimensions are 44 cm by 66 cm (height by length)





South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organisation (SPRFMO)		DATE (LOCAL TIME): DD / MM / YYYY / /		
BOARDING REPORT Use BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS when filling out form		BOARDING TIME (UTC)		
		START		FINISH
EXTERNAL	VESSEL REGISTRATION NUMBER		VESSEL NAME	
	IMO NUMBER		LENGTH (METERS)	TONNAGE (GRT or GT)
	OPTIONAL (EXTERNAL MARKERS AND OTHER UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS)			
	HOMEPORT / PORT OF REGISTER		FLAG	IRCS
				CREW (NUMBER WITH NATIONALITY / JURISDICTION)
	ISSCFG (Fishing Gear: CMM 02-2022 Annex 9)		ISSCFV (Fishing Vessel: CMM 02-2022 Annex 10)	
MASTER	MASTER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)		NATIONALITY / JURISDICTION	
	ADDRESS			
	PASSPORT NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY		BIRTHDATE (DD/MM/YYYY)	
OWNER	OWNER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, AND MIDDLE INITIAL)		NATIONALITY / JURISDICTION	
	ADDRESS		PHONE	
	COMPANY NAME			
VESSEL ACTIVITIES	POSITION (LATITUDE/LONGITUDE)		DETAILED GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	
	VESSEL ACTIVITY: FISHING / TRANSHIPPING / TRANSITING / LOITERING / SUPPORTING: Specify: _____			
	LAST PORT OF CALL		DATE	NEXT PORT OF CALL
				DATE (ESTIMATED)
	VMS MODEL / SERIAL NUMBER			
	OBSERVER ONBOARD? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		OBSERVER'S NAME	
		OBSERVER'S NATIONALITY / JURISDICTION		

ORIGINAL – AUTHORISED INSPECTOR

COPY 1 – VESSEL MASTER

COPY 2 – VESSEL FLAG STATE

CATCH INFORMATION	SUMMARY OF TOTAL CLAIMED ONBOARD CATCH (e.g., Kilograms or Tonnes)						
	EFFORT	FISH SPECIES (WITH 3-ALPHA CODE)	Onboard ¹	Caught ²	Transhipped ³	Total Onboard ⁴	Product Form Conversion Factor
	NUMBER OF FISHING DAYS:						
	NUMBER OF SETS:						

1. Quantities on board when entering the area

2. Quantities caught in the Convention Area

3. Quantities loaded (+) or unloaded (-) in the Convention Area

4. Total declared quantities on board at the time of inspection

RESULT OF INSPECTION OF CATCH ONBOARD *(Comment in the case of a significant difference between the inspector's estimates of the catches on board and the related summaries of catches from vessel logbooks. Note this difference with a percentage. Report any unreported catch, discards, or prohibited species found onboard):*

DETAILS OF OBSERVED POTENTIAL NON-COMPLIANCE

REMARKS REGARDING BOARDING AND VESSEL COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES:

CMM	NATURE OF POTENTIAL VIOLATION	OBSERVATIONS

ORIGINAL – AUTHORISED INSPECTOR

COPY 1 – VESSEL MASTER

COPY 2 – VESSEL FLAG STATE

BOARDING REMARKS

ENFORCEMENT VESSEL NAME

FLAG

AUTHORIZED INSPECTOR NAME(S)

AUTHORIZED INSPECTOR SIGNATURE(S)

MASTER'S COMMENTS

I, the undersigned, Master of the vessel, hereby confirm that a copy of this report has been delivered to me on this date. My signature does not constitute acceptance of any part of the contents of the report.

MASTER'S NAME (PRINT)

MASTER'S SIGNATURE

PURPOSE OF HIGH SEAS BOARDING AND INSPECTION (HSBI)

The purpose of this boarding report is to document the outcome of at-sea boardings of fishing vessels of Members of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organization (SPRFMO) in accordance with the SPRFMO Convention and the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures (CMM) for High Seas Boarding and Inspection 11-2023.

