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Two vessels flagged to Vanuatu fished in 2016. These were the same freezer trawlers as used in previous years. The total catch of jack mackerel was 15,563t, representing 97% of Vanuatu's available quota following a transfer of 5,500t to Chile. There was also a by-catch of chub mackerel of 1,145t. Observers were present on the vessels. Tori lines were used to mitigate bird interactions with the warps.

At the end of the season both vessels were sold and have left the fishery. However, Vanuatu maintains its interest in the SPRFMO fisheries and may have fishing activities in the SPRFMO Area in the future.