

5th Meeting of the Commission
Adelaide, Australia, 18 to 22 January 2017

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The Secretariat's Administrative Report

Secretariat

1. Membership

During 2016 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. Republic of Vanuatu

2. Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties

In 2016 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 Colombia
2. Republic of Liberia
3. Republic of Panama
4. The United States of America

3. Observers

In 2016 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

- Permanent Commission for the South Pacific
- World Meteorological Organisation

Non-Governmental Organisations

- Birdlife International
- Deep Sea Conservation Coalition
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group
- Oceana
- The PEW Charitable Trusts
- WWF

4. SPRFMO Officers

Commission

Chairperson: Gordon Neil (Australia, elected in 2015)

Vice Chairperson: Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile, elected in 2015)

Compliance and Technical Committee:

Chairperson: Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile, re-elected in 2015)

Vice Chairperson: Wan Chen (China, re-elected in 2015)

Scientific Committee

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

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

Finance and Administration Committee

Chairperson: David Dolphin (New Zealand, elected in 2015)

Vice Chairperson: Jihyun Kim (Korea, since January 2016)

Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Western Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Secretariat

Executive Secretary: Johanne Fischer (from 1 July 2014)

Data Manager: Craig Loveridge

Coordination and Communications Officer: Susana Delgado

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

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

5. Main Service Providers

- Auditors: [KPMG Wellington](#)
- Fishery database: [FINNZ](#)
- IT support: [Need a Nerd](#)
- Web hosting: [Silverstripe](#)

6. SPRFMO Meetings

The **fourth Commission Meeting** was held from 25 to 29 January 2016 in Valdivia, Chile:

The **third Compliance and Technical Committee** met prior to the fourth Commission meeting (21-23 January 2016).

The **third Finance & Administration Committee** met during the fourth Commission Meeting.

The **fourth meeting of the Scientific Committee** was held from 10 to 14 October 2016 in The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands. It was preceded by an Assessment Workshop from 7 to 8 October.

7. Other Meetings

The Secretariat attended the following external meetings in 2016:

CBD - Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organisations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on "Accelerating Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets".

26-29 September 2016, Seoul, Korea by CBD's "Sustainable Ocean Initiative" ([report](#)). The attendance by the Executive Secretary was supported by Korea. document on "[Measures by the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation \(SPRFMO\) which consider marine ecosystem and biodiversity conservation.](#)"

UN Workshop to discuss implementation of paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68 on Sustainable Fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks.

1-2 August 2016, New York, USA. The workshop was chaired by Mr. Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile), Vice-Chair of the Commission and Chair of the CTC ([report](#)). Several SPRFMO Members attended the workshop and some also engaged as panellists, in particular Australia, Chile, European Union, and Korea. The Executive Secretary attended as a panellist of Segment 4 on "Progress made by regional fisheries management organisations and arrangements in addressing the impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks, in particular through the implementation of relevant paragraphs of resolutions 64/72 and 66/68". She reported on "[Bottom Fishing Measures of the SPRFMO](#)".

FAO - 32nd session of the Committee on Fisheries, COFI ,2016

11-15 July, Rome, Italy, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) ([report](#)). The Executive Secretary participated as an observer. COFI presently constitutes the only global inter-governmental forum where major international fisheries and aquaculture problems and issues are examined and recommendations addressed to governments, regional fishery bodies, NGOs, fishworkers, FAO and international community, periodically on a world-wide basis. COFI has also been used as a forum in which global agreements and non-binding instruments were negotiated. The two main functions of COFI are to review the programmes of work of FAO in the field of fisheries and aquaculture and their implementation, and to conduct periodic general reviews of fishery and aquaculture problems of an international character and appraise such problems and their possible solutions with a view to concerted action by nations, by FAO, inter-governmental bodies and the civil society. The Committee also reviews specific matters relating to fisheries and aquaculture referred to it by the Council or the Director-General of FAO, or placed by the Committee on its agenda at the request of Members, or the United Nations General Assembly. In its work, the Committee supplements rather than supplants other organizations working in the field of fisheries and aquaculture.

In the context of the COFI meeting the Executive Secretary attended the following meetings at FAO, Rome:

- **Sixth Meeting of Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network (RSN-6).**
9 and 15 July, Rome Italy ([report](#)). The Executive Secretary attended.
- **ABNJ Deep Seas Project meeting**
12 July, Rome, Italy ([report](#)). The Executive Secretary participated.
- **Meeting of the International MCS Network**
14 July, Rome, Italy ([report](#)). The Executive Secretary attended as an observer.
- **Informal meeting of Pacific RFMOs' Executive Secretaries**
13 July, Rome Italy (Report in ANNEX 2 of [COMM5-Doc05](#)). The Executive Secretary participated.

5th Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop

7-11 March, Auckland, New Zealand ([report](#)). The Data Manager participated in this biennial conference intended to improve and enhance capacity and communications between MCS

professionals from around the world. The programme included International and Regional Cooperation case studies, application of the port State measures agreement, development of an MCS IUU Risk Framework and the FAO Global record of fishing vessels.

