

**44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2022****The 2022 Status Report of the Implementation of the  
Recommendations of the 2018 Performance Review Panel  
(Prepared by the NAFO Secretariat)****Background**

At the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Commission adopted an Action Plan to address each of the Recommendations of the 2018 Performance Review (COM Doc. 19-32). This Action Plan designated a proposed action, priority and lead NAFO body or bodies to address this action for each of the 37 Performance Review Recommendations. It was also agreed that the NAFO Secretariat report annually on the progress in implementing the Plan of Action at each subsequent Annual Meeting.

**Progress Towards Implementation of Performance Assessment Recommendations**

The table below details the status of implementation of each of the Recommendations of the 2018 Performance Review Report.



## Action Plan for the Implementation of the Recommendations from the 2018 Report of the NAFO Performance Review Panel

[Adapted from [NAFO/COM Doc. 19-32](#)]

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<b>III. Conservation and Management</b>								
In relation to the Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
1. <b>III.2.a.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> the Commission, within a defined timeline, sets objectives and determines acceptable risks as outlined in the Ecosystem Approach Framework Roadmap to ensure its implementation. <b>[pg. 16]</b></li> </ul>	X (COM/ WG-EAFFM)	X (WG-EAFFM)			LT	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p>An EAF Workshop was held in August 2022. The workshop focused on the implementation of Tier 1 of the Roadmap, specifically the application of Total Catch Index (TCI) concept, as an ecosystem reference to inform managers.</p> <p>The results and conclusions of this workshop was taken on by the WG-EAFFM during its August 2022 meeting. Six recommendations pertaining to the Ecosystem Roadmap will be forwarded to the COM in September 2022.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WG-EAFFM will continue to make progress on the EAF Roadmap and consider its potential utility in informing management decisions by the COM.</li> <li>WG-EAFFM will reconsider the terminology used in the Ecosystem Summary Sheets in order to provide clarity and avoid potential confusion with standard terminology in fisheries management.</li> <li>SC will continue to refine its work under the EAF Roadmap, including testing the reliability of the ecosystem production potential model and other related models, and report on these results to the WG-EAFFM to further develop</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Short-term (ST) is designated as 1-2 years, medium-term (MT) as 2-3 years, and long-term (LT) as more than 3 years; with ST in general being considered high priority items.



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								<p>how it may apply to management decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note also the Proposed Action for Recommendation 2.</li> </ul>
In relation to the Precautionary Approach Framework, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
2. III.2.b.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO assigns a high priority, including a timeline, to the review of its Precautionary Approach Framework and urges NAFO to act with precaution while awaiting the completion of this review, in particular through a commitment to follow scientific advice. [pg. 17]</li> </ul>	X (WG-RBMS)	X (WG-RBMS)			ST	<p>Status: Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the WG-RBMS Meeting in August 2022, Recommendations 2, 3 and 27 of the 2018 Performance Review Panel updated the status of implementation to "Completed".</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM and SC will review the steps to be undertaken in completing the review of the Precautionary Approach (PA) Framework and develop a timeline for its completion.</li> <li>CPs asked to provide resources to facilitate the SC review of the PA Framework.</li> </ul>
3. III.2.b.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> that NAFO includes 'data-poor' stocks in the Precautionary Approach Framework. [pg. 17]</li> </ul>	X (WG-RBMS)	X (WG-RBMS)			MT/ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the WG-RBMS Meeting in August 2022, Recommendations 2, 3 and 27 of the 2018 Performance Review Panel updated the status of implementation to "Completed".</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC will continue to give high-priority to the development of reference points for all stocks which lack them (MT).</li> <li>WG-RBMS will consider the inclusion of data-poor stocks in its review of the PA Framework (ST).</li> </ul>
In relation to data collection and sharing, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
4. III.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO implements the applicable outcomes of the catch estimates methodology study once completed, continue the work of CESAG and utilize Scientific observer data.</li> </ul>	X (CESAG)	X (CESAG)		X	ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing - No further action required, at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC established a Working Group on Observer Program Review. It met in July 2022. One of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CESAG will continue to provide oversight in the implementation of the catch estimation strategy and provide recommendations to the COM on ongoing refinement.</li> </ul>

