

## **Position statement regarding the Jumbo Squid Fishery Management in the Southeastern Pacific by the Committee for the Sustainable Management of the Southern Pacific Jumbo Flying Squid (CALAMASUR)**

Lima, January 23rd, 2018

Dear President Mr. Osvaldo Urrutia and Delegates,

On behalf of the undersigned parties, consisting of economic and scientific actors from Ecuador, Peru, and Chile who are stakeholders in the jumbo flying squid fisheries (*Dosidicus gigas*) in the Southeastern Pacific, we hereby address you to express our concerns about the sustainable management of this important fishery.

Acknowledging that one of the main functions of the Committee is to take conservation and regulation measures (CRMs) aimed at achieving the goal of the Convention, including specific measures for the sustainable management of jumbo flying squid populations, we hereby submit to you the following issues:

### **What are the issues?**

- The notorious decrease in the availability of the resource in Peruvian and Chilean waters.
- The insufficient knowledge about its biological, ecological, and fishery-related characteristics.
- The absence of regulations to ensure sustainability of the jumbo flying squid in international waters of the Southeastern Pacific.
- The insufficient control of fishing actors in international waters and of the operation of foreign-flag fishing vessels within jurisdictional waters, thus enabling illegal, undeclared, and unregulated fishing.
- The inaccurate knowledge and lack of control of fishing effort of offshore fishing vessels, as well as of potential new actors penetrating a resource that nowadays constitutes a source of economic and social support for the countries currently engaged in its fishery.

### **Why are we concerned?**

- Because of the recent decrease in catches of this resource in the Southeastern Pacific.
- Because of the lack of transparency and of reliable data, including catches, environmental, biological, and fishery-related data in the area under the OROP-PS.
- Because of the scarcity and fragmentation of research.
- Because of the lack of agreement regarding stock structure.
- Because of the lack of standardization and agreement on stock assessment methodologies.
- Because of the lack of specific regulations for the jumbo flying squid integrating capture strategies and management measures in international waters.
- Because of the insufficient monitoring, control, enforcement, and sanctioning measures for illegal, undeclared, and unregulated fishing.

### **What is being demanded of the OROP-PS?**

Because of the aforementioned issues, we urge the OROP-PS to adopt, at the earliest convenience, the following initiatives within the 6th Meeting of the Committee, which will be held in Lima during January and February 2018:

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(i) To peer-review the stock assessment presented by China in the 5th Scientific Meeting of the OROP-PS (reference document: SC5-SQ02).

(ii) To request the member countries to implement effective mechanisms to check and control compliance with the measures in force (MCOs) applicable to the jumbo flying squid within the OROP-PS.

(iii) To appoint a permanent OROP-PS Jumbo Flying Squid Scientific Subcommittee or Working Group, whose initial tasks should be: (a) to design and implement a biological/ fishery/ environmental monitoring program and (b) to develop and agree on a stock assessment model applicable to all the distribution area of the jumbo flying squid.

Cordially,

CALAMASUR President and signatories  
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