

**6th Meeting of the Commission
Lima, Peru, 30 January to 3 February 2018**

COMM 6 – INF 02

The Secretariat's Administrative Report for 2017
Secretariat

1. Membership

During 2017 the following States, territories, regional economic integration organisation and fishing entities were or became 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 2017 the following States were granted the status of CNCP in accordance with Article 32 of the Convention and Decision 1.02 of the Commission:

1. Republic of Liberia
2. Republic of Panama

3. Observers

In 2017 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

- Convention for the Conservation of Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
- South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)
- World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

Non-Governmental Organisations

- Deep Sea Conservation Coalition
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group

4. SPRFMO Officers

Commission

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

Vice Chairperson: Mr Hector Soldi (Peru, elected in 2017)

Scientific Committee

Chairperson: Dr Jim Ianelli (USA, elected in 2013, re-elected in 2014 and 2016)

Vice Chairperson: Mr Niels Hintzen (EU, elected in 2013, re-elected in 2014 and 2016)

Compliance and Technical Committee:

Chairperson: Ms Jihyun Kim (Korea, elected in 2017)

Vice Chairperson: Ms Karin Mundnich (Chile, elected in 2017)

Finance and Administration Committee

Chairperson: Ms Kerrie Robertson (Australia, elected in 2017)

Vice Chairperson: Mr Gerry Geen (Vanuatu, elected 2017)

Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Western Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Secretariat

Executive Secretary: Dr Johanne Fischer

Data Manager: Mr Craig Loveridge

Coordination and Communications Officer: Ms Susana Delgado

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

IT Manager: Mr John Cheva (since July 2017)

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

Intern: Mr Guillaume Carruel (13 February to 26 May 2017)

5. Main Service Providers

- Fishery database: [FINNZ](#)
- Web hosting: [Silverstripe](#)
- VMS Service Provider: [CLS](#)

6. SPRFMO Meetings

The **Fifth Commission Meeting** was held from 18 to 22 January 2017 in Adelaide, Australia.

The **Fourth Compliance and Technical Committee** met prior to the fifth Commission meeting (14-16 January 2017).

The **Fourth Finance & Administration Committee** met during the Fifth Commission Meeting.

The **Fifth Meeting of the Scientific Committee** was held from 23 to 28 September 2017 in Shanghai, China. It was preceded by a 2-day Workshop covering squid and deep-water topics, on 21 and 22 September.

7. Cooperation with Other Organisations

In 2017, 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 delegates or staff members, bearing in mind the availability of funds and time. 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:

ABNJ Deep Seas Project Steering Committee ([report](#)). 7 - 9 February 2017 at FAO, Rome, Italy. SPRFMO was represented by Dr. Jianye Tang (China) ([report](#)) and Mr. Timothy Costelloe (Cook Island) ([report](#)). Normally, for reasons of continuity, staff members endeavour to attend, if possible. SPRFMO is a partner in this project and attends the Steering Committee meetings to ensure that SPRFMO views and interests are appropriately considered and to report back to the SC and the Commission on progress made, obstacles encountered and next steps. The Project on Sustainable Management and Biodiversity Conservation of Deep Sea Living Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction has the objective to achieve efficiency and sustainability in the use of deep-sea living resources and biodiversity conservation in the ABNJ, through the systematic application of an ecosystem approach for: (i) improving sustainable management practices for DSFM taking into account the impacts on related ecosystems; (ii) improving the protection of VMEs and components of EBSAs; and (iii) testing improved area-based planning tools for deep-sea ecosystems.

6th and final meeting of the New Zealand VME Stakeholder Advisory Group. 28 February 2017, Wellington, New Zealand. SPRFMO was represented by Craig Loveridge (Data Manager). This group provided a forum for exchanging ideas and information related to New Zealand's South Pacific VME project, which also carries relevance to SPRFMO (refer NZ paper [COMM5-INF05](#)).

