#### South Pacific Blue Shark (Prionace glauca)

#### Provision of scientific information

##### Draft Status and trends

* SC12 noted that WCPFC has not yet determined limit biological reference points for shark species
* SC12 noted that the stock status for shark assessments presented to the Scientific have been traditionally assessed relative to MSY-based reference points. It was also noted that realistic estimates of equilibrium unexploited recruitment and spawning biomass could not be obtained in the 2016 South Pacific blue shark assessment due to the lack of available data, poor fits to CPUE time series by the MULTIFAN-CL model, and uncertainty in the estimated stock recruitment relationship.
* SC12 noted that the 2016 South Pacific blue shark assessment is preliminary and is considered to be a work-in-progress. As a result, it cannot be used to determine stock status and form the basis of management advice.

Draft Management advice and implications

* SC11 noted that no management advice has been provided for South Pacific blue shark.