

## 13<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

8 to 13 September 2025, Wellington, New Zealand

### SC13 – Doc 02

#### Annotated provisional SC13 Agenda

Secretariat

<p><b>1) OPENING OF THE MEETING</b></p>	<p>Papers</p>
<p><b>a. Meeting arrangements and opening</b></p> <p><i>A host representative from New Zealand will open with a brief welcoming address. After this, the Chairperson will officially open the meeting and outline key logistical arrangements, including live-streaming, interpretation services, and venue protocols. Members are expected to note meeting procedures and confirm their understanding.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Meeting officially opened; overview of arrangements – including technical support and session timing – clearly understood by all participants; rapporteurs appointed</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc01 SC13-Doc04</p>
<p><b>b. Adoption of the Agenda</b></p> <p><i>Participants will review the Provisional Agenda. If there are no urgent items to add (per Rule 4.3 of the Rules of Procedure), the agenda will be adopted. Should any urgent submissions be proposed, the SC may agree to include them with supporting documentation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Agenda adopted, and meeting schedule endorsed; any urgent items added with justification. The schedule continues to change throughout the meeting; a final version is included as an annex to the SC13 report.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc01 SC13-Doc02 SC13-Doc04</p>
<p><b>c. Meeting documents</b></p> <p><i>The Secretariat will explain how meeting documents are organised in Microsoft Teams and how to access them. The SC will then decide whether to accept any late submissions, and if so, formally approve their inclusion. Participants will be reminded that each document should include a summary to aid report preparation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Document list finalised, accepted, and annexed to the SC13 meeting report; procedure for accessing papers clarified. As meeting documents and Working Papers will continue to be produced and revised, the list of documents is offered as it is as the start of the SC13 meeting and will be revised to reflect the final state of meeting documents after the meeting has concluded.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc03</p>
<p><b>2) ANNUAL REPORTS DISCUSSION</b></p>	
<p><i>Members are expected to have reviewed annual reports in advance. A working paper will be available in Microsoft Teams to compile outstanding questions and answers; this aims to streamline discussion by focusing only on unresolved issues.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Outstanding questions clarified before the meeting report is drafted; key report elements highlighted; Q&amp;A document annexed to the SC13 meeting report.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc16 to SC13-Doc36</p>



<p><b>3) COMMISSION GUIDANCE AND INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Working Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance Review Recommendations</b></p> <p><i>The SC will consider the PR2IWG’s summary of recommendations relevant to the Committee. Delegates should review the document in advance and be ready to advise on agreement levels, priority, and response actions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> SC’s advice on recommendation assignments and prioritisation finalised and annexed to SC13 meeting report, as report back to the PR2IWG.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc14</p>
<p><b>b. SC multi-annual workplan</b></p> <p><i>Working Group Chairs and participants should review the updated multiannual plan, which clarifies activity timelines, funding needs, and cross-cutting objectives. This year the SC Chair is proposing to update the multiannual workplan to include a 3-year cycle as recommended by the PR2. The SC will refine and finalise this for Commission submission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Workplan endorsed by SC and included in report as Annex.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc05 SC13-Doc08</p>
<p><b>c. Secretariat SC related activities</b></p> <p><i>The Secretariat presents a summary of intersessional activities, such as meetings, project collaborations, and data initiatives. The SC will note and review and offer feedback or suggestions for greater integration or support. The SC also will also note the collation of intersessional web meeting summary reports.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcomes:</b> Secretariat activities noted, with recommendations to strengthen collaboration or science support. The SC web meetings summary report will be noted.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc07 SC13-Doc06</p>
<p><b>d. Working group on Electronic Monitoring Standards (WGEMS)</b></p> <p><i>Delegates should review the draft EM standards, focusing on elements critical for squid jigging. The SC is expected to give in-principle endorsement and clear guidance where further work is needed. A Working Paper will be made available in Microsoft Teams where</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcomes:</b> SC endorsement in principle; feedback provided to WGEMS to resolve outstanding areas.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc15</p>
<p><b>e. Cooperation with Other Organisations</b></p> <p><i>Review relevant observer and partner submissions, such as CPPS, FAO DSF Project, ACAP. The SC will assess collaboration opportunities and recommend expert nominations or CMM changes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendations to the Commission on strategic cooperation and expert involvement; potential CMM amendments flagged.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Obs01 SC13-Obs04 SC13-Obs07 SC13-Obs08 SC13-Obs10</p>
<p><b>f. Observer Programme accreditation process and progress</b></p> <p><i>The SC will receive updates on the accreditation of observers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Accreditation progress noted; any decisions or next steps recorded.</li> </ul>	



