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1. Summary and recommendations

This paper reports on past hosting, and future hosting commitments, of SPRFMO meetings to support the planning of future meetings.

The FAC is invited to:

- **Note** that the next meetings without an offer to host are in 2027 (annual meeting) and 2028 (Scientific Committee).
- **Encourage** Members and CNCPs to consider the feasibility of hosting forthcoming meetings of the Commission, Scientific Committee and workshops.

2. Background

SPRFMO Rule of Procedure 3.1 states that “*Before the end of each annual meeting, the Commission shall, if possible, decide on the date and location of the next annual meeting*”. The Commission also considers forthcoming meetings of the Scientific Committee (SC) and workshops.

This paper scopes potential meeting hosts for the next three years. It does not entail a formal commitment unless confirmation is given by the respective Member or CNCP and endorsed by the Commission. Each meeting is therefore open to more than one Member/CNCP to offer hosting.

The Secretariat is available to provide further guidance on the practicalities of hosting. Members and CNCPs are reminded that, unless otherwise decided by the SPRFMO Commission, all the costs associated with hosting a meeting are to be covered by the host delegation. The Organisation may for example be able to contribute from the Spanish Interpretation Fund.

3. Annual Meetings

The Republic of Korea has offered to host the annual meeting in 2028. Hosting offers are therefore sought for the 2027 and 2029 annual meetings (Table 1).



Table 1: Previous Commission meeting hosts and current offers.

SPRFMO Members and CNCPs	Commission Meeting	2027	2028	2029
Australia	2017			
Republic of Chile	2016, 2025			
People's Republic of China				
Cook Islands				
Republic of Cuba				
Republic of Ecuador	2014, 2023, 2024			
European Union	2019			
The Kingdom of Denmark in respect of Faroe Islands				
Republic of Korea			Offer	
New Zealand	2013, 2015			
Panama	2026			
Republic of Peru	2018			
Russian Federation				
Chinese Taipei				
The United States of America				
Republic of Vanuatu	2020			
Belize				
Curaçao				
Liberia				
Virtual	2021, 2022			

4. Scientific Committee Meetings

The Faroe Islands is hosting SC14 in 2026 and China has offered to host SC15 in 2027, therefore the next meeting without an offer to host is in 2028 (Table 2).



Table 2: Previous Scientific Committee meeting hosts and current offers.

SPRFMO Members and CNCP	SC Meeting	2026	2027	2028
Australia				
Belize				
Republic of Chile	2018			
People's Republic of China	2017		Offer	
Cook Islands				
Republic of Cuba	2019			
Republic of Ecuador				
European Union	2016			
The Kingdom of Denmark in respect of Faroe Islands		Hosting		
Republic of Korea	2022			
New Zealand	2025			
Panama	2023			
Republic of Peru	2024			
Russian Federation				
Chinese Taipei				
The United States of America	2013, 2014			
Republic of Vanuatu	2015			
Curaçao				
Liberia				
Virtual	2020 ¹ , 2021			

5. Workshops

Table 3 below identifies forthcoming workshops and working group meetings for FAC consideration and to support planning.

¹ New Zealand hosted the Eighth Scientific Committee (SC8) meeting virtually in 2020 and the meeting location was virtual due to the global pandemic.



Table 3: Planned workshops and working group meetings

Subsidiary Body	Workshop/working group	Date	Status
SC JMWG	Jack mackerel benchmark workshop.	May 2026	confirmed
SC JMWG	Jack Mackerel Working Group Workshop on Management Strategy Evaluation	June 2026	confirmed
SC EcoWG	Ecosystems Working Group Workshop to review the main findings of the SDMTT data inventory and explore ways to enhance data availability for spatiotemporal distribution analysis of target species, while also compiling and synthesizing information on chub mackerel — including catch, distribution, life history characteristics, and independent survey estimates.	2026	planned
SC DWWG	Deepwater Working Group Workshop immediately prior to SC14 to initiate the process of developing a framework that would assist with the transitioning of exploratory toothfish fisheries to established fisheries, once the 10-year limit has been reached	September 2026	confirmed
SC SQWG	Squid Workshop including potential assessment techniques, abundance indices and simulated assessment; to be held in person	April/May 2026	confirmed
Compliance and Technical Committee	Nothing planned		
Finance and Administration Committee	Nothing planned		
Commission	Nothing planned		