SPRFMO Performance Review: Structure and conduct

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1. About SPRFMO

The **objective** of this Convention is, through the application of the precautionary approach and an ecosystem approach to fisheries management, to **ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources** and, in so doing, to safeguard the **marine ecosystems** in which these resources occur.
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- Annual catches assigned to each fishery
- 2017 catches, species and active vessels
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2.1 Convention – Article 30

- Regular review → Effectiveness and consistency of CMMs vs principles and approaches in Article 3 of the Convention.

- Decision 06-2018 → 1st Performance Review (PR)
  - Panel comprised of four (2+2) international independent experts
  - Criteria:
    - conservation and management;
    - compliance and enforcement;
    - decision-making and dispute settlement;
    - international cooperation and;
    - financial and administrative issues.
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2.2 Process

- Selection of Review Panel members
- Review Panel Functions
- Tasks
- Timeline
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2.3 Best Practices – 1st PR → Learning Process

- Discussions Guidance: Recommended vs Agreed vs Noted
- Friendly questionnaire (Yes, No, Partly, No info) → ↑ Nº of Responses
- Executive Summary
- Secretariat involvement (Coordination + Participation)
- Identification of recommendations addressed to each Subsidiary Body
- Working Group
- Prioritization & Timeline for implementation
- Transparency: Final report + Conclusions + Questionnaire placed on the SPRFMO website + Responses (COMM and Subsidiary Bodies)
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2.4 Challenges

- Selection of Review Panel members

- High number of Recommendations (44) + Timing Subsidiary Bodies
  - Analysis
  - Implementation

- Heavy annual meeting - COMM 7 → 20 Proposals (10 CMMs amendments + 4 CMMs new + SC workplan and recommendations + IUU matters + MoUs + Administrative + Finances...)

- Panel Conclusion: “Without a further commitment to building the capacity and the resources of the organisation, there is the danger that SPRFMO will stagnate and fail provide meaningful benefits to the fishery resources it manages and its Members”
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2.5 Opportunities

- Proper Budget
- Encouraging participation of Observers (1 out of 14 NGOs)
- Qualitative approach
- Forward thinking
- Best practices of partner RFMOs
- Annual follow up of the implementation
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2.6 Relevant Documents


- SPRFMO Review Questionnaire: [https://www.sprfmo.int/about/docs/sprfmo-review-2018/](https://www.sprfmo.int/about/docs/sprfmo-review-2018/)


Thank you for your attention!