



Schedules for developing and implementing OMP revisions for major South African fisheries

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As part of the planning process, schedules for the four-yearly revisions of OMPs (Operational Management Procedures) for the four major fisheries in South Africa which are managed on this basis are plotted in the Figures overleaf. The following labels are shown on these plots:

Start – Start of the OMP development process

Data final – Finalisation of all data to be used in the OM (Operating Model) and OMP development

OMs final – Finalisation of all OMs to be used for OMP simulation testing

OMP final – Finalisation of OMP testing and choice of OMP for implementation

OMP implementation – The first implementation of the revised OMP, typically to continue for 4 years

Note that the “data final” date is the deadline for the finalisation of ALL inputs to the OMs, which includes CPUE GLM standardisation. Typically, during the “start” to “data finalisation” time-frame, work on the OMs will have begun and thus the provision and finalisation of most data prior to the “data final” deadline is encouraged. This deadline is primarily targeted to enable the inclusion of the latest survey data available.

It is essential that all stakeholders involved in the OMP revision process contribute within the deadlines prescribed so that adequate time is available for satisfactory completion of each of the components of the revision process so that overall implementation deadlines can be met.

Note that this schedule may require revision given finalisation of certain aspects of the implementation of the small scale fisheries policy.

