

## **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL STOCK ASSESSMENT REVIEW WORKSHOP, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, MONDAY 26 TO FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2018**

Over Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November, the customary annual International Stock Assessment Workshop 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), Sarah Gaichas (USA), Malcolm Haddon (Australia) and Andre Punt (USA).

### **TOPICS**

The primary topics to be covered for various South African marine resources are the following:

- 1) Hake – A review of the basis underlining the revised formula (Operational Management Procedure - OMP) that has been proposed to provide catch limit recommendations for hake for the next four years
- 2) Sardine – Consideration of some aspects of taking due account of the risk of unintended depletion in managing a resource that exhibits complex spatial dynamics
- 3) West Coast rock lobster – A review of the estimation of trends in poaching, and of the 2018 update of the resource assessment and associated projections under different possible future catches
- 4) Linefish – A review of the results from simulation testing of an assessment approach developed for some major linefish species.

### **SCHEDULE**

Discussion is planned to take place from 9 am to 5-30 pm each day, with two 30-minute breaks for tea at 10-30 am and at 3-30 pm, and a 90-minute lunch break at 12-30 pm – this is except for the Thursday afternoon which will be reserved for the Panel to prepare their report. A detailed schedule indicating which topics will be discussed and their times will be circulated in due course.

For the most part, discussions will be at a fairly technical level, however on the final day (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> at **3-30 pm** in room M304 of the UCT Mathematics Building, the **International Review Panel will provide a summary of their recommendations at a level appropriate for a lay audience, and will be available to respond to questions** from the attending audience.

### **DOCUMENTATION AND ATTENDANCE**

Likely commencing Tuesday 20 November (possibly before), documents for background and for discussion at the workshop will be posted on the following website for prior download, as they become available: <http://www.maram.uct.ac.za/maram/workshops/2018>

Attendees are asked to bring their own copies of documents (found on the website above) to the meeting as they will not be made available in other forms. However, for technical reasons, there may be some documents which cannot be made available in this way; these will be emailed to those who advise attendance as requested below, and a limited number of hard copies of these will be available at the workshop.

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 who will 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, and for provision of some documents as indicated above, we need to assess/document 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](mailto:di.lapidoloureiro@uct.ac.za)** copied to [doug.butterworth@uct.ac.za](mailto:doug.butterworth@uct.ac.za), indicating the topics for which you wish to attend (this is **not** necessary for those who wish to attend the final Friday lay summary session only).