

PFA contribution to SPRFMO Science Committee

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The Science Committee of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) met between 10 and 15 October 2016 in The Hague (Netherlands). The Science Committee consist of scientists from many different countries (New Zealand, Australia, China, Taipeh, South Korea, Vanuatu, Chili, Peru, Ecuador and Europe).



Martin Pastoors presented the PFA self-sampling programme. In 2015 and 2016 a full self-sampling has been carried out on the PFA vessels that fished in the Pacific. That means that all trips and hauls have been self-monitored. From a large part of the hauls, length samples have been taken and analysed by the crew. From this fishery, very detailed information is available to the stock assessment of Jack mackerel (*Trachurus murphii*). Although this type of sampling is still quite unique in the Pacific (and in other areas), several countries have expressed interest in developing a similar approach for their fisheries.

Ofcourse there was also time for some local culture. Here, some of the delegates were enjoying the great taste of Dutch herring. A great surprise also, when the delegates from New Zealand found out that the *kibbeling* (traditional battered fish) was made out of New Zealand hoki.

