

13TH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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PR2 Recommendations Allocation to CTC – Implementation Plan

Chairperson of the PR2IWG

The Second Performance Review (PR2) of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation was undertaken in 2024, which resulted in a set of 24 recommendations aimed at enhancing the functioning of the Organisation and improving its overall effectiveness.

At its 13th Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed to establish an Intersessional Working Group (PR2 IWG) tasked with drafting an Implementation Plan to ensure the effective follow-up of the relevant PR2 recommendations.

This document focuses specifically on the six recommendations identified as relevant to the Compliance and Technical Committee (CTC).

The CTC is therefore asked to:

- ***consider*** the comments provided by the PR2 Intersessional Working Group in relation to each of the six CTC-relevant recommendation, and
- ***provide practical and viable options*** for addressing each recommendation.



SPRFMO Performance Review Recommendations (on screen for comment)

No	Recommendations	PR2 IWG Summary	PR2 IWG Comments to CTC	CTC Recommendation (provide viable options for responding to each recommendation)
2	<p>The Review Panel recommends the development of a Business Plan with a three-year planning horizon and an associated budget. The first Business Plan should include a review and enhancement of the Headquarters Agreement with the New Zealand Government.</p>	<p>Agree? (In-full or in-part)? In-part (agreement to Business Plan with three-year planning horizon, no consensus on review and HQA update).</p> <p>IWG Priority (low, medium, high): Business Plan - High HQA - Low</p> <p>IWG Comments to COMM: The IWG noted the comments from the IWG Meeting 1 and 2. As a first step, the Commission will need to agree to this recommendation and an indicative timeline for this work.</p> <p>The IWG also noted that there should be opportunity for Members to comment on a draft Business Plan.</p> <p>The IWG noted that Commission guidance is needed on whether this is developed internally by the Secretariat with Members feedback or independently), noting that the IWG raised the need to minimise procedural work. Either option would ultimately need to be considered in view of budgeting and resourcing.</p>	<p>The CTC chair advised the IWG that there is a plan to identify high-level priorities for CTC over the next three years, to bring forward to this year’s annual meeting. The CTC chair noted the need for guidance and direction for the CTC.</p> <p>The CTC chair noted that the overarching CTC workplan won’t be distinct.</p> <p>but would feed into the business plan.</p> <p>The CTC Chair noted that instructions to frame out these discussions are still being developed and will be circulated to members in time for the annual meeting.</p>	<p><i>To be completed by CTC</i></p>
3	<p>The Review Panel recommends that the Commission improve its direction to subsidiary bodies, the Data Working Group, and the Secretariat by approving their work</p>	<p>Agree? (In-full or in-part)? IWG Priority (low, medium, high): Separate workplans for subsidiaries– in-full - <u>Medium</u> Improving the approach to SC Multiannual Work Plan – in-full – <u>Medium</u></p>	<p>As per the comments from Meeting 1 (SC), CTC need direction from the Commission. However, CTC may want to identify what key pieces of work are needed if a workplan was agreed, aimed at addressing any compliance gaps.</p> <p>The IWG noted there can be difficulties with developing different workplans for each</p>	<p><i>To be completed by CTC</i></p>



	<p>plans/programmes through the proposed integrated business plan, with a three-year planning horizon and associated budget/funding model. Commission oversight can be strengthened by assessing the performance of the subsidiary bodies and Secretariat against their components of the proposed Business Plan. This would involve developing a Workplan for the CTC and FAC, improving the approach to the SC Multiannual Work Plan, and developing an Operational Plan for the Secretariat, as well as an Information Management Strategy and associated Data Management Plan.</p>	<p>Development of a Secretariat Operational Plan – In-full <u>Medium</u></p> <p>Development of an IMS and DMP – In-full (comments in recommendation 7) <u>High</u></p> <p>IWG Comments to COMM:</p> <p>The IWG noted Commission guidance is needed on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Commission agree with the development of separate workplans/programmes for SC, CTC and FAC? 2. Does the Commission agree with the comments to improve the approach to the SC Work Plan? Noting the IWG identified scope for improvement, particularly on timeframes, milestones, deliverables and resources needed. 3. Does the Commission agree with the development of a Secretariat Operational Plan? Noting that there is benefit here for the Secretariat internally and an opportunity for Members to give guidance on how to improve internal processes. <p>The IWG also noted that the focus should be on keeping it fit for purpose, targeted and not to overengineer the process, while ensuring the Secretariat Operational Plan is aligned with other documents.</p>	<p>subsidiary as there can be unintended consequences of competing priorities.</p> <p>The IWG also noted that the development of separate workplans can still be discussed and planned separate to the Commission agreeing to this work.</p>	
7	<p>The Commission should develop an Information Management Strategy and Data Management Plan, placing a high priority on improving its overall approach to information management. This could draw on the SC’s existing progress through SC12-Doc12.</p>	<p>Agree? (In-full or in-part)?</p> <p>In-full</p> <p>IWG Priority (low, medium, high):</p> <p>High</p> <p>IWG Comments to COMM:</p> <p>The IWG noted there is already a lot of work underway and the Commission has emphasised the importance of improving SPRFMO’s data collection and information management systems.</p>	<p>The IWG encouraged CTC to review the draft Strategy and provide compliance related guidance.</p>	<p><i>To be completed by CTC</i></p>



