

The Center for the Advancement of Population Assessment Methodology (CAPAM) has received the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists' (AIFRB) Outstanding Group Achievement Award for 2017.

CAPAM (<http://www.capamresearch.org/>), a collaboration of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Fisheries Science Center, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), has the objective of promoting research and development of fishery stock assessment methods. Toward this goal, CAPAM has developed a Stock Assessment Good Practices Program (GPP). CAPAM also provides training for students and early career scientists through SIO and other research collaborations. At the center of the GPP are workshops on stock assessment methodology (<http://www.capamresearch.org/workshops>), a continuation of the IATTC workshop series that ran for about 10 years, and the resulting special issues in the journal *Fisheries Research* (<http://www.capamresearch.org/publications>), which have been an outstanding success and have been recognized as a model for advancing fisheries science. CAPAM's achievements are derived not solely from the output of its staff members or visiting scientists, but also from the synergistic relationship between many researchers, resulting in journal special issues and follow-on research. Major concepts on selectivity, growth, data weighting, and general guidelines for stock assessment modeling resulting from the CAPAM workshops have changed the way assessments are conducted.

Since 1982, AIFRB (www.aifrb.org) has recognized groups that have made significant contributions to fishery science. The award letter states "CAPAM was established in 2012 and, in a short time, has made an impressive mark not only in its development of standards for the application of stock assessment methodology, but in filling data gaps and resolving important stock assessment issues through its training and educational workshops ... Your work and professional collaborations exemplify the highest standards of research that AIFRB seeks to recognize and showcase. Thank you for your contributions to fishery science and congratulations on this award! "