

11TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (FAC)

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FAC 11 – Doc 13 Potential Hosting for Future SPRFMO Meetings *Secretariat*

1. Background

SPRFMO Rule of Procedure 3 states that “*Before the end of each annual meeting, the Commission¹ shall, if possible, decide on the date and location of the next annual meeting*”.

This exercise is an attempt to scope for potential SPRFMO meeting hosts for the next three years and does not entail a formal commitment (unless confirmation is given by the respective Member or CNCP); therefore, each year is open to more than one Member/CNCP.

2. Call for Interest to Organise Forthcoming Commission Meetings

To facilitate medium-term planning for both SPRFMO Members and the Secretariat, Members and CNCPs are requested to consider the feasibility of hosting any of the forthcoming Commission meetings.

Table 1: Previous Commission meeting locations and current offers.

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

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*”.



3. Call for Interest to Organise Forthcoming Scientific Committee (SC) Meetings

To facilitate medium-term planning for SPRFMO Members and the Secretariat, Members and CNCPs are asked to consider the feasibility of hosting forthcoming meetings of the SC.

During the eleventh Scientific Committee meeting (SC11) (Ref: [SC11-Report, para 263](#)), the Republic of Peru offered to host the SC12 in 2024; Peru is yet to confirm suggested dates and venue for the SC12. In addition, the Russian Federation offered to host the SC13 in 2025.

Table 2: Previous Scientific Committee meeting locations and current offers.

SPRFMO Members and CNCP	SC Meeting	2024	2025	2026
Australia				
Belize				
Republic of Chile	2018			
People's Republic of China	2017			
Cook Islands				
Republic of Cuba	2019			
Republic of Ecuador				
European Union	2016			
The Kingdom of Denmark in respect of Faroe Islands				
Republic of Korea	2022			
New Zealand				
Panama	2023			
Republic of Peru		Offer		
Russian Federation			Offer	
Chinese Taipei				
The United States of America	2013, 2014			
Republic of Vanuatu	2015			
Curaçao				
Liberia				
Virtual	2020 ² , 2021			

4. SPRFMO workshops

The following information table highlights planned and foreseen workshops/working group meetings of the SPRFMO.

FAC11 is invited to coordinate updates to the information provided in this table.

Subsidiary Body	Workshop/ working group	Date	Status
Scientific Committee	JMWG MSE Platform Introduction	Before COMM12	Planned
Scientific Committee	JMWG MSE Workshop at COMM12	at COMM12	Planned
<i>Compliance and Technical Committee</i>	<i>Nothing planned currently</i>		
<i>Finance and Administration Committee</i>	<i>Nothing planned currently</i>		
<i>Commission</i>	<i>Nothing planned currently</i>		

² New Zealand hosted the Eighth Scientific Committee (SC8) meeting in 2020 and the meeting location was virtual due to the global pandemic.