

International Consultations on the Establishment of the
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

AGENDA – SCIENCE WORKING GROUP

**Noumea, New Caledonia
4 - 7 September 2007**

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Administrative Arrangements**
 - 3.1. Meeting documents
 - 3.2. Meeting arrangements
- 4. Nomination of Rapporteurs**
- 5. Inter-Sessional Work Programme**
 - 5.1. Progress against inter-sessional scientific work programme
- 6. Consideration of the Draft VMS Standard**

(This item will be discussed in the Joint D&IWG and SWG meeting)
- 7. Consideration of the Draft Observer Standard**

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- 8. Consideration of the Draft Benthic Assessment Framework**
 - 8.1. Discussion of key issues relevant to the benthic assessment standard
 - 8.2. Consideration of the draft benthic assessment framework
 - 8.3. Consideration of the proposed assessment process
- 9. Jack Mackerel Research**
 - 9.1. Election of convenor of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group
 - 9.2. Report back on progress with development of the *Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme*
 - 9.3. Report back on progress with arrangements for the *Jack Mackerel Stock Structure and Assessment Workshop*
- 10. SPRFMO / WCPFC Science Interests**
 - 10.1. Presentation on relationships between pelagic species covered by SPRFMO (mackerels and squids) and the WCPFC
 - 10.2. Discussion of options for future cooperation on matters of common scientific interest between SPRFMO and WCPFC

11. Deepwater Species Assessment Approaches

- 11.1. Options for assessment of deepwater stocks
- 11.2. Management options for low-productivity deepwater species

12. Species and Habitat Profiles

- 12.1. Review of new profiles
- 12.2. Revisions to existing profiles
- 12.3. Prioritisation of further species profile development

13. National Reports

- 13.1. Consideration of Requirement for annual National Reports
- 13.2. Development of proposed framework for National Reports

14. Future Scientific Work Programme

- 14.1. Identification of short & medium term science requirements

15. Other Matters

16. Adoption of Report

17. Meeting Closure
