

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Commission
9 - 12 October 2017
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Commission
 - 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.3. Opening Statements

Opening statements will be incorporated in the official record of the meeting. Electronic copies should be provided to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

 - 1.3.1. Members
 - 1.3.2. Cooperating Non-members
 - 1.3.3. Observers
2. Report from the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year. It is typically assumed that participants have read the report, so this agenda item is primarily for comments and questions on the report.
3. Finance and Administration

The Executive Secretary will present a brief outline of the revised 2017 budget and the proposed budget for 2018 including indicative budgets for 2019 and 2020. Detailed consideration of the budget and other administrative matters will be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee which will report back to the Extended Commission (EC) with a recommended budget.

 - 3.1. Report from the Finance and Administration Committee
4. Review of SBT Fisheries and ERS Interactions

Prior to the meeting, each Member and Cooperating Non-Member will submit a report on its SBT fishing activities using the agreed reporting template for the "[Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission](#)". Participants are expected to have read these reports, so they will not be presented at the meeting. This agenda item is therefore for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the reports. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

 - 4.1. Reports on Members' projects

This sub agenda item is placed here to provide an opportunity for Members to report on special projects. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.
5. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Twelfth meeting to be held on 5-7 October 2017. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.
6. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) will present the report of the ESC's September meeting. The ESC meeting will: Review results of Scientific Research Program activities; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Conduct a full SBT stock assessment; Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the Management Procedure); and Report on progress with development of a new Management Procedure.

7. Report from the Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The Chair of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) will present the report of the ERSWG's March 2017 meeting. The ERSWG Chair will also report on the outcome of the December 2016 Joint Tuna RFMO Ecosystems Based Fisheries Management meeting.

8. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

8.1. Attributable SBT Catch

CCSBT 21 agreed on a common definition for the Attributable SBT Catch¹ and that Members would act in good faith to implement the common definition of attributable catch adopted at CCSBT 21 as soon as practicable but not later than the 2018 quota year. CCSBT 21 also agreed to a table of action points from 2015 to 2018 in relation to implementing the Attributable SBT Catch. This table is provided at Attachment A. Members are to report on their progress with implementing the Attributable SBT Catch in their annual report to the Compliance Committee and EC. The EC will consider the progress made and provide any necessary recommendations.

8.2. TAC Determination

At CCSBT 23, the EC agreed to set the TAC for 2018-2020 at 17,647 tonnes per year in accordance with the recommendation from the CCSBT's Management Procedure (MP). The EC needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2018 to be revised.

8.3. Research Mortality Allowance

At CCSBT 23, the EC agreed that for 2018-2020, an allocation of 6 t would be set aside for Research Mortality Allowance each year within the TAC recommended by the MP. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this Research Mortality Allowance to national research activity in 2018.

8.4. Allocation of TAC

The allocation of the TAC for 2018-2020 was agreed at CCSBT 23. Further discussion of allocation is not anticipated at CCSBT 24 unless unexpected circumstances arise (e.g. new Members, new Cooperating Non-Members, or increased estimates of unaccounted non-Member IUU catch).

¹ *A Member or CNM's attributable catch against its national allocation is the total Southern Bluefin Tuna mortality resulting from fishing activities within its jurisdiction or control including, inter alia, mortality resulting from:*

- commercial fishing operations whether primarily targeting SBT or not;*
- releases and/or discards;*
- recreational fishing;*
- customary and/or traditional fishing; and*
- artisanal fishing.”*

9. CCSBT Strategic Plan

CCSBT 22 adopted an updated Strategic Plan for the CCSBT, which contains a five-year Action Plan.

9.1. Action for 2017

Most items scheduled for 2017 in the Action Plan are being addressed at CCSBT meetings or elsewhere. Items for 2017 that are not considered elsewhere are listed below, with their priorities (according to the plan) shown in parentheses. The Secretariat will prepare a paper in relation to these items to facilitate discussion.