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	[pg. 20]						<p>the elements in the ToR is the review of Best Practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CESAG recommended that the Commission request STACTIC to review best practices outlined in COM-SC CESAG-WP 21-01 (Rev.) to identify the possible application of these best practices to improve tow catch estimates in the NAFO Regulatory Area and consider the specific guidance on the International Observer Program as part of its planned review of the NAFO Observer Program scheduled for 2022.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CESAG will consider the findings of the catch estimates methodology study and assess its applicability to the work of CESAG and other NAFO sub-bodies.</li> </ul>
5. III.3.2	<b>Recommends</b> NAFO agrees on a means to respond to instances of non-compliance by a Contracting Party with its reporting requirements, including logbook data. [pg. 20]	X (STACTIC)				ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At STACTIC Intersessional meetings, CPs have opportunities to respond when compliance issues, including submissions of logbook data, are discussed.</li> <li>Submission rate of haul by haul data is 98.4% for 2021. The NAFO Secretariat is coordinating with concerned Contracting Parties in locating missing reports.</li> </ul>	

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6. III.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO implements measures to ensure that fisheries research data, including fisheries survey data used by the Scientific Council, is complete and available for peer review in accordance with established scientific publication standards. [pg. 20]</li> </ul>		X			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This item to be included on the agenda for the upcoming September 2022 SC Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC will endeavor as part of its working procedures to have all of its scientific assessment input data held by the SEC.</li> </ul>
7. III.3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommends NAFO assesses whether the discard data collected on the basis of daily electronic catch reporting is sufficient in order to support a future discards policy. [pg. 20]</li> </ul>	X (WG-BDS/ STACTIC)				MT	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the 2022 STACTIC Intersession meeting a Working Group on Landing Obligation (WG-LO) was established. The group met in August 2022 to draft a response to the Commission request regarding control measures needed in a discard policy. The draft response (STACTIC WP 22-34) was adopted by STACTIC at the 2022 STACTIC Annual meeting and sent to the Commission.</li> <li>Task 1.3, as well as Tasks 2.1 and 2.2 of the BDS Action Plan has been completed by the WG-BDS (COM-BDS WP 21-01).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the Action Plan in the Management and Minimization of Bycatch and Discards (COM Doc. 17-26), SEC and WG-BDS will complete task 1.3, which pertains to data completeness and identification of gaps, by Sept. 2019.</li> <li>To support task 1.3, the SEC will continue its analysis of the available bycatch and discard data, including haul by haul data (beginning from 2016), and identify trends, patterns, anomalies, and data gaps. The SEC will provide regular updates to the WG-BDS in the form of progress reports and seek clarification and direction from the WG-BDS as warranted.</li> <li>WG-BDS will provide guidance and direction to the SEC in completing its work-plan, as required, and</li> </ul>

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								review/consider the work-plan results once completed, including appropriate actions to refer to STACTIC.
In relation to the consistency of conservation and management decisions with scientific advice, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
8. III.4.a.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> the Commission, as a matter of high priority, follows the Scientific Council advice and implements its multi-annual management strategies and plans in a consistent manner. [pg. 22]</li> </ul>	X				ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After consultation with NAFO Contracting Parties, a table comparing the SC advice and adopted management decisions was published to be included in the NAFO Annual Report each year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM will continue to take decisions that are consistent with SC advice and implement its multi-annual management strategies and plans in a consistent manner.</li> <li>Also note the Proposed Action for Recommendation 10.</li> </ul>
9. III.4.a.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO adopts and implements a multi-annual schedule/planning for the delivery of advice, applicable over a cycle of at least five (5) years, including timelines for the various tasks required. Requests for advice outside the agreed planning should only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. [pg. 22]</li> </ul>	X	X			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A five-year workplan was completed at the June 2021 SC Meeting in response to COM request #10 (SCS Doc. 21/15).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <u>COM Doc. 18-20</u>, SC will take the first steps to develop a 3-5 year work-plan, which reflects requests arising from the 2018 Annual Meeting, other multi-year stock assessments and other scientific inquiries already planned for the near future. The work plan should identify the resources necessary to successfully address these issues, gaps in current resources to meet those needs, and proposed prioritization by the SC of upcoming work based on those gaps.</li> <li>COM will continue to implement its multi-annual</li> </ul>

