

12th MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Observer programme accreditation process and progress - Advice of the SC

Secretariat

1. Introduction

The 12th meeting of the SPRFMO Commission ([COMM12-Report](#), section 5e) acknowledged the current situation in which the observer accreditation provider has an inability to assess a programme for one Member due to national legislation restrictions. After discussion, COMM12 agreed to task the Secretariat with launching a tender to select a provider that can assess programmes from all Members but limited to a single assessment for the concerned Member.

A [Process for Tender Evaluation of the SPRFMO Observer Programme Accreditation Evaluator](#) was adopted and, as a result, the Secretariat received a single proposal which was assessed and circulated through letter G80-2024 from 23 July 2024.

2. Advice of the Scientific Committee

The Call for Proposals noted that *“Tenders will be assessed by the SPRFMO Commission, taking into account the advice of the SC and CTC. The SPRFMO Commission will select a provider at its 13th Annual Meeting in January 2025 unless otherwise decided”*.

In this regard, the Secretariat’s evaluation will be presented to the Scientific Committee, so that SC12 can provide advice to the Commission on this tender.

Previously (in 2019) this was facilitated with a small group decision.

The SC is therefore requested to:

- **Note** this document
- **Make a recommendation** to the Commission about the adequacy of the proposal