CMM 11-2023 High Seas Boarding and Inspection

High Seas Boarding and Inspection Questions and Protocols

SPRFMO Pre-Boarding Questions/Protocol

1. Fishing vessel [name of fishing vessel] this is the [name of inspecting vessel] calling you on channel 16 VHF-FM/2182 kHz (HF), over.
2. Request you switch your communications to channel _____
3. Fishing vessel (name), this is authorized inspection vessel (name and SPRFMO registration number). We are here on behalf of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation and are authorized to check compliance with all applicable conservation and management measures. We intend to board and inspect your vessel. Prior to our boarding of your vessel, we need to ask you a few questions.
4. We will be sending over an inspection party in approximately (five / fifteen / thirty) minutes; please assist them in getting onboard and comply with all of their instructions.
5. To assist our boarding party in boarding your vessel, we request you (choose from below as appropriate).
 - a. Stop your vessel
 - b. Slow your vessel
 - c. Continue on your present course and speed
 - d. Turn to (port / starboard)
 - e. Lower a ladder on the (port / starboard) side
6. To conduct this inspection in a timely manner, please make available to our inspectors all of your vessel's documents, including your catch logs and reports.
7. (If boarding is refused) if you refuse to allow authorized boarding and inspection activities, the Authorities of your vessel and the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation will be notified immediately of your refusal and any explanation you may have, which may result in the suspension of your vessel authorization. Do you have an explanation for refusing boarding and inspection?
8. Prior to our boarding of your vessel, we need to ask you some questions.
9. Is your vessel authorized by the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation?
10. Under which Member's flag are you registered?
11. What is your international radio call sign?
12. What is your homeport?
13. How much _____ (a-c) _____ do you have onboard? If fish, what type (species)?
 - a. Fish (fishing vessel)
 - b. Fish and/or supplies (carrier vessel)
 - c. Fuel (bunker vessel)
14. When and where was the vessel's last port of call?
15. When and where is the vessel's next expected port of call?
16. What is the name and nationality/jurisdiction of your master?
17. How many crew do you have onboard?
18. Do you have any weapons onboard? If so, where are they located?
19. Do you have a fishery observer onboard? If so, what is the observer's name and nationality/jurisdiction.
20. Thank you for your responses, we will be sending over an inspection party in approximately (five / fifteen / thirty) minutes; please assist them in getting onboard and comply with all of their instructions.

SPRFMO Boarding Questions/Protocol

1. Good (morning / afternoon / evening), are you the master of the vessel? What is your full name?
2. I am here to inspect your vessel for compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation. Here is my identity card to show I am an authorized inspector [identity card will be shown].
3. What species are you fishing for?
4. Is your vessel authorized to fish in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation Convention Area?
5. (To the master if inspection is refused) if you refuse to allow authorized inspection activities, the Authorities of your vessel and the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation will be notified immediately of your refusal and any explanation you may have, which may result in the suspension of your vessel authorization. Do you have an explanation for refusing boarding and inspection?
6. Is there anyone on board who speaks [language of the boarding team e.g. Spanish, English, Russian, Mandarin]?
7. [If appropriate/applicable] I do not have anyone onboard who can speak your language.
8. These people will assist me in my inspection.
9. Please muster your crew on the (fantail / bow / open deck).
10. Please indicate where you keep your weapons onboard (If any).
11. This is a copy of the text of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation measure which provides me the authority to board your vessel and conduct this inspection.
12. This is a copy of the relevant South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation conservation and management measures that apply to your vessel.
13. We intend to inspect your vessel to ensure your compliance with these conservation and management measures.
14. As part of our inspection we intend to photograph relevant aspects of the vessel's fishing and processing practices (if body cameras are used: this inspection is being recorded).
15. You have indicated that there is a fishery observer onboard the vessel. I would like to speak to the observer (if yes to the pre-boarding question).
16. Please show me:
 - a. Your vessel's documents
 - b. Your current permits
 - c. Where applicable, your vessel monitoring system and transmission reports
 - d. Your catch logs (including transshipment records)
 - e. Your navigation charts
 - f. The vessel's processing area
 - g. The vessel's freezers/storage areas
 - h. The vessel's fishing gear and equipment including all bycatch mitigation
 - i. The vessel's storage for rubbish/plastics
17. Your documents and records indicate you are compliant with all relevant South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation conservation and management measures.
OR
18. Your documents and records indicate you are not compliant with all relevant conservation and management measures.
19. [If applicable] This is the specific conservation and management measure you may not be in compliance with.
20. This (is / is not) considered by the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation to be a serious violation.

21. I am photographing this item to document the inspection/violation.
22. I will use this boarding report to document my inspection of your vessel.
23. This boarding report indicates you (are / are not) compliant with all South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation conservation and management measures.
24. This is the completed boarding report [report should be provided to the master] Will you please sign and date the report? This is the place where you can write your comments and any objections regarding the inspection.
[Provide opportunity for master to add his comments]
25. This is your copy of the boarding report.
26. A copy of this boarding report will be provided to the Authorities of this fishing vessel.
27. Thank you for your assistance during this boarding.
28. I have completed the inspection of your vessel.
29. We are departing your vessel at this time.