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								schedule/planning for the request and delivery of advice and consider adjustments to the schedule if warranted.
10. III.4.a.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommends</b> NAFO publishes annually a comparison between decisions adopted and the relevant scientific advice. [pg. 22]</li> </ul>			X		ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After consultation with NAFO Contracting Parties, a table comparing the SC advice and adopted management decisions was published to be included in the NAFO Annual Report each year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEC will publish a table on the NAFO website and/or in the NAFO Annual Report that compares the decisions adopted by the COM and the relevant scientific advice.</li> <li>• Also note the Proposed Action for Recommendation 8.</li> </ul>
In relation to the adoption of consistent/compatible management measures, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
11. III.4.b.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommends</b> NAFO develops mechanisms for the application of Article VI.11 of the Convention. [pg. 23]</li> </ul>	X				LT	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal States to communicate to NAFO on management measures important to ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Regulatory Area, as determined by the coastal State to facilitate the application of Article VI.11 of the Convention.</li> </ul>

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In relation to the allocation of fishing opportunities, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
12. III.4.c.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO revisits the allocation of new fishing opportunities, should a change in circumstances justify it. [pg. 24]</li> </ul>	X				LT	<p><b>Status:</b> No change in circumstances therefore no further action currently required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPs will continue to facilitate fishing opportunities using existing mechanisms within NAFO, such as chartering arrangements and quota transfers.</li> <li>COM will consider the allocation of new fishing opportunities should NAFO establish TACs in the future for stocks not currently under its regulation (i.e., those stocks not currently included in Annexes I.A and I.B of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures).</li> </ul>
In relation to previously unregulated and exploratory fisheries, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
13. III.4.d.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO establishes conservation and management measures for Splendid Alfonsino in Subarea 6, at the earliest opportunity. [pg. 24]</li> </ul>	X	X			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Sept 2019 Annual Meeting, the Commission decided to include this stock at the Quota Table with a moratorium on the fishing of it.</li> <li>At the Sept 2021 Annual Meeting, the Commission continued the moratorium on the fishing of this stock.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC will continue to provide scientific advice with respect to Splendid Alfonsino upon request by the COM.</li> <li>COM notes the Proposed Action of Recommendation 8 and will continue to consider appropriate conservation and management measures for Splendid Alfonsino in Subarea 6.</li> </ul>



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In relation to the conservation of marine biodiversity and the minimization of harmful fishing impacts on marine ecosystems, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
14. III.4.e.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO assesses means of minimizing or eliminating harmful impacts of fishing surveys on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems within closed areas. [pg. 26]</li> </ul>	X (WG-EAFFM)	X (WG-EAFFM)			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In June 2022, SC evaluated the impact of scientific trawl surveys on VMEs. The WG-EAFFM expressed support for the advice of SC and awaits the results of further analysis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC will continue its evaluation of the impact of scientific trawl surveys on VME in closed areas, and the effect of excluding surveys from these areas on stock assessments.</li> <li>As per <b>COM Doc. 18-16</b>, CPs will consider possible options for non-destructive regular monitoring within closed areas, bearing in mind cost implications and the utility of data collected for provision of advice.</li> </ul>
15. III.4.e.2	<p><b>Recommends</b> NAFO establishes codes for Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem indicator species to facilitate reporting of encounters. [pg. 26]</p>	X (WG-EAFFM/ STACTIC)	X (WG-EAFFM)	X		ST/MT	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All available FAO ASFIS codes have been incorporated into the 2021 NAFO CEM.</li> <li>WG-EAFFM in 2021 recommended updates to the list of VME species for Annex I.E of the 2022 NAFO CEM.</li> </ul>	
16. III.4.e.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO reviews data available from observers reports and other possible sources that would help identify why encounters with Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems have not been reported to date. [pg. 26]</li> </ul>	X (STACTIC)				ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The analysis of the observers data, conducted by the Secretariat, was updated and presented at STACTIC at the 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC will further examine and assess fishing activities of vessels in and around VMEs and whether these activities are accurately reported.</li> <li>Proposed actions for Recommendation #15 could potentially facilitate the catch</li> </ul>

