

Eighth International Meeting: Science Working Group

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DRAFT AGENDAS FOR THE SCIENCE WORKING GROUP & SUB-GROUPS

SCIENCE WORKING GROUP: PLENARY DRAFT AGENDA

The Plenary Meeting of the Science Working Group will review and comment on the reports of the Jack Mackerel and Deepwater Subgroups, deal with overall science issues that span across Sub-Groups, or have not been allocated to Sub-Groups, and will provide research and management advice to the Negotiations.

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Administrative Arrangements**
 - 3.1. Meeting documents
- 4. Nomination of Rapporteurs**
- 5. Discussion of National Reports**

This meeting will be the first at which participants will be expected to table annual National Reports to the SWG, in accordance with the National Report Guidelines adopted by the Negotiations in Lima in May 2009. These reports should cover the period up to the end of the 2008 calendar year. Participants will have an opportunity to present key aspects of their reports, and to ask questions related to National Reports tabled by other participants.

- 6. Inter-Sessional Work**
 - 6.1. Report from the Interim Secretariat on status of catch & effort data submission.
 - 6.2. Update by the Interim Secretariat on status of the GIS database.
- 7. Report-Back from the Meeting of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group**
 - 7.1. Consideration of the report and summary of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group meeting.

The Chair of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group will report back on the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group. The JMSG will provide a summary of these key results for inclusion in the SWG report under this agenda item. Where necessary, the SWG Plenary may add further comment from a Plenary perspective, after review of the JMSG Report. In addition, the detailed report of the JMSG meeting will be appended to the SWG report in full.

7.2. SWG Advice on Jack Mackerel Stock Status

The SWG is specifically required, at this meeting, to “give advice to the Meeting of Participants on the status of the pelagic stocks” (SPRFMO Pelagic fisheries interim measure 4). The SWG will consider all relevant results of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group meeting, particularly any proposed advice provided under agenda item 7 of the JMSG meeting report, in developing such advice.

8. Report Back from the Meeting of the Deepwater Sub-Group

The Chair of the Deepwater Sub-Group will report back on the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of the Deepwater Sub-Group. The DWSG will provide a summary of these key results for inclusion in the SWG report under this agenda item. Where necessary, the SWG Plenary may add further comment from a Plenary perspective, after review of the JMSG Report. In addition, the detailed report of the DWSG meeting will be appended to the SWG report in full.

9. Species and Habitat Profiles

- 9.1. Revisions to existing species or habitat profiles.
- 9.2. Review of new species or habitat profiles.

10. Future Scientific Work Programme

11. SWG Chairmanship

At the 6th meeting in Canberra in September 2008, the SWG agreed that the Chair of the SWG be nominated for the remainder of the interim period, with a maximum term of office of two years before re-consideration of nominations for SWG Chair. This agenda item has been included in case participants wish to reconsider alternate nominations for SWG Chairman..

Chairmanship of the two SWG Sub-Groups will be dealt with under the agendas of those Sub-Groups.

12. Other Matters

13. Adoption of SWG Report

14. Meeting Closure

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**SCIENCE WORKING GROUP : JACK MACKEREL SUB-GROUP
DRAFT AGENDA**

In accordance with their interim terms of reference, the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group will deal with all matters related to research and assessment of jack mackerel, including related species caught in jack mackerel fisheries, and provide advice to the SWG Plenary on the status of the stocks, and evaluate conservation and management options, for jack mackerel in the SPRFMO area.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Sub-Group meeting will be opened by the Chair of the SWG.

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Administrative Arrangements

3.1. Meeting arrangements.

3.2. Meeting documents.

4. Nomination of Rapporteurs

5. Chairmanship of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group

No inter-sessional nominations have been received for a Chair of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group. Any nominations to this position made at the meeting will be discussed under this agenda item. If no nominations are received, the Sub-Group will discuss and agree on interim Chairing arrangements.

6. Review of Jack Mackerel Fishery and Stock Status Indicators

At the 7th meeting in Lima, the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group agreed that advice to be provided in 2009 on the status of the jack mackerel stock/s should be based on a review of trends in indicators derived from the fishery for jack mackerel and from fishery-independent surveys.

