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Based on the Conservation and Management Measures CMM 02-2026, Para. 7 of SPRFMO, Panama submits its Scientific Annual Report to declare the activities of the Panamanian fishing fleet from January 1th to December 31th, 2025 in the SRPFMO Convention Area.

For the 2025 reporting period, Panama reaffirms its full compliance with all SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs). As in previous years, no fishing activities targeting SPRFMO-regulated species were conducted within the Convention Area. Panama's participation was limited to authorized logistical operations, including transshipments, port landings, and provision of fuel and supplies, in accordance with applicable regulations.

1. Description of Fisheries

Panama participated in the SPRFMO as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party from 2014 until 6 July 2022. During this time, participation in the South Pacific fisheries was restricted under the rights granted by the Commission; limited to the extraction of resources regulated by this Organization, and in 2016 and 2017, only two (2) conditional vessels participated in the jumbo flying squid (*Dosidicus gigas*) fishery in FAO Area 87 at an average depth of 15 m, using 11 individual pots per trip, generally with 21 persons on board and with an approximate investment of 5,656 fishing hours declaring an extraction of 1,130.96 tons of GIS, (Table 1).

Since Panama became a member of the SPRFMO on 7 July 2022, and throughout 2025, no catching activities for SPRFMO-regulated species were carried out within the Convention Area. Panama's participation was exclusively limited to authorized fishing-related activities, such as the transshipment of fishery products to refrigerated cargo vessels, port landings, and the provision of supplies.

Table 1. Summary of catching information.

Calendar Year	Fishing Gear	Statistical Area	Effort		Species name (English and scientific)	Catch Amount (Tons)
			Number of vessels	Fishing days		
2016	Jig	FAO 87	2	154	Jumbo flying squid (<i>Dosidicus gigas</i> - GIS)	841.84
2017	Jig	FAO 87	1	82	Jumbo flying squid (<i>Dosidicus gigas</i> - GIS)	289.12
2018	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0
2019	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0
2020	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0
2021	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0
2022	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0
2023	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0

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			Number of vessels	Fishing days		
2024	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0
2025	NIL	NIL	0	0	NIL	0

2. Catch, Effort and CPUE Summaries

No Panamanian catching vessels operated in the SPRFMO Convention Area in 2024.

3. Fisheries Data Collection and Research Activities

No fisheries data collection systems were implemented, and no research or assessment activities were conducted in 2024.

4. Biological Sampling and Length/Age Composition of Catches

No biological sampling or size-frequency measurements were conducted.

5. Ecosystem Approach considerations

There was no interaction with seabirds or other species of concern, and therefore no mitigation measures were applied.

6. Observer Implementation Reports

Panama did not participate in the SPRFMO observer program in 2025.