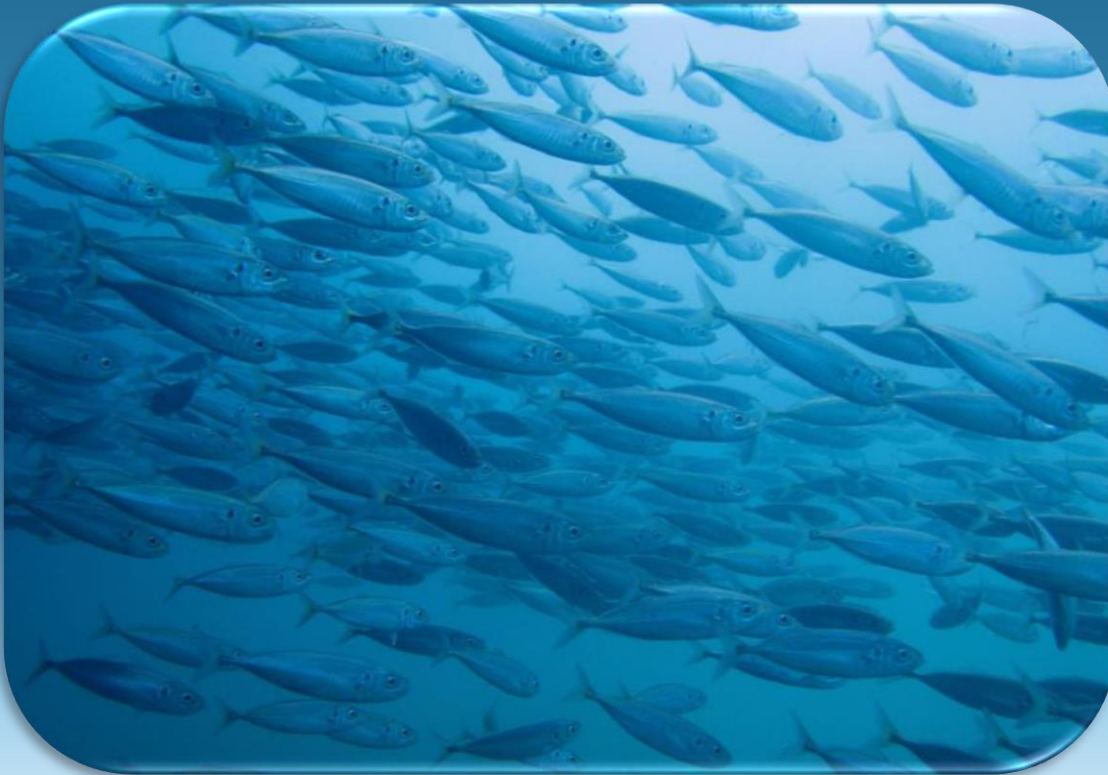


SPF Research Priorities



SPF Scientific Panel
December 2017

AFMA strategic research plans

- AFMA requires MACs and RAGs to review the five year strategic research plans to identify the annual research needs.
- AFMA is currently requesting advice on 2019-20 research priorities for the SPF.
- These priorities will be considered by SEMAC in 2018 before being considered by the AFMA Research Committee (ARC).

SPF Strategic Research Plan 2017-18 - 2021-22

- Annual monitoring and assessment of the fishery remains a priority for 2019-20 - currently funded until 2018-19.
- Maintain the planned order of DEPM surveys: Blue mackerel west 2018-19 (last done Mar 2005); Redbait east 2019-20 (last done Oct 2006). Whether these proceed as planned will depend on fishing effort.
- AFMA Marine Mammal Working Group supported the inclusion of the SPF marine mammal research priority in the 2019-20 research plan. (Synthesise existing information on marine mammal interactions; develop reporting protocols for marine mammal interactions).
- Additional priority agreed for 2019-20 to utilise information on other species collected during South Australian Sardine surveys, to better understand stock structure west of Kangaroo Island.

Questions?