Participants will present, review and discuss papers and results of inter-sessional analyses of jack mackerel fishery and stock status indicators. This review of indicators will serve as the primary basis for preparation of advice to the SWG and Negotiations on the status of the jack mackerel stock/s in 2009.

7. Advice to the Science Working Group on the Status of Jack Mackerel in 2009

The Sub-Group will develop advice for presentation to the SWG and Negotiations on the status of the jack mackerel stock/s in 2009. It is expected that this advice will primarily be based on the review of fishery and stock status indicators discussed under agenda item 6.

8. Inter-Sessional Evaluation of Jack Mackerel Assessment Modelling Approaches

Participants will present, review and discuss papers and results of inter-sessional work conducted to review proposed jack mackerel stock assessment modelling approaches, using the simulated data sets prepared for this purpose by Dr J. Ianelli.

As necessary, the Assessment Simulation Task Team may meet in the margins of the meeting to make further progress on matters related to assessment simulation and testing and report back to the Sub-Group on the results of those discussions under this agenda item.

9. Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme

Participants in the Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme Task Team will provide feedback on any inter-sessional progress made with the Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme.

As necessary, the Stock Structure Research Programme Task Team may meet in the margins of the meeting to make further progress on matters related to the research programme and report back to the Sub-Group on the results of those discussions under this agenda item.

10. Revisions to the Jack Mackerel Species Profile

Dr Glubokov undertook to coordinate an inter-sessional process to collate proposed revisions to the jack mackerel species profile, and to prepare a revised profile for discussion. The revised jack mackerel species profile will be discussed with a view to adopting a revised profile and summary.

11. Future Jack Mackerel Sub-Group Work Programme

- 11.1. Identification of short & medium term research and assessment requirements.

12. Other Matters

13. Adoption of Jack-Mackerel Sub-Group Report and Summary

In addition to preparation of a detailed JMSG Report for appending to the SWG Plenary Report, the JMSG will be required to prepare a summary of the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting to insert into the SWG Plenary Report.

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**SCIENCE WORKING GROUP : DEEPWATER SUB-GROUP
DRAFT AGENDA**

In accordance with their interim terms of reference, the Deepwater Sub-Group will deal with all matters related to research and assessment of deepwater species caught in bottom fisheries, including ecologically related species, and provide advice to the SWG Plenary on the status of the stocks, and evaluate conservation and management options, for deepwater species in the SPRFMO area.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Sub-Group meeting will be opened by the Chair of the SWG.

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Administrative Arrangements

3.1. Meeting arrangements.

3.2. Meeting documents.

4. Nomination of Rapporteurs

5. Chairmanship of the Deepwater Sub-Group

Chile has nominated Dr R. Serra for the position of Chair of the Deepwater SubGroup. This nomination will be considered under this agenda item with a view to electing a Chair for the Deepwater Sub-Group at this meeting.

6. SPRFMO Benthic Assessment Standard

An initial draft SPRFMO Bottom Fishery Impact Assessment Standard was tabled and discussed by the Sub-Group at the SPRFMO7 meeting in Lima. Participants will discuss the revised draft assessment standard prepared inter-sessionally by the Assessment Standards task team led by Kelly Denit.

7. Review of Bottom Fishery Impact Assessments

Any new benthic assessments that may have been submitted for bottom fisheries in the SPRFMO area will be reviewed and commented on. Pending adoption of a final assessment standard, assessments will need to be reviewed against the SPRFMO Benthic Assessment Framework, and against the list of questions in Section 8 of the Report of SWG 4 (Noumea, September 2007).

8. Deepwater Species Assessment and Management

Discussion of any papers submitted on options for assessment and management of low-productivity deepwater species.

9. Other Matters

10. Adoption of Deepwater Sub-Group Report and Summary

In addition to preparation of a detailed DWSG Report for appending to the SWG Plenary Report, the DWSG will be required to prepare a summary of the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting to insert into the SWG Plenary Report.