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							<p>Intersessional Meeting (STACTIC WP 22-19).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC reflected on STACTIC WP 22-19 which suggests that there has been considerable improvement in quantity and quality in the reporting of VMEs observers since 2019, the year Article 30 was last overhauled by STACTIC.</li> </ul>	reporting of VME indicator species.
In relation to minimizing pollution, waste, discards, lost and abandoned gear and impacts on non-target species, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
17. III.4.f.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO ensures the implementation of the Action Plan on discards by the stipulated target date in 2021 and establishes measures in the shorter-term to minimize or eradicate high-grading practices. [pg. 27]</li> </ul>	X (WG-BDS/ STACTIC)	X	X		ST/MT	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The discard aspects of the Action Plan was taken on by STACTIC WG-LO (see recommendation 7 above).</li> </ul>	<p>As per <u>COM Doc. 18-22</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM and SC, and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the SEC, will move forward with the full implementation of the Action Plan (<u>COM Doc. 17-26</u>) (MT).</li> <li>CPs are encouraged to explore with respective industry representatives the reasons for discards and bycatch and report back to the WG-BDS at its next meeting. To the extent possible, this information should seek to identify specific times, areas, fisheries and/or other factors (ST).</li> <li>STACTIC will review existing NAFO observer and haul-by-haul reporting requirements to consider enhancements that would provide specific</li> </ul>

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								information related to the rationale for discards. (ST)
18. III.4.f.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urges NAFO gives effect to Article III of the amended Convention in respect of minimizing other harmful impacts such as pollution and waste originating from fishing vessels, catch of species not subject to a directed fishery and impacts on associated or dependent species, in particular endangered species. [pg. 27]</li> </ul>	X (STACTIC/ WG-BDS)				ST/MT	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC is continuing discussions on the garbage disposal and how to address this issue in the CEM.</li> <li>The Commission requested that the Scientific Council assist STACTIC with this by detailing known impacts of garbage disposal at sea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC will continue discussions and deliberations on its work regarding garbage disposal onboard fishing vessels (ST).</li> <li>COM, STACTIC, and WG-BDS will consider the feasibility of measures to minimize bycatch and discards as part of the Action Plan in the Management and Minimization of Bycatch and Discards (COM Doc. 17-26) (MT).</li> </ul>
In relation to reporting requirements, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
19. III.6.1	<p>Recommends NAFO develop a user-friendly data manual. [pg. 29]</p>	X (STACTIC)		X		ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As agreed at the STACTIC Intersessional Meeting in May 2022, the Contracting Party Reporting Deadlines table (STACTIC WP 21-35) detailing data reporting requirements as per the NAFO CEM (STACTIC WP 21-35) can be uploaded to the Practices and Procedures Member's page.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEC, working work with STACTIC, will compile an inventory of data reporting requirements.</li> </ul>

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<b>IV. Compliance and Enforcement</b>								
In relation to flag State duties, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
20. IV.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO calls on all Contracting Parties to carry out self-assessments of flag State performance in accordance with the criteria set out in the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance. Reports of the self-assessments should be submitted to STACTIC in order for it to present a summary report to the Commission. <b>[pg. 30]</b></li> </ul>	X (STACTIC)			X	ST	<p>Status: Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As agreed at the STACTIC Intersessional Meeting in May 2022, STACTIC requested to the Commission at the 2022 Annual Meeting for further guidance of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance.</li> <li>The Commission clarified that there was no concensus and the issue was referred back to STACTIC only. It was agreed for this discussion to continue at the 2023 Intersessional meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC will review criteria set out in <a href="#">FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance</a> and provide input on this matter to COM.</li> </ul>
21. IV.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO amends the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures in order to clarify, rectify and harmonize references to the duties of the Contracting Parties as flag States. <b>[pg. 31]</b></li> </ul>	X (STACTIC)				ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed to continue looking at this topic at the 2023 Intersessional meeting.</li> <li>As agreed at the STACTIC Intersessional Meeting in May 2022, the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG) continues to work on STACTIC EDG WP 21-04 with the goal of bringing a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STACTIC will discuss how the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures could be amended to clarify, rectify, and harmonize references to the duties of the CPs as Flag States.</li> </ul>

