

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

ANNOTATED AGENDA – SCIENCE WORKING GROUP

Reñaca, CHILE

25 – 27 April 2007

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda ([SPRFMO-III-SWG-01a](#)) for the working group meeting will be reviewed, and adopted. (Two very minor changes to the draft agenda circulated prior to the meeting have been proposed by participants and have been incorporated into the agenda.)

3. Administrative Arrangements

Facilities available for the meeting and other relevant logistical information for participants will be presented.

3.1 Documents available

A draft document list of all documents relevant to the meeting will be distributed (SPRFMO-III-SWG-00). The document list will be updated during the meeting and finalised to form a part of the report of the meeting.

3.2 Meeting arrangements

A proposed schedule of the meeting will be developed (SPRFMO-III-SWG-03) to guide the meeting through the agenda, and any other necessary arrangements addressed. Rapporteurs for each section of the report will be appointed. (Note that, to complete the meeting report in good time, rapporteurs will need to complete their tasks within 24 hours of the end of their session, and sooner if possible).

4. Review of intersessional work programme

The previous intersessional scientific work programme (SPRFMO-III-SWG-04) will be reviewed with an emphasis on what work has occurred and what remains to be completed.

4.1 Progress against scientific work programme

The work programme agreed at the second SPRFMO meeting (SPRFMO-III-SWG-04) will be reviewed item by item for progress. Substantive discussion on the content of various tasks will be held under the relevant agenda items.

4.2 Outstanding tasks

Any outstanding tasks from the work programme will be highlighted and carried forward to agenda item 7 for discussion as to whether the tasks are still required and, if so, how they are to be completed, and by when.

5. Species profiles, associated and dependent species profiles and habitat profiles

5.1 Review of existing profiles

The group will review the existing profiles. The key outputs of the review for each profile are expected to be: a determination of which profiles need additional work, who will undertake that work and when it can be completed; approval of final profiles; and a method for incorporating a summary of the profiles into the report of the Science Working Group to the negotiations.

Key documents: SPRFMO-III-SWG-05, 06, 07, 08, 08a, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17

5.2 Identification of additional data sources for updating profiles

Additional data sources relevant to drafting, reviewing and finalising profiles will be identified and discussed (e.g. the recent catch-effort data submissions from various participants). Any template for compilation of historical catch and effort data developed in co-operation with the Data and Information Working Group would be discussed here.

5.3 Prioritisation of further profile development

Existing profiles requiring additional work will be prioritised. Outstanding profiles for development will be identified and prioritised.

****Note:** The jack mackerel profile (SPRFMO-III-SWG-16) will be reviewed in detail under agenda item 6, in particular updating the profile based on new information at the meeting (6.3) and additional work on the profile (6.4).

6. Jack mackerel fishery overview

6.1 Report from Chile

Chile will present a document describing their jack mackerel research, a review of their current knowledge about the species and its fisheries, their stock assessment and their conclusions about the status of the stock (SPRFMO-III-SWG-18).

6.2 Report from Russia/EC

Russia and the EC will present a joint paper comparing recent catch distribution of jack mackerel in the SE Pacific with catches in the 1980s (SPRFMO-III-SWG-19).

6.3 Jack mackerel species profile update

Based on the reports presented and any additional relevant information tabled the species profile for jack mackerel (SPRFMO-III-SWG-16) will be updated (this item may be referred to a sub-group for completion). The overview of the profile should be able to be incorporated into the SWG meeting report as a summary of the jack mackerel stock(s) status for the negotiations.

6.4 Future research and assessment

Based on the reports presented, understanding of stock status and understanding of current research activities, a detailed plan for future research and stock assessment will be developed. (This item may be referred to a sub-group for completion.) Additional proposals for joint research efforts specific to jack mackerel would be considered under this agenda item.

6.5 Sub-group establishment

The formation of a permanent sub-group to progress jack mackerel research will be discussed and, if agreed, a proposal for establishment of such a group developed to incorporate in the SWG report to the negotiations. It will be important to decide how the sub-group will operate and the degree of autonomy it requires from the SWG to complete its work.

7. Future scientific work programme

7.1 Requirements for 30 April to 04 May

On the basis of the Chairman's agenda for the negotiations and the work completed by the SWG, science work requirements for the coming week will be identified. The Chairman of the negotiations has requested a SWG report back on Monday 04th May. Other than that, will the SWG need to meet again? If so, what will it need to achieve?

7.2 Short & medium term science requirements

Science processes required to support the proposed interim measures will be discussed. What science processes are required to support the research proposed for jack mackerel under agenda item 6.4? How can we best develop a generic process for the robust peer review of existing or developing stock assessments and environmental assessments? (This may include discussion of questions related to provision of data across EEZ boundaries required to assess straddling stocks.)

8. Preparation of SWG report

8.1 Summary statements from species profiles

The SWG report needs to include a synthesis of our current understanding of the fisheries for the various species targeted in the proposed area. The overviews in the species profiles (and associated and dependent species and habitat profiles) already contain such information. These overviews could either be further abstracted, or incorporated directly into the SWG report.

8.2 Report back to negotiations

The proposed structure of the SWG report back to the negotiations by the Convenor will be discussed and the report available to date will be approved. A time will be set for distribution of the remaining sections of the report, and a meeting for approving the additional sections of the report

9. Summary of meeting and future work programme

9.1 Summary of meeting

The Convenor will prepare the first draft of a summary of the meeting for consideration, for reporting back to the negotiations.

9.2 Future work programme

The SWG will need to agree on a proposed future work programme, including a list of specific actions to be undertaken by various participants, for reporting back to the negotiations.