

4th Meeting of the Scientific Committee

The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands
10 - 15 October 2016

SC-04-01

Provisional Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Administrative Arrangements
 - 2.1. Adoption of Agenda
 - 2.2. Meeting documents
 - 2.3. Nomination of Rapporteurs
3. Discussion of Annual Reports

If they wish, Participants will have an opportunity to present key aspects of their reports (~5 minutes), and to ask questions related to reports tabled by other participants. Noting that annual reports are due by 10 September 2016.
4. Commission guidance and other Inter-Sessional activities
 - 4.1. Commission SC Workplan

The current SC Workplan as provided by the Commission will be reviewed and discussed, both in order to guide the work during this meeting and to provide feedback to the Commission.
 - 4.2. Secretariat SC related activities

The Secretariat will report back on its participation in recent meetings and other projects related to SC activities.
 - 4.3. Assessment workshop report

The Assessment workshop that will be held immediately prior to the Scientific Committee meeting will provide a report on its activities.
 - 4.4. Fishery dependent acoustic Task Group

The Coordinator of the fishery dependent acoustic data task group will be given the opportunity to provide a report on any relevant intersessional activities.
 - 4.5. Jack mackerel Age/Growth Task Team

The Coordinator for the collaborative otolith studies on age and growth of Jack mackerel will be given the opportunity to provide to present the results of the inter-sessional workshops.

5. Jack Mackerel Working Group
 - 5.1. Report on Inter-Sessional assessment/research by Participants
Participants will be invited to summarise the results of any inter-sessional Jack mackerel stock assessments or research that may have been completed.
 - 5.2. Inter-Sessional Progress with the Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme
The SC will evaluate any new work on stock structure and note how various assumptions might cause the SC advice to differ, particularly with regard to TACs.
 - 5.3. Jack Mackerel Stock Assessments – Technical Session
It is expected that the jack mackerel benchmark stock assessment will have been mostly completed during the Assessment workshop held immediately prior to the SC. This agenda item represents an opportunity to complete any additional work or outstanding tasks related to the Jack mackerel stock assessments.
 - 5.4. Other Jack Mackerel topics
E.g., review any relevant research on biology, ecology, habitat dynamics, and environmental conditions.
6. Deepwater Working Group
 - 6.1. Applications to fish outside the footprint or above reference period catch levels
Applications for assessment are due 60 days in advance of the meeting. NZ will likely provide an update on the current exploratory TOA fishery.
 - 6.2. Inter-Sessional assessments of Deepwater species
Members will update the SC regarding progress achieved.
 - 6.3. SPRFMO Deepwater stock assessments
The SC will document progress on stock assessment methods for demersal species in the SPRFMO Area, particularly for orange roughy.
 - 6.4. VME distribution and spatial management approaches in the Convention Area
Updates will be provided relating to intersessional work in this area that may provide the basis for additional recommendations to the Commission.
 - 6.5. Other Deepwater topics
If available, review relevant research on biology, ecology, habitat dynamics, and environmental conditions.
7. Squid Assessment
The SC will build on the work initiated at SC-03. Discussion should focus on the level of detail required for data reporting in order to facilitate effective stock assessment, the objective and how best to provide scientific advice to the Commission.

8. Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management

Discussion to consider interactions between fishing activities and marine ecosystems. Broad scope papers are welcome.

9. Observer Programmes

9.1. Observer Programme Working Group

On 8 March 2016, the SPRFMO established a joint Scientific Committee and Compliance and Technical Committee Working Group on Observer Programme (OPWG). The Chair of the OPWG will present the 3rd draft for a Conservation Management Measure for the SPRFMO observer programme to the SC for its comments and recommendations.

9.2. E-monitoring

Subject to available papers, the SC will consider whether electronic monitoring can meet SPRFMO's current Data standards. E-monitoring is also relevant in the context of discussions on the future SPRFMO observer programme.

10. Advice to the Commission

10.1. Jack Mackerel

10.2. Deepwater

10.3. Other

11. SC Research Program

If required, the research program may be updated to identify short term research and assessment requirements as well as future research areas. Currently, the five components of the programme are:

- *Environmental variability,*
- *Jack mackerel (Agenda item 5),*
- *Deepwater (Agenda item 6),*
- *Squid (Agenda item 7) and,*
- *Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (Agenda item 8)*

12. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The current chairperson(s) (Dr. James Ianelli and Dr. Niels Hintzen) were re-elected for their 2nd two-year term during October 2014. The SC has the option to choose new office bearers and/or re-elect current office bearers.

13. Other Matters

14. Next Meeting

15. Adoption of Report

16. Meeting Closure