

13TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Call for interest to host and organise forthcoming SC meetings

Secretariat

Regulation 3.1 of the SPRFMO Rules of Procedure states:

“Before the end of each annual meeting, the Commission¹ shall, if possible, decide on the date and location of the next annual meeting”.

To facilitate medium-term planning for the Secretariat, the Commission, and subsidiary bodies, **SPRFMO Members and CNCPs are invited to consider the possibility of organising and hosting one or more forthcoming SC meetings.**

This request is **not** a formal commitment — confirmation is normally provided during the FAC/Commission meeting. Rather, it is a scoping exercise to identify potential venues for SC meetings in the coming years. Accordingly, each year column remains open to expressions of interest from more than one Member or CNCP.

By offering to host a SPRFMO meeting, Members/CNCPs commit to making all necessary arrangements and covering all associated costs, including but not limited to: venue hire, meeting services (e.g., audiovisual equipment, interpretation, livestreaming, rapporteur), catering, participant information, and visa assistance. The Secretariat will provide guidance and support to the host Member or CNCP at all stages of the meeting’s organisation.

Members and CNCPs	Past years	2026	2027	2028	2029
Australia					
Belize					
Republic of Chile	2018				
People's Republic of China	2017				
Cook Islands					
Republic of Cuba	2019				
Curaçao					
Republic of Ecuador					
European Union	2016				
The Kingdom of Denmark in respect of Faroe Islands		Offer			
Republic of Korea	2022				
Republic of Liberia					
New Zealand	2025				
Republic of Panama	2023				
Republic of Peru	2024				
Russian Federation					
Chinese Taipei					
The United States of America	2013, 2014				
Republic of Vanuatu	2015				
Virtual	2020, 2021				

¹ Rule of Procedure 1: For the purpose of each subsidiary body, in the following rules, the word Commission shall be understood as referring to the concerned Committee, and the word decision as referring to advice or recommendation.