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Annual Report of Cuba to the Scientific Committee

Cuba



MINISTRY OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY
Office of the Vice Minister

Havana, July 23, 2026.

A: SPRFMO Secretary

I am attaching the Annual Report of the Republic of Cuba to the Scientific Committee of the SPRFMO.

The Republic of Cuba, in order to comply with the provisions relating to the annual national reports addressed to the Scientific Committee, and in accordance with the guidelines of the Scientific Committee (SC) on annual reports to that body (Annex 12 of the SC 7 report) —which state that “participants must submit reports to the Scientific Committee (SC) annually to keep it informed, in a concise format, about their fishing, research and management activities during the previous year” and that “it remains necessary to submit a ‘negative report’ (or zero activity report) in cases where no fishing activity has taken place in the Convention Area”— submits its report as indicated below.

Cuba reports that it currently has no vessels participating in fisheries within the Convention Area and, due to the situation that has been occurring with low catch levels, and in accordance with CMM 01-2026, Cuba wishes to express its intention to accumulate its quota for next year.

Based on the above, Cuba has no data or information to report to the Scientific Committee regarding the sections established for annual reports according to current guidelines. In particular, given that it has not conducted any fishing activity in the last five years, it does not provide information on the description of its fisheries. Likewise, it does not provide information on the remaining sections relating to: summaries of catches, effort, and CPUE; collection of fisheries data and research activities; biological sampling and size/age composition of catches; considerations regarding the ecosystem approach; and reports on the implementation of the observer program.



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Finally, Cuba maintains its interest in SPRFMO fisheries and could conduct fishing activities in the organization's area in the future.

Sincerely,

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