<p><b>4) JACK MACKEREL</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Review of inter-sessional activities</b></p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present catch history data. The SC will review recent research, assessments, and national measures affecting <i>T. murphyi</i>. Delegates should be prepared to highlight any new evidence.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>Inter-sessional work logged; clarification of research status; guidance provided for workplan updates.</i></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-JM01</p>
<p><b>b. Management Strategy Evaluation update</b></p> <p><i>The Chair of the Jack Mackerel Working Group will present findings from the July MSE workshop in Seattle. SC will evaluate status and consider options for MPs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>MSE progress reviewed; directions for MP development agreed.</i></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-JM09</p>
<p><b>c. Assessment data review and evaluation</b></p> <p><i>SC will examine data inputs and preliminary outputs related to stock status and diagnostic parameters.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>Data adequacy assessed; early advice drafted.</i></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-JM02 SC13-JM03 SC13-JM04 SC13-JM05 SC13-JM06</p>
<p><b>d. Jack mackerel assessment</b></p> <p><i>Delegates review the new assessment and prepare recommendations for the Commission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>Updated assessment endorsed; advice formulated.</i></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-JM07 SC13-JM08</p>
<p><b>e. Jack Mackerel WG Terms of Reference</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review ToR presented as a Working Paper. Review and revise them as needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>ToR updated and accepted.</i></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-WP03</p>
<p><b>f. Advice to the Commission on new MPs for jack mackerel</b></p> <p><i>SC to advise Commission on MP options, including performance and suitability.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>Formal advice prepared for Commission.</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>g. Other advice to the Commission on jack mackerel</b></p> <p><i>The SC will prepare the 2025 advice to the Commission including updates to the workplan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>Comprehensive advice delivered.</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>5) DEEPWATER</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Review of inter-sessional activities</b></p> <p><i>Review recent deepwater research not covered elsewhere (e.g., stock structure, VME bycatch). The DWWG will present to the SC the progress and outcomes of the pre-SC13 session.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> <i>Summary of intersessional work and identification of priorities.</i></li> </ul>	



