

South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

3rd Meeting of the Commission
Auckland, New Zealand: 2 – 6 February 2015

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The Secretariat's Administrative Report for 2014

1. Membership

In 2014, the following States, territories, regional economic integration organisation and fishing entities were Members of the Commission:

- Australia
- Belize
- Republic of Chile
- People's Republic of China
- Cook Islands
- Republic of Cuba
- European Union
- Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands
- Republic of Korea
- New Zealand
- Russian Federation
- Chinese Taipei
- Republic of Vanuatu

2. Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCs)

In 2014, the following States were granted the status of CNC in accordance with Article 32 of the Convention and Decision 1.02 of the Commission:

- Republic of Ecuador
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Panama
- Republic of Peru
- United States of America

3. Observers

In 2014, the following Observers participated in SPRFMO meetings in accordance with Article 18 of the Convention and Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedures:

States

- Liberia
- Panama

IGOs

- Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)
- Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPPS)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

NGOs

- BirdLife International
- Center for Development and Sustainable Fisheries (CEDEPESCA)
- Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC)
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group Incorporated (NZHSFG)
- Oceana

4. SPRFMO officers

Commission

Chairperson: Bill Mansfield (New Zealand, elected in 2013)

Vice Chairperson: Isauro Torres (Chile, elected in 2013)

Compliance and Technical Committee:

Chairperson: Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile, elected in 2013)

Vice Chairperson: Wand Chen (China, elected in 2013)

Scientific Committee

Acting Chairperson: Jim Ianelli (USA, elected in 2013)

Vice Chairperson: Niels Hintzen (EU, elected in 2013)

Finance and Administration Committee

Chairperson: Gordon Neil (Australia, elected in 2013)

Acting Vice Chairperson: Nicolas Roncagliolo (Peru, elected in 2013)

Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee

Acting Chairperson: Guillermo Morán (Ecuador, elected in 2014)

Vice Chairperson: Gerry Geen (Vanuatu, elected in 2013)

Western Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Secretariat

Acting Executive Secretary: Robin Allen (until 30 June 2014)

Executive Secretary: Johanne Fischer (from 1 July 2014)

5. Secretariat staff

- Data Manager: Craig Loveridge
- Administration Officer: Susana Delgado
- Fisheries Data Consultant (part-time): Marianne Vignaux

6. Main Service Providers

- Accountants: BDO New Zealand
- Auditors: KPMG Wellington
- Fishery database: FINNZ
- IT support: Redstripe
- Web hosting: Silverstripe

7. Meetings

SPRFMO Meetings

- The second Commission Meeting was held from 27 to 31 January 2014 in Manta, Ecuador

The following Committees met for the first time during the second Commission Meeting:

- Compliance and Technical Committee
- Eastern Sub-regional Management Committee
- Finance & Administration Committee

- The second meeting of the Scientific Committee was held from 1 to 7 October 2014 in Honolulu, USA

Other Meetings

The Secretariat attended the following external meetings:

- FAO Workshop on the Global Database for Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems held in Rome from 7 to 9 May 2014¹. As a result of this workshop, FAO launched its VME database in December 2014²
- Workshop of Partners of the ABNJ Deep Seas Project (Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation of Deep-sea Living Marine Resources and Ecosystems in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction), held on 5 to 6 June at the FAO headquarters in Rome³
- Fifth meeting of Regional Fishery Body Secretariats' Network (RSN) at FAO, Rome, on 13 June 2014⁴

8. Publication list

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

- Report of the second Commission Meeting
- Report of the first meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee
- Report of the first meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Report of the second meeting of the Scientific Committee

9. Fishery statistics

The Secretariat has received the 2013 annual catch reports from all Commission Members and CNCPs who fished in the SPRFMO Area in accordance with CMM 2.02. These reports show that a total of 328 165 tons of fishery resources were taken from the SPRFMO Area in 2013.

10. Budget

The budget approved by the Commission for the financial year starting 1 July 2014 and ending 30 June 2015 is 822 246 NZD.

In 2014 contributions in full were received from the following Members: Australia, Republic of Chile, People's Republic of China, Cook Islands, Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, European Union, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Chinese Taipei, Republic of Vanuatu.

11. Other

A Headquarter's Agreement between SPRFMO and New Zealand was signed on 3 April 2014. The implementing national legislation is the Order in Council 2014/121 on the Diplomatic Privileges (SPRFMO) from 14 April 2014. Both documents can be found at <https://www.sprfmo.int/basic-documents/>.

¹ Official report: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4209e.pdf>.

Secretariat's report: <https://www.sprfmo.int/assets/Scientific-Committee-2nd/SC-02-Papers/SC-02-21-Introduction-to-the-FAO-VME-database-project.pdf>

² <http://www.fao.org/in-action/vulnerable-marine-ecosystems/en/>

³ ftp://ftp.fao.org/FI/e-Bulletin/DSHS/DSHS_News_August2014.pdf

⁴ <http://www.fao.org/fishery/topic/16820/en>