

**4th Meeting of the Commission
Valdivia, Chile, 25 to 29 January 2016**

COMM-04-INF-03

The Secretariat's Administrative Report for 2015

1. Membership

During 2015, the following States, territories, regional economic integration organisation and fishing entities were or became Members of the SPRFMO Commission:

- Australia
- Belize
- Republic of Chile
- People's Republic of China
- Cook Islands
- Republic of Cuba
- Republic of Ecuador
- European Union
- Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands
- Republic of Korea
- New Zealand
- Russian Federation
- Chinese Taipei
- Republic of Vanuatu

2. Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs)

In 2015, the following States were granted the status of CNCP in accordance with Article 32 of the Convention and Decision 1.02 of the Commission:

- Republic of Colombia
- Republic of Ecuador
- France (Territories)
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Panama
- Republic of Peru
- United States of America

3. Observers

In 2015, the following Observers participated in SPRFMO meetings in accordance with Article 18 of the Convention and Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedures:

States

- France (Territories)

IGOs

- Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
- Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPPS)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

NGOs

- BirdLife International
- Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC)
- Environment and Conservation Organisations of New Zealand (ECO)
- Greenpeace International
- International Coalition of Fisheries Associations (ICFA)
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group (NZHSFG)
- Oceana
- The Pew Charitable Trusts

4. SPRFMO officers

Commission

Chairperson: Gordon Neil (Australia, elected in 2015)

Vice Chairperson: Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile, elected in 2015)

Compliance and Technical Committee:

Chairperson: Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile, re-elected in 2015)

Vice Chairperson: Wan Chen (China, re-elected in 2015)

Scientific Committee

Chairperson: Jim Ianelli (USA, elected in 2013)

Vice Chairperson: Niels Hintzen (EU, elected in 2013)

Finance and Administration Committee

Chairperson: David Dolphin (New Zealand, elected in 2015)

Vice Chairperson: Jiwon Yoon (Korea, elected in 2015); vacant since July 2015

Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Western Sub-Regional Management Committee

n/a

Secretariat

Executive Secretary: Johanne Fischer (from 1 July 2014)

5. Secretariat staff

- Data Manager: Craig Loveridge
- Administration Officer: Susana Delgado
- Fisheries Data Consultant (part-time): Marianne Vignaux

6. Main Service Providers

- Accountants: BDO New Zealand
- Auditors: KPMG Wellington
- Fishery database: FINNZ
- IT support: Redstripe
- Web hosting: Silverstripe

7. Meetings

SPRFMO Meetings

- The third Commission Meeting was held from 2 to 6 February 2015 in Auckland, New Zealand:
 - The Compliance and Technical Committee met for the second time prior to the third Commission meeting (30-31 January 2015).
 - The Finance & Administration Committee met for the second time during the third Commission Meeting.
- The third meeting of the Scientific Committee was held from 28 September to 3 October 2015 in Port Vila, Vanuatu. It was preceded by a Data Workshop from 24 to 26 September.

Other Meetings

The Secretariat attended the following external meetings in 2015:

- Steering Committee meeting of the Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS), in Swakopmund, Namibia, on 23-24 and 27 February; attended by the SPRFMO Data Manager.
- CWP-Intersessional Fishery Subject Group meeting, in Swakopmund, Namibia, on 23-24 and 27 February; attended by the SPRFMO Data Manager.
- FAO – VME Processes and Practices Workshop, in Swakopmund, Namibia, on 2-5 March; attended by the SPRFMO Data Manager.
- NZ South Pacific VME Project, at the NIWA site (NZ), on 24 February; attended by the SPRFMO Executive Secretary.
- Pacific Islands Forum Agency Meeting, in Suva, Fiji, from 24 to 28 May; attended by the SPRFMO Executive Secretary.
- Our Ocean Conference, 5 and 6 October, in Viña del Mar, Chile; attended by the SPRFMO Executive Secretary.
- CCAMLR Annual Meeting, from 19 to 30 October, in Hobart, Australia; attended by the SPRFMO Executive Secretary for the days from 27 to 29 October.

8. Publication list

All SPRFMO publications can be found on the SPRFMO website at www.sprfmo.int

- Report of the third Commission Meeting
- Report of the second meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee
- Report of the second meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Report of the third meeting of the Scientific Committee
- Report of the 2015 Data Workshop

9. Fishery statistics

The Secretariat has received the 2014 annual catch reports from all Commission Members and CNCPs who fished in the SPRFMO Area in accordance with CMM 3.02. These reports show that a total of 416 951 tons of fishery resources were taken from the SPRFMO Area during 2014, which reflects an increase of almost 89 000 tons as compared to the 2013 catches.

10. Budget

The budget approved by the Commission for the financial year starting 1 July 2015 and ending 30 June 2016 is \$818 000 NZD.

In 2015 contributions in full were received from the following Members: Australia, Republic of Chile, People's Republic of China, Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, European Union, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Russian Federation, and Chinese Taipei.

11. Other

During 2015, the Secretariat changed its banking services provider from the Kiwibank to the Bank of New Zealand (BNZ).