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							proposal for article revisions at the 2022 Annual Meeting.	
In relation to Monitoring Control and Surveillance, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
22. IV.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommends</b> NAFO evaluates and adopts appropriate measures to deter repeat serious non-compliance. [pg. 32]</li> </ul>	X (STACTIC)				ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the 2021 Annual Meeting of NAFO, Article 39 "Follow-up to Infringement" was amended to address repeat serious non-compliance (COM Doc. 21-08).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STACTIC will continue discussions and deliberations regarding measures to deter repeat non-compliance of serious infringements that could be considered for adoption by the COM.</li> </ul>
23. IV.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommends</b> NAFO urges Contracting Parties to become parties to the International Labour Organization (ILO) Work in Fishing Convention No. 188. [pg. 32]</li> </ul>	X			X	ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAFO will encourage CPs to become parties to the International Labour Organization (ILO) Work in Fishing Convention No. 188.</li> </ul>
In relation to follow-up on infringements, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
24. IV.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends NAFO urges Contracting Parties to increase their efforts in ensuring timely follow-up to infringements. [pg. 33]</li> </ul>	X (STACTIC)			X	ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STACTIC continues to review and discuss the follow-up actions to infringements, as reflected in the <i>Annual Compliance Review</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM will encourage CPs to ensure a timely and effective follow-up on infringements, and to report regularly on action taken as foreseen by Article 37 of NAFO CEM.</li> <li>• In cases where action is pending, CPs will provide regular and substantive update reports to the extent possible.</li> <li>• STACTIC will continue to report on Dispositions of Apparent Infringements</li> </ul>

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<b>V. Governance</b>								
In relation to transparency, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
25. V.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO reorganizes its website library based on the topics covered. [pg. 36]</li> </ul>			X		ST	<b>Status:</b> Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEC will continue its work to reorganize the NAFO website library based on the topics covered.</li> </ul>
26. V.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO makes all working documents publicly available, unless otherwise requested by a Contracting Party or subject to confidentiality rules. [pg. 36]</li> </ul>	X	X	X		ST	<b>Status:</b> Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A status report on the work completed on the development of a policy regarding the posting and distribution of meeting documentation and thereby enhancing the transparency of the Organization will be presented to STACFAD at the 2022 Annual Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEC will make COM documents and STACFAD working papers publicly available on the NAFO website, with the exception of documents dealing with matters deemed confidential.</li> </ul>

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<b>VI. Science</b>								
In relation to science, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
27. VI.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO decides the level of acceptable risk regarding the outcomes of conservation and management measures, following a dialogue between Commission and SC, to provide the latter with guidance in its advisory work. [pg. 44]</li> </ul>	X (WG-RBMS)	X (WG-RBMS)			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the WG-RBMS Meeting in August 2022, the co-Chairs recalled Recommendations 2, 3 and 27 of the 2018 Performance Review Panel and updated the status of implementation to “Completed”.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In keeping with NAFO’s PA Framework, SC should (where possible) provide advice as a range of management options and a risk analysis for each option, allowing managers to decide on appropriate risk levels on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>COM will continue to provide SC guidance and clarity regarding the range of risk levels to be evaluated with respect to the outcomes of conservation and management measures.</li> </ul>
28. VI.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO develops and publishes an advisory decision-making framework to ensure advice is linked explicitly to policy objectives, is consistent and its basis is transparent. [pg. 44]</li> </ul>	X	X			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM will continue to include the SC advice on fish stocks and the record of COM decisions in the Annual Meeting reports, and additionally include the associated rationale for the decisions.</li> </ul>
29. VI.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO, as a matter of high priority, develops a plan and implements steps to match the scientific resources to the workload. [pg. 44]</li> </ul>	X	X		X	ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing – No further action required at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A five-year workplan was prepared at the June 2021 SC Meeting. The workplan will be updated and revised annually (SCS Doc. 21/15).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <b>COM Doc. 18-20</b>, SC will take the first steps to develop a 3-5 year work-plan, which reflects requests arising from the 2018 Annual Meeting, other multi-year stock assessments and other scientific inquiries already</li> </ul>

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							<p>planned for the near future. The work plan should identify the resources necessary to successfully address these issues, gaps in current resources to meet those needs, and proposed prioritization by the SC of upcoming work based on those gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM will review the SC's work-plan once completed and use as a basis for informing the establishment of work priorities, reflective of the resources available to complete the work.</li> </ul>	
30. VI.2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommends</b> NAFO implements a peer review process for the science underlying the SC advice and applies it consistently to all SC science used in advice. [pg. 44]</li> </ul>		X			ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An external reviewer participated in the 2020 SC June meeting. There was no external reviewer in 2021 and 2022 due to the online meeting format. Expert review is expected to resume in 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC will continue to enhance the external peer-review of the methods and basis of SC advice to ensure consistency with best scientific practices.</li> </ul>
31. VI.2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommends</b> the Secretariat conducts a survey of usage and identify further improvements to the public outreach documents relating to the state of NAFO stocks and NAFO science available on the NAFO website. [pg. 44]</li> </ul>			X		ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A survey of usage has been prepared by the Secretariat and will be made available on the NAFO website and will be circulated to all CPs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEC will conduct a survey of usage and identify further improvements to the public outreach documents relating to the state of NAFO stocks and NAFO science available on the NAFO website.</li> </ul>



