

## 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC14)

*7 to 12 September 2026, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands*

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### Call for Expressions of Interest to Host Future SC Meetings

*Secretariat*

#### Introduction

This document invites Members and CNCPs to indicate their interest in hosting a future meeting of the SPRFMO Scientific Committee (SC). Identifying potential hosts several years in advance supports forward planning by the Scientific Committee and Secretariat and provides Members and CNCPs with sufficient time to consider the organisational and resource requirements associated with hosting an SC meeting.

Regulation 3.1 of the SPRFMO Rules of Procedure provides that:

*“Before the end of each annual meeting, the Commission<sup>1</sup> shall, if possible, decide on the date and location of the next annual meeting”.*

Expressions of interest recorded in this document are indicative and do not constitute a formal commitment to host. They are intended to identify potential hosts and facilitate forward planning. More than one Member or CNCP may therefore express interest in the same year. The location and timing of future SC meetings will ultimately be considered by the Scientific Committee in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

Hosting arrangements would subsequently be discussed with the Secretariat and confirmed through the appropriate SPRFMO process. Where more than one expression of interest has been received for a particular year, the interested Members or CNCPs may coordinate with the Secretariat and the Scientific Committee regarding possible hosting arrangements.

Once confirmed, the host Member or CNCP is generally responsible for the local organisation of the meeting and the associated hosting costs. This includes, as applicable, the meeting venue and facilities, audiovisual and technical services, interpretation, livestreaming and rapporteur services where required, catering, participant information, and support with local arrangements and visa requirements.

The Secretariat works closely with the host throughout the planning and delivery of the meeting and provides guidance on SPRFMO meeting requirements, timelines, logistics and other organisational matters.

Members and CNCPs interested in hosting an upcoming SC meeting are invited to indicate their interest in the table below.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.



Table 1: List of the Members and CNCs that have hosted an SC meeting in the past, as well as those who have offered to host a future meeting

| Members and CNCs                                   | Past years | 2027  | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|------|------|
| Australia                                          |            |       |      |      |      |
| Belize                                             |            |       |      |      |      |
| Republic of Chile                                  | 2018       |       |      |      |      |
| People's Republic of China                         | 2017       | Offer |      |      |      |
| Cook Islands                                       |            |       |      |      |      |
| Republic of Cuba                                   | 2019       |       |      |      |      |
| Curaçao                                            |            |       |      |      |      |
| Republic of Ecuador                                |            |       |      |      |      |
| European Union                                     | 2016       |       |      |      |      |
| The Kingdom of Denmark in respect of Faroe Islands | 2026       |       |      |      |      |
| 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 |       |      |      |      |