Regional Data Workshop

22 March, Auckland, New Zealand. The Data Manager participated in this follow-up to the 2nd Regional Information Management workshop. The follow-up workshop concentrated on current data management practices for the Pacific's tuna fisheries (both State side and RFBS like FFA/SPC/CCSBT/WCPFC) and general RFMOs (CCAMLR/SPRFMO) in the region

8. Publications

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

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

9. Secretariat

Rule of Procedure 6 specifies functions of the Secretariat such as “*receive notifications of the designated representatives, experts and advisers at meetings*”; “*manage the collection and sharing of data and information*”; “*keep the Commission informed of any issues or matters which may be of interest to it*”; and “*assist the Commission and its subsidiary bodies in fulfilling their respective tasks*”. In addition, the Commission and its subsidiary bodies task the Secretariat with a number of assignments, duties and responsibilities as reflected in meeting reports and decisions, such as the *Conservation and Management Measures*.

In 2016, the following substantive documents were prepared by the Secretariat in support of the work of the Commission:

Data summaries (see also Annex 1)

- [SC-04-21](#) Squid information held by the Secretariat
- [SC-04-23](#) Summary of current SPRFMO by-catch records
- [SC-04-JM-01](#); [Annex 1](#) *T. murphyi* catch history and predicted 2016 catches
- [COMM5-INF03](#) Catch data submitted to the Secretariat
- [COMM5-INF04](#) SPRFMO List of Authorised and Active Vessels

Reports

- [SC-04-25](#) Secretariat's SC related activities
- [SC-04-28](#) Sep 2016 web meeting summary
- [SC-04-DW-01](#) Collaboration between CCAMLR and SPRFMO in respect of Toothfish
- [COMM5-Doc04](#) Draft Annual Report of the Commission
- [COMM5-INF02](#) Secretariat's Administrative Report
- CTC4-Doc05 Draft Compliance report [*Member/CNCPs only*] and [CTC4-Doc06](#) Follow-up actions related to Compliance
- [FAC4-Doc03](#) Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2016 and [FAC4-Doc04](#) Financial Contribution Report

Other documents

- [COMM5-Doc03](#) Regular Review
- [COMM5-Doc05](#) Options for Memoranda of Understanding MoUs with other RFMOs

- [CTC4-Doc10](#) Suggested CMM edits based on past decisions or recommendations
- [CTC4-Doc12](#) SPRFMO referencing of New and Amended CMMs
- Draft technical and fiscal analysis of the three shortlisted VMS solution proposals [VMS WG]
- [FAC4-Doc06](#) Information to assist deliberations on the SPRFMO financial contribution formula
- [FAC4-Doc05](#) Draft Budgets and Calculation of Member Contributions for 2017-18 and 2018-19

10. Fishery Statistics

The Secretariat has received the 2015 Annual Catch Reports from all Commission members and CNCPs who fished in the SPRFMO Area in accordance with CMM 4.02

These reports show that a total of 487 914 tonnes of fishery resources were taken from the SPRFMO Area during 2015, which reflects an increase of almost 71 000 tons as compared to the 2014 catches.

The Secretariat has processed over 1 850 data files received during the year. A summary of those files is shown in Annex I.

11. Budget

The budget approved by the Commission for the financial year starting 1 July 2016 and ending 30 June 2017 was \$830 000 NZD.

In 2016 contributions in full were received from the following Members: Australia, Republic of Chile, People's Republic of China, Cook Islands, Republic of Cuba, Republic of Ecuador, European Union, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Republic of Peru, Russian Federation, Chinese Taipei, and Vanuatu.

Voluntary CNCP contributions were received from Liberia and Panama.

Annex I: Data files processed by the Secretariat during the period November 2015 – October 2016

PARTICIPANT	VESSELS NEW	VESSELS ALTERED	VESSEL IMAGES	FISHING ACTIVITY	OBSERVER	LANDINGS	TRANSHIPMENT NOTIFICATIONS	TRANSHIPMENT DETAILS	PORT INSPECTIONS	VMS REPORTS	MONTHLY REPORTS
AUSTRALIA		9		2	1	1					12
CHILE	6	251	91	1	340	1			10	1	12
CHINA	50	169	104	2	1	1	119	31		1	12
COLOMBIA											
COOK ISLANDS	1										
CUBA											
ECUADOR	1	1	2								9
EUROPEAN UNION	2	12	9	4	4		5	5	1	1	10
FAROE ISLANDS											12
KOREA		9	1	3	1		16	12	1	3	12
LIBERIA	10	32	8					2		1	2
NEW ZEALAND		21	3	8	21	2			1		12
PANAMA	17	13	45				22	7		1	3
PERU	2	70	69		3					2	12
RUSSIAN FED. CHINESE TAIPEI	9	54	26			1		1	2		
UNITED STATES											
VANUATU		5		2	1		12	9		1	11