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Statement of EDF to the 12th Commission Meeting of SPRFMO

As EDF we strongly support incorporating climate change into the work of the scientific committee and into science-based adaptive management decisions from the Commission by adoption of Decision 13-2023 and thank you to the United States for coordinating the important effort onto SPRFMO and support Chile proposal.

Climate change makes alterations in productivity, shifts in the distribution of marine resources, increase environmental variability and more frequent and extreme anomalies. This causes shocks in supply chains and put at risk food security and livelihood coastal communities.

Our main summary recommendations regarding climate change are:

1. SPRFMO could take a precautionary approach to management of resources given the threats and uncertainties of climate change.
2. The Scientific Committee should conduct intersessional activities reviewing the impacts of climate change in the SPRFMO region and the vulnerability of key SPRFMO resources to these impacts.
3. Incorporate climate and ecosystem considerations into all new CMMs via climate and ecosystem impact assessments.
4. Develop indicators and enhanced monitoring programs to assess CMM performance on relevant timescales (1-2 years) and allow for adaptive and dynamic management decisions in relation to climate and ecosystem state.

EDF would like to commit our in-kind support:

1. To advance the important effort of integrating climate change into SPRFMO,
2. Offer our support to plan and host a climate change side event for delegates to develop a strategy for climate-smart management in SPRFMO, including enhanced monitoring, modeling, and adaptive management of resources in relation to climate variability and change.
3. We want to share to Convention our experience in development together with IPIAP (Ecuador), IMARPE (Peru), IFOP (Chile) PRODUCE (Peru) and SubPesca (Chile) our An Observation Prediction and Early Warning System for Climate Impacts on Fisheries of the Humboldt Current Large Marine Ecosystem – (<https://www.sapohumboldt.org/> call S.A.P.O. for Spanish acronym).