<p><b>b. Deepwater assessments (Orange roughy, stock structure, ecological risk, data)</b></p> <p><i>SC reviews assessments such as orange roughy, stock structure, and ecological risk.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Assessment findings noted and advice formulated.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>c. Benthic bycatch ID and catchability</b></p> <p><i>Review thresholds and past VME bycatch data to evaluate the spatial management measures' effectiveness.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Guidance provided on adjusting thresholds or data collection.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>d. Encounters with VMEs</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review any reports of a VME Encounter in the SPRFMO Area and provide related advice to the Commission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Incidents recorded; management advice provided.</li> </ul>	SC13-DW09
<p><b>e. CMM 03 request regarding encounters with VMEs</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review the development of a bioregionalisation for VME indicator taxa and provide related advice to the Commission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Scientific input provided for potential CMM updates.</li> </ul>	SC13-DW09 SC13-DW10
<p><b>f. Bottom Fishery Impact Assessment</b></p> <p><i>Review assessments and offer management advice.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> BFIA outcomes assessed; advice drafted.</li> </ul>	SC13-DW11 SC13-DW12
<p><b>g. CMM 03 request regarding marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles and other species of concern</b></p> <p><i>Review relevant observations and advice accordingly.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice developed for broader CMM 03 considerations.</li> </ul>	SC13-Doc10 SC13-DW08 SC13-Obs01
<p><b>h. CMM 03 request regarding ongoing appropriateness</b></p> <p><i>Provide updated advice and workplan revisions regarding deepwater issues.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice and workplan updates provided.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>i. Deepwater WG Terms of Reference</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review ToR presented as a Working Paper. Review and revise them as needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> ToR updated and accepted.</li> </ul>	SC13-WP04
<p><b>j. Advice to the Commission on Deepwater</b></p> <p><i>SC delivers comprehensive deepwater management advice.</i></p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6) SQUID</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Review of inter-sessional activities</b></p> <p>Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional squid activities or research that are required by the SC workplan and not covered by the following agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Summary of intersessional work and identification of priorities.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-SQ01 SC13-SQ02 SC13-Obs04</p>
<p><b>b. Assessment Simulation Task Team</b></p> <p>The SC will review recent progress on testing of assessment models for squid using an operating model, with the aim of providing advice and recommendations on the implementation of the stock assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Plan to finalise the task team activities in the next year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>c. Genetics and connectivity research</b></p> <p>The SC will review recent progress in the genetics and connectivity research for jumbo squid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Work reviewed, and multiannual workplan updated.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-SQ03 SC13-SQ04 SC13-SQ05</p>
<p><b>d. Standardise biological sampling</b></p> <p>The SC will discuss the results of Squid Working group on standardisation of biological sampling and provide related advice to the Commission as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>e. Fishery and biological data from members for stock assessment</b></p> <p>The SC will discuss data sharing and templates for a standardised dataset for the assessment of jumbo squid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Agreement on data templates and data sharing, and advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-SQ08</p>
<p><b>f. Assessment progress and CMM development</b></p> <p>The SC will review the progress of Members research in stock assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Work reviewed, and recommendations reported.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-SQ06 SC13-SQ07</p>
<p><b>g. Squid WG Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>The SC will review ToR presented as a Working Paper. Review and revise them as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> ToR updated and accepted.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-WP05</p>
<p><b>h. Advice to the Commission on Squid</b></p> <p>The SC will prepare the 2025 advice to the Commission on Squid including updates to the Squid working group workplan.</p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7) ECOSYSTEMS</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Review of inter-sessional activities</b></p> <p><i>Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Ecosystems activities or research that are required by the SC workplan and not covered by the following items.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Summary of intersessional work and identification of priorities.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Eco02 SC13-Eco03 SC13-Eco04 SC13-Eco05 SC13-Eco06 SC13-Eco07 SC13-Eco08 SC13-Eco09 SC13-Eco10</p>
<p><b>b. Special Issue of the Habitat Monitoring Symposium</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss the Editorial committee established under the ECOWG.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> SC will be updated on the plan for the special issue.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>c. Species Distribution Metadata Task Team</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review the report of the SDMTT.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendations provided.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Eco01</p>
<p><b>d. Ecosystems WG Terms of Reference</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review ToR presented as a Working Paper. Review and revise them as needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> ToR updated and accepted.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-WP06</p>
<p><b>e. Advice to the Commission on Ecosystems</b></p> <p><i>The SC will prepare the 2025 advice to the Commission on Ecosystems topics including updates to the Ecosystems Working Group workplan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8) EXPLORATORY FISHERIES</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Exploratory fishery updates</b></p> <p><i>Australia, the Cook Islands, the European Union, Korea, and New Zealand will present summaries of the fishing which has occurred so far and the status of their exploratory programmes under CMMs 14f, 14e and 14b/g, 14h and 14i respectively. CMM 13 requires that the Scientific Committee review and update the Data Collection Plan for each exploratory fishery annually as appropriate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b></li> </ul>	<p>SC3-DW02</p>
<p><b>b. New exploratory fishery proposals</b></p> <p><i>Ecuador will present its new exploratory proposal; the SC will review it and the associated Fishery Operations Plans and provide related advice to the Commission as necessary.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> If the exploratory fishery proposal is accepted, the SC should develop a data collection plan for it.</li> </ul>	<p>SC3-DW01</p>



