

Stakeholders Questionnaire on the management of the southern horse mackerel stock

The following simple questionnaire is designed to inform scientists participating in the PELAC Focus Group on southern horse mackerel of the views of stakeholders on the development of the southern horse mackerel fishery over the last years and its future management.

<p>Name: (contact person in case of further questions about the content in this questionnaire)</p>	
<p>Organisation:</p>	
<p>Representation: (Please indicate on whose behalf or how the input in this questionnaire is made. E.g. the entire membership of your organisation? Or did you interview a selection of members? Or did you fill it out on your own behalf, based on previous experience and information that you had from your members. This is just to obtain an idea about how broad an audience we have reached with the questionnaire to judge whether it is representative for all stakeholders)</p>	
<p>Anonymity: (Please indicate the level of confidentiality that should be maintained regarding the contents of your questionnaire. We will organise the next meeting taking this into account. E.g. grouping the answers for some questions from everyone together to make the response anonymous, while highlighting specific examples of answers to other questions. If necessary, please specify per question. Also, feel free to express who should be allowed to view the contents, e.g. only the secretariat, the secretariat and the scientists, the secretariat, the chairman and the scientists, or anyone)</p>	

- 1. What in your view is the minimum annual TAC for a viable southern horse mackerel fishery?**

- 2. Would you prefer a lower but stable TAC or a more variable but higher one, on average?**

- 3. What are the key market considerations?**

- 4. Is there any size/weight/condition of fish which is more valuable for your market?**

- 5. What additional measures if any do you consider should be put in place to manage the southern horse mackerel stock? (e.g. closed areas, closed seasons, protection juveniles etc)**

- 6. What changes have you experienced in the distribution and catchability of southern horse mackerel over the last five years?**

7. **What kind of harvest control rule (HCR) would you prefer for the management plan (TAC, F or HR rule)? Why?**

8. **Would you like the application of a stability mechanism? Why?**

9. **Do you consider that the scientific advice is reliable over past five years?**

10. **Do you consider that the industry can contribute additional data? If so what type of data?**

11. **Are there any mixed fisheries involved in Southern horse mackerel exploitation? If yes, which species are caught in addition with it?**

12. **Do you feel an evolution in the mixed fisheries exploitation pattern? If yes, what kind of evolution(s), with which impact(s)?**

13. **Mackerel can be a bycatch when horse mackerel is targeted. Have you face this situation, with mackerel or another species?**

14. Is there anything else that you would like to suggest should be taken into account? Please feel free to make suggestions of any kind, about the contents of possible future management considerations or about the process of the focus group.

**[PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE PELAC SECRETARIAT BEFORE THE
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