



# North Pacific Fisheries Commission

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) is an inter-governmental organization established by the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean.

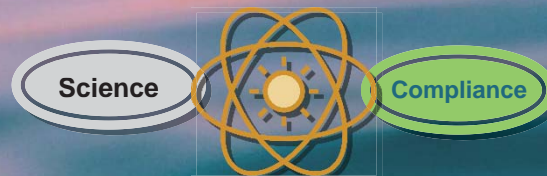
The Objective of the Convention is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems of the North Pacific Ocean in which these resources occur.

## OUR ACTIVITIES

In order to achieve the objective of the Convention, the Commission holds scientific committee meetings and workshops on vulnerable marine ecosystems, bottom fisheries, Pacific saury, chub mackerel and squids as well as technical and compliance committee meetings to monitor fishing vessel registration, compliance assessments, VMS feasibility studies and operational enforcements.

The Commission also manages the budget and resources for all activities as authorized by the Finance and Administration Committee.

The Commission has two key areas of work:



The scientific area addresses the status of fisheries species and impact of fishing activity on fish stocks and marine ecosystems to provide advice to the Members for sustainable management of the resources and protection of ecosystems.

The compliance component is where the rules and regulations (CMMs) are endorsed for approval by the Commission, and fishing vessels operating in the NPFC Convention Area are monitored and boarded at sea and in port to ensure compliance of their operations with the agreed regulations/ CMMs of the Commission.

Ensuring the conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources of the North Pacific Ocean and its sensitive marine ecosystems

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

- Canada
- China
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation
- Chinese Taipei
- United States of America
- Republic of Vanuatu



The NPFC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) define the regulatory framework for the NPFC fisheries in the high seas areas of the North Pacific Ocean. Each year, the Commission may revise existing or adopt new CMMs.

## ACTIVE CMMs

- On Information Requirements for Vessel Registration
- To Establish a List Of Vessels Presumed To Have Carried Out IUU Activities In The NPFC Convention Area
- On the Interim Transshipment Procedures for the NPFC
- On Vessels Without Nationality
- For Bottom Fisheries and Protection of VMEs In the NW Pacific Ocean
- For Bottom Fisheries and Protection of VMEs In the NE Pacific Ocean
- For Chub Mackerel
- For Pacific Saury
- For High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures

## CONVENTION AREA

The shaded area on the right represents the area of jurisdiction of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission.

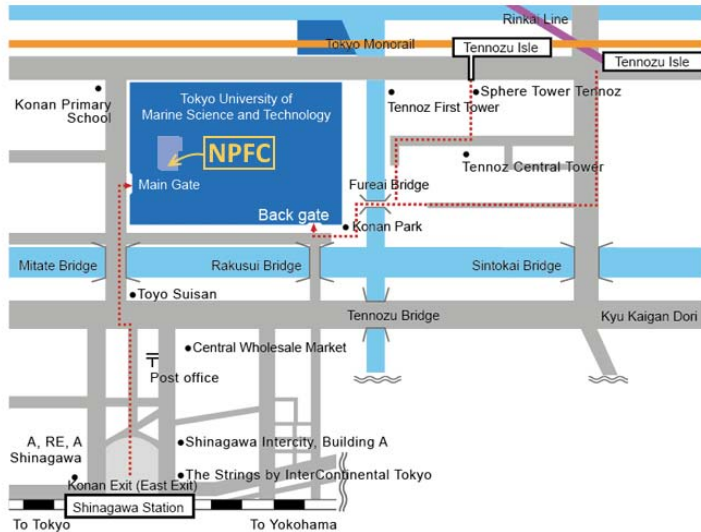
Please refer to Article 4 of the Convention text for the detailed coordinates of the Convention Area.



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The Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean was adopted on 24th February 2012 and came into force 180 days after receipt of the 4th ratification on 19th July 2015. Dr. Dae-Yeon Moon was selected to lead the NPFC Secretariat in September 2015.



## KEY TARGET SPECIES

Fisheries resources covered by the Convention include all fish, mollusks, crustaceans and other marine species caught within the NPFC's area of management, except for:

- Sedentary species insofar as they are subject to the sovereign rights of coastal States: and indicator species of vulnerable marine ecosystems as listed in, or adopted pursuant to the NPFC Convention, including at the moment four families of cold water corals and sponges;
- Catadromous species;
- Marine mammals, marine reptiles and seabirds; and
- Other marine species already covered by pre-existing international fisheries management instruments within the area of competence of such instruments.

## THE COMMISSION



Chairman of the Commission  
Mr. Kenji Kagawa

## THE SECRETARIAT



Executive Secretary  
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## Fishery for Bottom Fish Stocks

In the Northwestern Pacific Ocean, bottom trawl fisheries, bottom gillnet fisheries and bottom longline fisheries have been conducted over the Emperor seamounts by Japan, Korea and Russia. The primary target species of the bottom trawl fisheries have been North Pacific armorhead (*Pentaceros wheeleri*), and splendid alfonsino (*Beryx splendens*), and the primary target species of the bottom gillnet fisheries have been splendid alfonsino, oreo (*Alloctytus verrucosus*) and mirror dory (*Zenopsis nebulosa*).

In the Northeastern Pacific Ocean, the seamount long-line fishery began in the 1970's. Four seamount aggregations (Eickelberg Seamounts, Warwick Seamount, Cobb Seamounts, and Brown Bear Seamounts) have been fished by Canada, via longline hook and longline trap gear. Since the inception of the fishery, the target species of both the above fishing gear has been sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*).

## Fishery for Pelagic Fish Stocks

Pacific saury (*Cololabis saira*) has been harvested by China, Japan, Korea, Russia, Chinese Taipei and Vanuatu.

These fleets mainly use stick-held dip nets or lift nets (a similar fishing method which uses fishing lamps) to catch Pacific saury. While Japanese and Russian vessels operate mainly within their EEZs, Chinese, Korean, Chinese Taipei and Vanuatu vessels operate mainly in the high seas of the North Pacific. This fishery is undergoing an advanced stock assessment for the sustainability of the fishery.

Besides Pacific saury, neon flying squid (*Ommastrephes bartramii*) and Japanese flying squid (*Todarodes pacificus*) have been harvested by squid jigging vessels within the Convention Area.

The chub mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*) fishery is operational in the NPFC Convention Area in the Northwestern Pacific Ocean. A TWG for chub mackerel stock assessment has been established to carry out a stock assessment and determine harvest control rules.