

11th MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Annual Report of the Republic of Cuba to the SPRFMO Scientific Committee

Report to the 11^a Scientific Committee

The Republic of Cuba, in order to comply with the provisions set out for the provision of Annual National Reports to the Scientific Committee (SC), and in accordance with the SC Guidelines on Annual Reports to the SPRFMO SC (SC7-Report, Annex 12), which states that Participants should submit reports to the Scientific Committee (SC) on an annual basis in order to keep the SC informed, in a concise format, of their fishing, research and management activities over the previous year. A “nil report” is still required in cases where there was no fishing inside the Convention Area, presents its report as follows:

Cuba currently has no vessels participating in the fisheries in the Convention Area and that its jack mackerel quota for the year 2023 was transferred to European Union.

Therefore, Cuba does not have data or information to report to the SC for this meeting in relation to the sections established for annual reports, according to the relevant guidelines. In particular, since there has been no fishing activity in the last five years, Cuba does not provide information on Fisheries Description. It also does not provide information on the remaining sections on Catches, Effort, and CPUE Summaries; Fisheries Data Collection and Research Activities; Biological Sampling and Length/Age Composition of Catches; ecosystem approach considerations; and observer implementation reports.

Finally, Cuba maintains its interest in the SPRFMO fisheries and may have fishing activities in the SPRFMO area in the future.

And for the record, this is issued in Havana Cuba on August 9, 2023.

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