

South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation Performance Review Questionnaire

Section 1: Conservation and Management

1.1 Ecosystem approach

- i. Do SPRFMO decisions fully incorporate the ecosystem approach to fisheries management in accordance with Article 3(2) of the SPRFMO Convention?

Yes	No	Partly
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Please explain further: Yes. SPRFMO decisions fully incorporate the ecosystem approach to fisheries management...

- ii. Are there gaps or changes which would improve implementation of the ecosystem approach?

Yes	No N	Partly
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Please explain further: There are no gaps.

1.2 Data collection

- i. How effective are the SPRFMO data collection formats, specifications and timeframes?

Formats:	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Inadequate
Specifications:	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Inadequate
Timeframes	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Inadequate

Please explain further: Excellent, no complications from our perspective.

- ii. How accurate, timely and complete is the collection of data by Members and CNCPs individually or through SPRFMO?

Members:	Very	Not at all	Partly
CNCPs:	Very	Not at all	Partly
SPRFMO:	Very	Not at all	Partly

Please explain further: Data collection through SPRFMO is very accurate.

iii. Are there any gaps in data collection necessary for effective stock assessment?

Yes	No	Some
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There are no gaps in data collection necessary for effective stock assessment.

iv. Are there any gaps in data collection necessary for ensuring best scientific advice is available?

Yes	No	Some
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No gaps which would necessitate scientific advice.

v. How effective are SPRFMO's efforts in addressing any gaps in data collection?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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SPRFMO's efforts are very effective.

vi. Are there any gaps in CMM 16-2018 (Observer Programme) which need to be filled to fully reflect the requirements of Article 28 (1) of the SPRFMO Convention?

Yes	No	Some
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None, from [...]’s perspective.

1.3 *Quality and provision of scientific advice*

i. How effective are SPRFMO's efforts to receive and act on best scientific advice relevant to the fishery resources it covers?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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SPRFMO's efforts are very effective.

- ii. How effective are SPRFMO's efforts to receive and act on best scientific advice relevant to the effects of harvesting, research, conservation and associated activities on the marine ecosystem?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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SPRFMO's efforts are very effective.

1.4 Adoption of conservation and management measures

- i. Has SPRFMO has adopted an effective range of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) for fishery resource management that ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of those resources and are based on the best scientific evidence available?

Yes	No	Partly
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SPRFMO has adopted an effective range of CMMS for fishery management.

- ii. Has SPRFMO sufficiently applied a precautionary approach in line with the requirements of Article 3 (2) of the SPRFMO Convention and the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO has applied a precautionary approach in line with the requirements of Art. 3(2) of the Convention and Code of Conduct.

- iii. Has SPRFMO sufficiently applied precautionary reference points as called for in Article 20 (2) of the Convention?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO has done so.

- iv. Has SPRFMO sufficiently incorporated the criteria established under Article 21 (1) of the SPRFMO Convention, in the adoption of measures relating to the allocation of the total allowable catch or total allowable fishing effort?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO has sufficiently incorporated the criteria pursuant to Art. 21(1) of the Convention.

- v. How effective are the SPRFMO CMMs adopted to cover previously unregulated fisheries, including new and exploratory fisheries?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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SPRFMO CMMS are effective in terms of unregulated fisheries.

- vi. Has SPRFMO adopted CMMs which specifically address the conservation of marine biological diversity?

Yes	No	Partly
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If Yes, or Partly: are these effective? Yes, the CMMS are effective.

- vii. Has SPRFMO adopted CMMs which specifically aim to minimise adverse impacts of harvesting, research, conservation and associated activities on fishery resources and its marine ecosystems?

Yes	No	Partly
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If Yes, or Partly: are these effective? SPRFMO has definitely adopted CMMS which aim to minimize adverse impact of harvesting, research, conservation and associated activities...

- viii. Has SPRFMO adopted CMMs which specifically aim to minimise pollution, waste, discards, catch by lost or abandoned gear, catch of non-target fishery resources, and impacts on associated or dependent species?

Yes	No	Partly
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If Yes, or Partly: are these effective? Yes.

1.5 Capacity management

- i. Are SPRFMO fishing capacity levels appropriate to support long-term conservation and sustainable use of its fisheries resources?

Yes	No	Partly
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Please explain further: Yes, SPRFMO's fishing capacity levels are suitable to support long-term conservation and sustainable use of its fisheries resources.

