

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL STOCK ASSESSMENT REVIEW WORKSHOP, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, MONDAY 2 TO FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2013

Over Monday 2 to Friday 6 December the annual International Stock Assessment Workshop funded by the NRF and DAFF will be taking place at UCT (Mathematics Building Room M212).

This year the four scientists invited to comprise the Review Panel are Sean Cox (Canada), Ana Parma (Argentina), Andre Punt (USA) and Tony Smith (Australia - Chair).

TOPICS

The topics to be covered are the following

- 1) South African hake (primary topic) – update of operating models to be used in the revision of the OMP for this resource due to be completed by September 2014; this will include a review of aspects of the research survey strategy for the resource
- 2) ECOFISH programme – review of progress in this joint South African, Namibia and Danish programme of research on the hake resources of South Africa and Namibia
- 3) Sardine – review of multi-stock models for the South African sardine resource and their implications for management
- 4) Line fish – approaches to adjust CPUE-based trends for line fish species for different effort targeting strategies
- 5) Prince Edward Islands toothfish – time-permitting this assessment may be discussed

SCHEDULE

Discussion will take place from 9 am to 5-30 pm each day, with 30 minutes breaks for tea at 10-30 am and 3-30 pm, and 90 minutes for lunch at 12-30 pm. A detailed schedule indicating which topics will be discussed at what times will be circulated shortly.

For the most part discussions will be at a fairly high technical level, but on the final day (**Friday 6th**) at **3-30 pm** in room Zoo 2 of the UCT Zoology Building, the international **Review Panel will provide a summary of their recommendations at a level suitable for a lay audience, and open for questions** from that audience. Dr Kim Prochazka, Director Research, DAFF Fisheries Branch, will chair this session.

DOCUMENTATION AND ATTENDANCE

Documents for background and for discussion at the event will be posted on the following website for prior download as they become available:

<http://www.mth.uct.ac.za/maram/publications.php?year=2013&class=ws>

Because of the need to maintain a workshop type interaction, chairs will limit discussion during each session primarily to panel members and selected key contributors to sit at a central table. However others are welcome to attend, and their interventions will be entertained in the discussions to the extent that time permits.

Inter alia for catering purposes we need to assess likely attendance. **Could those wishing to attend part or all of the event please send an email to Di Loureiro di.lapidoloureiro@uct.ac.za** copied to doug.butterworth@uct.ac.za and andrea.ross-gillespie@uct.ac.za indicating the topics for which you wish to attend (this is **not** necessary if you wish to attend the final Friday lay summary session only).

Cheers

Doug Butterworth (for workshop overseeing group which includes also DAFF's Kim Prochazka)