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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public outreach documents were reviewed and improved by the Secretariat.</li> </ul>	
<b>VII. International Cooperation</b>								
In relation to cooperation with other international organizations, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
32. VII.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO strengthens and enhances cooperation with RFMOs and other relevant international organizations. [pg. 46]</li> </ul>	X	X	X		MT/ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examples of enhanced cooperation with RFMOs and other relevant international organizations include development of a possible MoU with the Sargasso Sea Commission as well as work with the Deep Seas Fisheries Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM should consider appropriate mechanisms to strengthen and enhance cooperation with RFMOs and other relevant international organizations (MT).</li> <li>NAFO will maintain existing relationships and cooperation with RFMOs (ST).</li> <li>SEC will maintain existing dialogue with RFMOs and other relevant international organizations (ST).</li> </ul>
33. VI.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO assesses how it can contribute its expertise to international developments, in particular the completion of the Aichi Targets and the Intergovernmental Conference on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. [pg. 46]</li> </ul>	X	X	X	X	ST/MT	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEC will continue to participate in relevant forums where feasible and contribute NAFO's expertise to international developments and will report to the COM on such participation (ST).</li> <li>CPs are encouraged to participate in relevant forums to share their expertise with respect to international developments (MT).</li> </ul>

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In relation to special requirements of developing countries, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
34. VI.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO participates in capacity building initiatives for developing countries. [pg. 46]</li> </ul>	X		X		ST	<b>Status:</b> Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAFO will continue to take part in capacity building initiatives inter alia, the sharing of NAFO knowledge and experience in fisheries management, science and governance.</li> </ul>
<b>VIII. Finance and Administration</b>								
In relation to finance and administration, the NAFO Performance Review Panel:								
35. VII.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO develops an annual operational plan for the NAFO Secretariat outlining key objectives and specifying resources required to meet these objectives. [pg. 48]</li> </ul>	X (STACFAD)		X		ST	<b>Status:</b> Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A status report on the work completed on the development of an annual operational plan for the NAFO Secretariat will be presented to STACFAD at the 2022 Annual Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEC will develop a draft operational plan to be presented/discussed in STACFAD. The draft operational plan should be shared with CPs and STACFAD in advance of the Annual Meeting.</li> </ul>
36. VII.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommends</b> NAFO initiates a process to design a new visual identity for NAFO that reflects the role and responsibilities of the Organization. [pg. 48]</li> </ul>	X (STACFAD)		X		ST	<b>Status:</b> Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A status report on the work completed on the development of design a potential new visual identity for NAFO will be presented to STACFAD at the 2022 Annual Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM will request SEC to present options for a process to design a new visual identity for NAFO, including associated costs, and present these options to the COM/STACFAD for consideration.</li> </ul>

In addition, considering that the cumulative impact of various human activities beyond the mandate of NAFO on the marine environment is mentioned by the 2018 Performance Review Panel among the significant external challenges for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources, the **Commission recommends** that:

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37.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contracting Parties be encouraged to share any relevant research they have completed with the Scientific Council;</li> <li>Scientific Council monitor and provide regular updates on relevant research related to the potential impact of activities other than fishing in the Convention Area, such as oil exploration, shipping and recreational activities, and how they may impact the stocks and fisheries as well as biodiversity in the Regulatory Area.</li> </ul>	X (WG-EAFFM)	X (WG-EAFFM)		X	ST	<p><b>Status:</b> Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice on this recommendation was prepared at the June 2022 SC Meeting, on which WG-EAFFM, at its August 2022 meeting, further noted the need for more SC resourcing to address requests of this nature (potential impacts of activities other than fishing in the NAFO Convention Area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contracting Parties encouraged to share relevant research they have completed with the Scientific Council.</li> <li>SC will monitor and provide regular updates on relevant research related to the potential impact of activities other than fishing in the Convention Area, such as oil exploration, shipping and recreational activities, and how they may impact the stocks and fisheries as well as biodiversity in the Regulatory Area.</li> </ul>