- ii. How effective have been actions taken by SPRFMO to prevent or eliminate excess fishing capacity and effort?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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Please explain further: SPRFMO has been remarkably effective in exercising measures to prevent and eliminate excessive fishing.

- iii. How effective are efforts made by SPRFMO to monitor levels of fishing effort?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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Please explain further: SPRFMO has been highly effective.

Section 2: Compliance and Enforcement

2.1 Flag State duties

- i. Do Members and CNCPs have a clear understanding of their flag state duties?

Yes	No
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Please explain further: Yes, Members and CNCPs, including [...] have a well-defined understanding of their duties as flag.

- ii. Have there been any situations where a Member or CNCP has not fulfilled its flag state duties?

Yes	No
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No, not that [...] is aware of.

- iii. If a Member or CNCP has not fulfilled its flag state duties, what do you think the reason for this is? (e.g., lack of capacity, lack of knowledge of its duty, lack of political will, etc.)

Please explain: There could be numerous factors that attribute to the lack of a flag fulfilling its obligation, lack of capacity; lack of control, etc.

- iv. Are there ways that Members and CNCPs could better fulfil their flag state duties?

Yes	No
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Members, CNCPs can remain steadfast in carrying out their duties to ensure long term conservation of fisheries resources.

2.2 *Port State measures*

- i. Have Members implemented the SPRFMO port state measure fully?

Yes	No
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Some have and some have not. Those that have not are encouraged to fully implement SPRFMO's measures.

- ii. Is the port state measure adopted by SPRFMO effective?

Yes	No
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Yes, they are effective.

iii. Are there additional port state measures that are needed?

Yes	No
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No. The measures implemented are sufficient.

2.3 *Monitoring, control and surveillance*

i. Are SPRFMO's MCS measures well-tailored to enable monitoring of and ensure compliance with SPRFMO's conservation and management measures?

Yes	No
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Yes, SPRFMO's MSC measures are well tailored to enable monitoring of and to ensure compliance with SPRFMO's CMMs.

ii. Are there additional MCS measures that are needed to enable monitoring of and ensure compliance with SPRFMO's conservation and management measures?

Yes	No
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Possibly, so long as development and implementation of additional measures will not cause an undue burden to the SPRFMO.

iii. Are there improvements that should be made to the existing MCS measures?

Yes	No
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No improvements are needed.

iv. Are the SPRFMO MCS measures effective and integrated?

Yes	No
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Yes, SPRFMO's MCS measures are effective and integrated.

v. Have Members and CNCPs implemented the SPRFMO MCS measures fully?

Yes	No
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Yes, most Members and CNCPs have fully implemented MCS measures.

2.4 *Follow-up on infringements*

i. Do Members and CNCPs follow up on alleged infringements of conservation and management measures?

Yes	No
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Yes, Members and CNCPs follow up on alleged infringements by investigating fully.

2.5 *Cooperative mechanisms to detect and deter non-compliance*

i. Has SPRFMO established cooperative mechanisms to monitor compliance, detect and deter non-compliance and remedy compliance issues?

Yes	No
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Yes, SPRFMO has established cooperative mechanisms to monitor compliance, detect and deter non-compliance and remedy compliance issues.

ii. If there are cooperative mechanisms, are they effective in monitoring compliance, detecting and deterring non-compliance and remedying compliance issues?

Yes	No
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Yes, the cooperative measures are effective in monitoring compliance, detecting and deterring non-compliance and remedying those issues.

iii. Are the cooperative mechanisms being used effectively?

Yes	No
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Yes, the measures are being used effectively.

iv. Are there additional cooperative mechanisms needed?

Yes	No
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There are no additional cooperative mechanisms needed.

2.6 *Market-related measures*

i. Are there market-related measures that SPRFMO should adopt?

Yes	No
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Not applicable.

Section 3: Decision-making and Dispute Settlement

3.1 *Decision-making*

i. How do you assess SPRFMO decision-making process and practices?

Good

Poor

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Please explain further: Good.

ii. Are the processes and practices inclusive and transparent?

Yes	No	Partly
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Please explain further: Yes, the procedures are inclusive and transparent.

iii. Could they be improved?

Yes	No	Partly
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No. Changes are not warranted.

iv. Would SPRFMO benefit from the greater use of informal mechanisms of cooperation in its decision-making?