SPRFMO SC, Third Workshop: Deepwater Working Group. 23 - 25 May 2017, Hobart, Australia ([Report](#)). The Data Manager, Craig Loveridge, attended the meeting and provided secretarial support.

New Zealand Bottom Fishing Stakeholder Workshops. 13 - 14 July, 1 August, 15 August, 13 November and 15 November 2017, Wellington New Zealand (see [COMM6-INF05](#)). The Secretariat was represented by Craig Loveridge (Data Manager), and occasionally by Johanne Fischer (Executive Secretary) and Osvaldo Urrutia (Commission Chairperson). The main scope of these meetings was to gather and document stakeholder views on the nature and content of a revised conservation and management measure for bottom fisheries in the SPRFMO Area.

Our Oceans Conference. 4-6 October 2017 in Malta ([report](#)). SPRFMO was represented by Johanne Fischer (Executive Secretary). Since 2014, the Our Ocean conferences have invited ocean leaders to commit to change for the conservation of oceans while also providing an important global platform for exchanging views, coordination and networking. In 2017, the conference focused on marine pollution, marine protected areas, maritime security, sustainable blue economy, sustainable fisheries and climate change. Regional fisheries played a major part in the 2017 conference, and several SPRFMO Members communicated significant commitments and efforts of more than 100 million Euros under the agenda item for sustainable fisheries, i.e. Australia, Chile, European Union (also Spain and Portugal), Korea, Chinese Taipei and USA. In addition, several IGOS and RFMOs made substantive promises and important announcements related to sustainable fisheries, e.g. FAO, ILO, IOC, GFCM, GEF, and ICES. These and other commitments have been compiled in a [pdf document](#) and an [interactive map](#).

FAO/CPPS Workshop "Fortalecimiento de la coordinación regional para la lucha contra la pesca INDNR en aguas bajo jurisdicción nacional de los Estados miembros de la CPPS " (Strengthening the regional coordination to fight IUU fishing in waters under national jurisdiction of CPPS member States). **15 - 17 November 2017, Santiago, Chile** ([meeting website](#)). *Johanne Fischer attended and gave a presentation on "Los mecanismos de coordinación y herramientas para el combate a la pesca ilegal en la Organización Regional de Ordenación Pesquera del Pacífico Sur (SPRFMO)"* (The mechanisms of coordination and tools for the fight against illegal fishing in SPRFMO). The workshop had the objective to advance the creation of a regional coordination mechanism among CPPS member States to fight against transboundary IUU fishing, accurately monitor the fisheries and manage the marine resources.

In addition to the participation in meetings shown above, in 2017 the Secretariat also had the opportunity of **strengthening its work relationship with the CCAMLR Secretariat** through:

A short-term placement at the CCAMLR Secretariat, 29 May – 2 June 2017, Hobart, Australia.

Craig Loveridge, Data Manager, participated for one week in the activities and operations of the CCAMLR Secretariat with the goal to experiencing and discussing best practices and different approaches to similar services and activities. During this time, the data manager had very useful discussions on a broad range of issues including (but not limited to):

- Operation of CLS Themis (the same software that SPRFMO will use for its VMS)
- Data management and information sharing
- Leveraging CCAMLRs scientific expertise at assessing toothfish stocks
- Management of the Scheme of International Scientific Observation
- Vessels of common interest and MCS
- Website access arrangements and meeting support

8. Publications

All SPRFMO publications can be found on the SPRFMO website at www.sprfmo.int including:

- Report of the [fifth Commission Meeting](#)
- Report of the [fourth meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee](#)
- Report of the [fourth meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee](#)
- Report of the [fifth meeting of the Scientific Committee](#)

Papers provided by the Secretariat

In 2017, the following substantive documents were prepared by the Secretariat in support of the work of the Commission:

Data summaries (see also Annex 1)

- [COMM6-INFO3](#) Catch data submitted to the Secretariat
- [COMM6-INFO4](#) SPRFMO List of Authorised and Active Vessels
- [SC5-SQ01](#) Squid information held by the Secretariat
- [SC5-Doc31](#) Summary of current SPRFMO by-catch records
- [SC5-JM01](#) *T. murphyi* catch history and predicted 2017 catches [Annex 1](#)

