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## Proposed framework for SPRFMO SC Working Groups and task teams

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### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to:

- a. provide a clear picture of the current SC working groups and task teams
- b. propose a standardised framework for the various working groups and task teams

This document was prepared by the SPRFMO Secretariat and considered similar frameworks in other international organisations.

- **The SC is invited to consider this paper and, based on the information hereby provided, endorse an appropriate working structure that supports the work of the SC and aligns with the SPRFMO Rules of Procedure.**

### 2. Background on Current SC Working Groups

At its first annual meeting in La Jolla, USA, in 2013, the SPRFMO Scientific Committee agreed on the creation of two Working Groups (WGs): the Jack Mackerel Working Group and the Deepwater Working Group. These WGs followed on from the former Jack Mackerel and Deepwater sub-groups that previously operated under the Science Working Group framework prior to the entry into force of the SPRFMO Convention. The SC also agreed that:

- WGs should have a chairperson (appointed by the SC), and that
- WGs should meet annually.

Although earlier workshops had been held, the first designated Scientific Committee workshop (SCW1) was held in 2015 just prior to the 2015 Annual SC meeting in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Subsequently the Scientific Committee has held 14 such workshops either in-person, virtually or in-hybrid mode. These workshops are often, but not always, convened in association with the SC meeting.

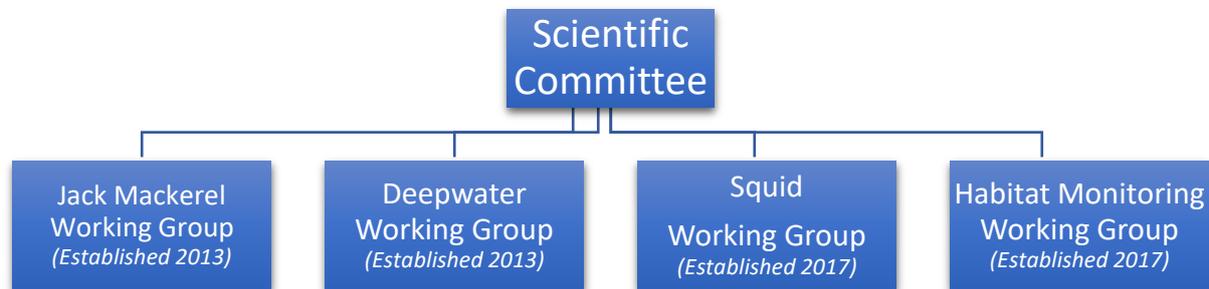
At its fourth annual meeting (2016), the SC created a squid subgroup and appointed a chairperson. By the fifth SC annual meeting, and following the first squid workshop, the subgroup went on to be known as the Squid Working Group.

At its second annual meeting (2014), a task group (the fishery dependent acoustic task group) was proposed for three years, and a coordinator was appointed. This task group gave its final report to SC5 in 2017. In the same meeting a proposal to create a task team on ecosystem and habitat monitoring was put forward. SC5 decided that creating a WG on the wide theme of “ecosystem monitoring” was appropriate and recommended evaluating the possibility of constituting a dedicated group and at its sixth annual meeting (2018), the SC recommended the creation of a WG now referred to as the Habitat Monitoring Working Group. Two delegates were selected to share the co-chairing of this WG. The



Habitat Monitoring Working Group was the first SC WG to have set Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup> that were agreed by the SC.

Currently, the SC has four standing Working Groups, which provide input related to their specific thematic area which is forward to the SC Committee for further consideration.



Different intersessional task groups, ad-hoc working groups, expert groups, and subgroups have been created throughout the history of the SC, as necessary.

### 3. Current and historic SC Working Structure

The following table indicates what the different groups have been formed under the Scientific Committee (active groups are marked Green):

Subject	Designation	Lead	Years of operation
Deepwater	Working Group	Chairperson Rodolfo Serra (2013,14) Mauricio Galvez (2016) John Syslo (2021+)	2013+
Jack Mackerel	Working Group	Chairperson Jim Ianelli (2013-18) Martin Pastoors (2019+)	2013+
Squid	Working Group	Gang Li (2016+)	2016+
Habitat Monitoring	Working Group	Co-chairpersons <sup>2</sup> Mariano Gutierrez (2018+) Aquiles Sepulveda (2018+)	2018+
Jack mackerel ageing analysis	Task group		2021+
Jack mackerel Connectivity	Task group	Martin Pastoors (interim)	2022
Species Composition	Task group		2022
Analysis of Assessment Methods	Subgroup of specialists	Mariano Gutiérrez (2022+)	2021+
Classification of fishing fleets regarding acoustic data collection capacities	Subgroup of specialists	Mariano Gutiérrez (2022+)	2021+
Symposium on the State of Art Habitat Monitoring	Steering committee	Project leads: Aquiles Sepulveda and Mariano Gutierrez (2020+)	2020+

<sup>1</sup> Both the Jack mackerel and Deepwater Sub-Groups had interim terms of reference agreed during the 5<sup>th</sup> SWG meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Initially Dr Gutierrez was appointed as chairperson, with Dr Sepulveda as vice and in 2019 the current co-chairperson arrangement was put in place.



Subject	Designation	Lead	Years of operation
Jack mackerel age and growth	Task team	Chairperson Rodolfo Serra (2013) Francisco Cerna (2014)	2013-2016
Fisheries dependent acoustic data	Task team	Coordinator <sup>3</sup> Francois Gerlotto (2014-17)	2014-2017
Habitat Monitoring proposal	Task group	Co-chairpersons E. Yañez (2017) F. Gerlotto (2017)	2017
Management Strategy Evaluation	Task group	Niels Hintzen (2019, 2020)	2019, 2020
Revision of the BFIAS	Small intersessional WG	Australia/New Zealand	2019
Develop work plan	Small intersessional WG	Coordinator Secretariat	2020
Observer programme	Ad-hoc WG		2016

#### 4. Proposed framework (for SC consideration)

The Secretariat proposes the following framework to guide the formation and working structure for Scientific Committee created Working Groups and Task Teams. As part of good practice all working groups and Task Teams should have defined Terms of Reference<sup>4</sup>.

TYPE OF GROUP/MEETING	Lead	Participation	Operation	Support
<b>Working Group</b> <i>(Permanent unless otherwise decided)</i>	Chairperson selected by the SC from amongst Members and CNCPs. 2-year term as per the SC.	SC members plus SC invited experts.	Meets at least once a year and reports to the SC. Has a standing item in the SC agenda for this purpose.	Intersessional work to be supported by the Secretariat or by SC funds for this purpose.
<b>Task Team</b> <i>(Temporary 1-3 years)</i>	Coordinator selected by the Task Team.	SC members. Open to interested external experts.	Meets intersessionally. Convened to progress specific items of work.	Operates autonomously. Limited Secretariat support.
<b>Scientific Committee Workshop (SCW)</b>	The SC Chairperson or convening WG Chairperson	SC members plus SC invited experts	As per the SC, registration and credentials are enforced, and a dedicated web page is set up to collate and retain all the papers and reports.	Supported by the Secretariat to the same level as an SC meeting.
<b>Other workshops (for WGs or TTs as necessary)</b>	The convening Chairperson or coordinator	SC members. Open to external experts	As decided by the WG or Task Team consistent with its ToR.	Operates autonomously. Limited Secretariat support

<sup>3</sup> Initially appointed as a chairperson, title changed in later SC reports.

<sup>4</sup> ToRs should be developed (revised) and agreed for each current WG