Yes	No	Partly
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No. The mechanisms in place are sufficient as they are.

3.2 *Dispute Resolution*

i. Has the dispute resolution process used by SPRFMO been effective in resolving disputes?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, the process is effective.

ii. Has the SPRFMO dispute resolution process been expeditious?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, as far as [...] is concerned.

iii. Do you have any concerns with the SPRFMO dispute resolution process, such as procedures or cost?

Yes	No	Partly
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No concerns.

Section 4: International Cooperation

4.1 Transparency

- i. Are relevant intergovernmental organisations and interested environmental organisations and fishing industry organisations able to effectively participate in all SPRFMO meetings?

Yes	No	Partly
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N/A

- i. Does SPRFMO facilitate consultations with non-governmental organisations, representatives of the fishing industry, and other interested bodies on SPRFMO conservation and management measures?

Yes	No	Partly
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N/A

- i. Are all SPRFMO reports, conservation measures and scientific advice and other relevant non-commercial sensitive information made publicly available in a timely manner?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, reports are made available in a timely manner.

- iv. How effective is the SPRFMO website making relevant information publicly available and easily accessible?

Yes	No	Partly
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SPTFMO's website is effective in making relevant information publicly available and easily accessible.

4.2 *Relationship with Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCP)*

- i Have there been efforts by SPRFMO to encourage CNCPs, either individually or collectively, to become SPRFMO Members?

Yes	No
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Yes, there has been efforts by SPRFMO to encourage CNCPs to become SPRFMO Members.

- i Do CNCPs voluntarily implement SPRFMO measures?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, [...]’s implementation is obligatory and voluntary.

4.3 *Relationship with non-Members or non-CNCPs undermining the objectives of the Convention*

- i Does SPRFMO take effective measures to deter the activities of non-Members and non-CNCPs that undermine SPRFMO conservation and management measures?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO takes effective measures to deter the activities that undermine CMMs.

- i Does SPRFMO encourage non-Members and non-CNCPs to become Members or CNCPs of SPRFMO?

Yes	No	Partly
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N/A

4.4 *Cooperation with international organisations*

- i Does SPRFMO have appropriate cooperation links with other international and regional fisheries management organisations?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO has proper cooperation links with other international organizations and RFMOs.

- i How effective is the cooperation with other regional fisheries management organisations which have competency over stocks located in the Convention Area?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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The cooperation with other RFMOs is highly valuable and effective.

- i Does SPRFMO cooperate with relevant fisheries organisations specifically on the reduction and elimination of IUU fishing?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO cooperates with relevant fisheries organizations on the elimination of IUU fishing activities.

4.5 *Special requirements of developing States*

- i Does SPRFMO have appropriate mechanisms for recognising the special needs of developing States?

Yes	No	Partly
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Yes, SPRFMO has appropriate mechanisms for recognizing the needs of developing states.

- i How appropriate and sufficient is the assistance that is provided to developing States by Members or CNCPs either individually or through SPRFMO?

Very	Not at all	Partly
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Very appropriate.

Section 5: Financial and Administrative Issues

5.1 Availability of resources for activities

- i. Is the level of funding available to the Secretariat sufficient to achieve the aims of SPRFMO and implement its decisions?

Yes	No	Partly
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SPRFMO is the sole determinant of the sufficiency of funds to achieve the aims and objectives of the organization.

- ii. Does the Secretariat have the requisite number of personnel to achieve the aims of SPRFMO and implement its decisions?

Yes	No	Partly
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Based on experience, yes. [...]’s inquiries are responded to in a timely fashion.

- iii. Does the SPRFMO budget process lead to the necessary financial resources being available to the SPRFMO Secretariat? If not, why not?

Yes	No	Partly
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N/A

5.2 Efficiency and cost-effectiveness

- i. Does SPRFMO efficiently and effectively manage the resources available to it?

Yes	No	Partly
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N/A

- ii. Does SPRFMO have the right organisational structure and working groups to efficiently undertake its work?

Yes	No
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Yes. SPRFMO has the appropriate organizational structure and working groups to efficiently undertake its work.

iii. Is the SPRFMO schedule of meetings appropriate?

Yes	No
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Yes, the schedule of meetings in appropriate.

iv. Is the organisation of SPRFMO meetings effective in achieving SPRFMO's objectives?

Yes	No
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Yes.