Reports

- [COMM6-Doc03](#) Draft Annual Report of the Commission
- COMM6-INF02 Secretariat's Administrative Report (this document)
- [SC5-Doc32_rev1](#) Secretariat's SC related activities

- [SC5-Doc05](#) July 2017 web meeting summary
- [SC5-Doc27](#) Status of the fund for Scientific support
- [CTC5-Doc03](#) The Secretariat's VMS Implementation Report
- [CTC5-Doc04](#) Draft Compliance report [*restricted*]
- [CTC5-Doc05](#) Follow-up actions related to Compliance
- [CTC5-Doc09](#) Port State Measures Implementation
- [FAC5-Doc03](#) Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2016
 - [FAC5-Doc03 Suppl.1](#) Statement of transfers of appropriations
 - [FAC5-Doc03 Suppl.2](#) Statement of written-down losses
 - [FAC5-Doc03 Suppl.3](#) SPRFMO Contingency Fund
- [FAC5-Doc04](#) Report of Income

Other documents

- [COMM6-INFO6](#) Additional information for the proposal to amend the Jack mackerel CMM
- [COMM6-INFO8](#) Implementation Report Template (Annex II of CMM 10-2017, CMS)
- [SC5-Doc06](#) Summary versions for the SPRFMO Species profiles
- [SC5-Doc07](#) Revised Guidelines for Annual reports to the SPRFMO Scientific Committee
- [SC5-INFO2](#) Web meeting software
- [CTC5-Doc07](#) Transshipment outside the SPRFMO Area
- [CTC5-Doc08](#) Pair trawling within the SPRFMO Area
- [CTC5-Doc10](#) Draft IUU List (restricted)
- [CTC5-Doc13](#) Process for providing access to the SPRFMO VMS (THEMIS)

9. Fishery Statistics

The Secretariat has received the 2016 Annual Catch Reports from all Commission Members and CNCPs who fished in the SPRFMO Area in accordance with CMM 02-2017. These reports show that a total of 305 554 tonnes of fishery resources were taken from the SPRFMO Area during 2016 (details are reported in [COMM6-INFO3](#)).

The Secretariat has processed approximately 1 700 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 2017 and ending 30 June 2018 was NZ\$ 1 164 000.

In 2017 contributions in full were received from all Members. Voluntary CNCP contributions were received from Liberia and Panama. In addition, a voluntary contribution of NZ\$ 27 368 was received from China.

Annex I

Data files processed by the Secretariat during the period Nov 2016 – Oct 2017

PARTICIPANT	VESSELS NEW	VESSELS ALTERED	VESSEL IMAGES	FISHING ACTIVITY	OBSERVER	LANDINGS	TRANSHIPMENT NOTIFICATIONS	TRANSHIPMENT DETAILS	PORT INSPECTIONS	VMS REPORTS	MONTHLY REPORTS	TOTAL
AUSTRALIA		7		1							12	20
CHILE		1	1	1	3	1			7	1	12	27
CHINA	64	1040	166				5	5		4	12	1296
COLOMBIA												0
COOK ISLANDS	5	1	5				1					12
CUBA	1		1									2
ECUADOR											1	1
EUROPEAN UNION	2	11	1	2		4				1	11	32
FAROE ISLANDS											11	11
KOREA	3	19	22	2		2	17	20	1	1	11	98
LIBERIA								1		2		3
NEW ZEALAND		15	1	3	1				1		13	34
PANAMA	17	57	27				3	3				107
PERU	11	6	9	1		1			3	5	12	48
RUSSIAN FED.		1	1	1		1	1	2		1	6	14
CHINESE TAIPEI	2	1	3	1		1		1				9
UNITED STATES												0
VANUATU								1		2		3
TOTAL	105	1152	237	11	4	10	27	33	12	17	89	1697