<p><b>c. Advice to the Commission on Exploratory Fisheries</b></p> <p><i>The Scientific Committee will consider all Fisheries Operations Plans submitted pursuant to CMM 13, paragraph 8, all information provided in accordance with a Data Collection Plan and any other relevant information and formulate advice to the Commission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9) CLIMATE CHANGE</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Review of inter-sessional activities</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review the activities presented by the Climate Change Task Team.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-CC02</p>
<p><b>b. Climate Change Task Team</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss the report of the Climate Change Task Team.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b></li> </ul>	<p>SC13-CC01</p>
<p><b>c. Climate change research strategy</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss a research strategy for Climate Change, based on the recommendations by the CCTT.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>d. Advice to the Commission on Climate Change</b></p> <p><i>The SC will prepare the 2025 advice to the Commission on Climate Change topics including updates to the Climate Change workplan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10) DATA WORKING GROUP</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Review of inter-sessional activities</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss the formation, terms of reference, mode of working and chairing for the Data working group.</i> <i>The SC will also consider the Secretariat's update on data management activities and provide feedback on the potential areas for future work.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Updated workplan for the Data WG.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc11</p>
<p><b>b. Data WG Terms of Reference</b></p> <p><i>The SC will review ToR presented as a Working Paper. Review and revise them as needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> ToR updated and accepted.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc11</p>
<p><b>c. Prioritisation of data needs</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss its data needs and coordinate with the Data Manager to strategise.</i></p>	<p>SC13-Doc11.1</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Priorities of data needs identified.</li> </ul>	
<p>d. <b>Data sharing protocol for SC activities and research</b></p>	SC13-Doc13
<p>e. <b>Review and update data standards (paragraph 8 of CMM 02-2025)</b></p> <p><i>CMM 02 (Data Standards) states that the CMM shall be reviewed no later than the regular meeting of the Commission in 2025 based on advice from the 2024 meeting of the Scientific Committee.</i></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss this CMM and provide related advice to the Commission as necessary.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Review and recommendations to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p>f. <b>Advice to the Commission on Data</b></p> <p><i>SC delivers comprehensive data management advice.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11) RESEARCH IN THE NAZCA AND SALAS Y GOMEZ RIDGES AREA</b></p>	
<p>a. <b>Compilation and review of scientific information and data</b></p> <p><i>As per Decision 17-2024, the SC, taking into consideration its priorities and available resources, will compile and review all relevant scientific information and data about the area. This discussion will include the findings of any scientific research and work developed under the SC Workplan on the Salas y Gomez and Nazca Ridges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Progress noted.</li> </ul>	SC13-SGN01 SC13-SGN02
<p>b. <b>SGN Task Team</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss the outcome of the pre-SC13 session.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Progress noted.</li> </ul>	
<p>c. <b>Advice to the Commission on the Salas y Gomez and Nazca area</b></p> <p><i>The SC will develop and collate advice to the Commission on the matter of Salas y Gomez and Nazca ridge, as requested at COMM13.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Advice forwarded to Commission as part of the SC13-Report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12) OTHER MATTERS</b></p>	
<p>a. <b>Cross cutting issues (as necessary)</b></p> <p><i>The SC will discuss and update the Other (Cross-cutting) issues identified in the SC workplan.</i></p>	SC13-Doc05
<p>b. <b>Planned Inter-sessional activities and funding</b></p> <p><i>The SC will identify any planned intersessional activities including workshops, associated funding and whether and what type of Secretariat support will be required</i></p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Any expected intersessional activities will be agreed at the SC meeting and put forward to the Commission with the appropriate funding proposals –this will be recorded and included in the Multi-annual Workplan</li> </ul>	
<p><b>c. Appointment of Officers</b></p> <p>The SC will choose new office bearers and/or re-elect current office bearers as necessary. The following Working Group officer positions are anticipated to need filling/confirming during SC13: Jack mackerel, Data, Squid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Nominated persons as Chairpersons of the relevant Working Groups will be recorded as part of the SC13 report</li> </ul>	
<p><b>d. Next meeting venue and timing</b></p> <p>The SC will confirm the venue and timing for the next SC meeting as well as indicative hosts for the subsequent two SC meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> The SC will accept and record the offer from the Faroe Islands to host the 2026 SC meeting. The Faroe Islands will confirm the dates for the SC meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SC13-Doc09</p>
<p><b>e. Other business</b></p> <p>The SC will consider other business, including Observer papers not already considered under previous agenda items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Any other outcomes will be recorded as necessary.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>f. Advice to the Commission on cross-cutting issues</b></p> <p>The SC will develop general advice for the Commission (Work planning approach), dead time between SC meeting and COMM/adoption of the workplan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Recorded as necessary.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>13) REPORT ADOPTION AND MEETING CLOSURE</b></p> <p>The draft meeting report will be prepared by the Chairperson during the meeting, assisted by the Secretariat and rapporteurs, and the recommendations will be presented to the SC on the last day of the meeting for its consideration.</p> <p>Please note that additional time may be required for report adoption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expected outcome:</b> Report adopted; meeting formally closed.</li> </ul>	