		The IWG also noted that the Commission may wish to instruct the subsidiary bodies to review the draft IMS and DMP to ensure all scientific, compliance, financial and administrative elements are considered.		
9	The Commission should work towards conducting a comprehensive review of CMM 02-2022, following the development of the Information Management Strategy and Data Management Plan, as part of the Business Plan.	<p>Agree? (In-full or in-part)? In-full</p> <p>IWG Priority (low, medium, high): High</p> <p>IWG Comments to COMM: The IWG noted that it is for the Commission to consider and agree a review of CMM 02-2022. The IWG requested guidance from the Commission on an indicative timeline. The IWG noted this can be carried out by the DWG. The IWG also noted that a review should not just focus on data gaps, but also the data collection methodology. The IWG noted that the review should identify opportunities for additional data but also focus on making current processes more efficient.</p>	<p>Irrespective of whether an IMS and DMP are agreed by Commission, the IWG requested the CTC to identify any compliance-related data gaps.</p> <p>The IWG noted that this recommendation is less about collecting new data and placed emphasis on improving efficiencies in the current CMM and the data SPRFMO currently collects.</p> <p>Also to be discussed in Meeting 3 (COMM)</p>	<i>To be completed by CTC</i>
13	Squid - Participants of the fishery, including Members with squid fisheries in areas under national jurisdiction, should fully cooperate with the Commission and the SC through data sharing to facilitate the assessment.	<p>Agree? (In-full or in-part)? In-full</p> <p>IWG Priority (low, medium, high): High</p> <p>IWG Comments to COMM: The IWG reaffirmed the importance of data from areas under national jurisdiction to support squid stock assessments. The IWG noted the main challenges for progressing squid stock assessments is data availability, which is beyond the scope of the SC, also noting coastal states for squid have not</p>	<p>The IWG noted that SPRFMO does not assess compliance in areas of national jurisdiction if Members do not provide their consent to apply the measure to their areas under national jurisdiction.</p> <p>The IWG also noted that this recommendation is more aligned to the responsibilities of the Commission and SC, but CTC may wish to consider what additional squid data (beyond what is reported in national reports and compliance assessments) for the purpose of stock assessments would also be beneficial from a compliance perspective</p>	<i>To be completed by CTC</i>



		<p>provided their consent for CMM 02-2025 and CMM 18-2025 to apply in areas under national jurisdiction.</p> <p>The IWG noted that this goes beyond the scope of the subsidiaries and requires Commission discussion on whether this is something SPRFMO and Members with squid fisheries in areas under national jurisdiction hope to achieve in the medium to long term, noting that this is dependent on coastal states in sharing the data.</p>		
21	<p>Exploratory Fisheries - The Commission should work to strengthen cooperation with adjacent RFMOs, particularly regarding the management of toothfish fisheries. Engaging with CCAMLR can provide valuable insights and support for the effective management of these fisheries and the process to transition these into established fisheries.</p>	<p>Agree? (In-full or in-part)? In-full</p> <p>IWG Priority (low, medium, high): Medium</p> <p>IWG Comments to COMM: The IWG noted the work that has already occurred and the cooperation with CCAMLR. The IWG noted that this recommendation could be integrated into the work under recommendation 19.</p>	<p>The IWG noted that CTC can start thinking about the compliance elements of this recommendation, including thinking about alignment with CCAMLR and other RFMOs (SIOFA).</p> <p>The IWG Meeting 2 agreed that there are compliance elements for exploratory fisheries, particularly in terms of transitioning exploratory fisheries to established fisheries, and future alignment with other RFMOs and agreed to retain CTC as a responsible body.</p>	<p><i>To be completed by CTC</i></p>