- *Revised risk classifications assigned to each type of CCSBT data to enable sharing of appropriate datasets (Very High);*
- *Review the costs and benefits of changing the current chairing arrangements for CCSBT including consideration of longer term appointments to ensure full year availability of a Chair for support, decision making and continuity (High);*
- *Explore funding sources other than Member governments' assessed contributions to support the work of the Extended Commission (High);*
- *Implement flexible management arrangements – Quota trading between Members (High);*
- *Flag states/fishing entities to complete self-assessments of capacity with respect to national allocations. Flag State/fishing entity to take corrective action if required (Medium). All Members, except the European Union have conducted their self assessments.*

9.2. Action for 2018

Some items in the Action Plan that are scheduled for 2018 will require significant amounts of work. It is proposed that the EC consider these items (listed below), confirm whether it wishes to proceed with each of these items in 2018, and assign responsibilities for undertaking the agreed actions.

- *After reaching each Members' nominal catches, assess the costs and benefits of alternative rebuilding strategies, including those that favour stock rebuilding over short-term catch increase;*
- *Review the implementation of the Recommendation on ERS (Medium/High);*
- *Develop a policy and management strategy for ERS, including consideration of clear criteria against which effectiveness could be assessed whilst also addressing safety and issues of practicability, under close cooperation with other tuna RFMOs, relevant industries and other stakeholders, in order to facilitate the fishing industry's efforts to reduce the risks to ERS (Medium/High);*
- *Promote discussion on research on ecosystem conditions that may affect the reproduction of SBT, with a view to improving knowledge of the effect of climate change on reproduction and recruitment of SBT (Medium/High);*
- *Develop options (based on Convention text) for long term allocation arrangements for all Members, including new members, and apply to TAC increases or decreases (Medium/High);*
- *Consider the need to improve transparency of the decision making processes by minimising the use of Heads of Delegation meetings (Medium);*
- *Review Convention text (if Member/s propose such negotiations) and, where appropriate, incorporate modern fisheries management principles and/or standards through decisions of the Commission e.g. in reviewing Management Procedure; measures to manage ERS (noting the latter option may be more efficient) (Medium);*

10. Consideration of a CCSBT Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)

CCSBT 22 agreed that New Zealand would work intersessionally on developing a draft FMP to be considered by the EC in 2017, if its resources allowed. New Zealand has advised that it will not be in a position to provide a draft FMP for the 2018 meeting of the EC but believes that such a plan remains in the best interests of this Commission. New Zealand would also welcome further guidance from members on the key elements of a FMP.

11. Cooperating Non-Members

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Members requires an annual review of the continuation of that status based on performance against the undertakings given to the Extended Commission. There is currently only one Cooperating Non-Member to consider (the Philippines).

12. Relationship with Non-members

As requested at CCSBT 23, China, Fiji, Singapore and the USA have been invited to attend CCSBT 23 as observers. Members should nominate additional States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT, together with background information supporting that nomination, and provide this information to the Executive Secretary at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. These nomination(s) will be incorporated in the Secretariat's paper for this agenda item.

13. Kobe Process

This is a standing agenda item for updates on the Kobe Process and a review by Members of any Kobe process recommendations requiring action.

14. Activities with Other Organisations

14.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest² and these Members provide reports back to the CCSBT on matters of relevance in order to improve coordination with other RFMOs. This agenda item provides the opportunity for:

- *Observer Members to provide brief reports on matters of relevance from these meetings; and*
- *Agree on CCSBT observers for non-CCSBT meetings during 2018.*

15. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

15.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2017

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 24 should be restricted from public release³.

16. Meetings for 2018

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2018. The Secretariat will seek to obtain intersessional agreement to the dates for the following meetings:

- *Informal Operating Model and Management Procedure (OMMP) Technical meeting;*
- *Extended Scientific Committee;*
- *Compliance Committee; and*
- *Extended Commission.*

The EC will need to confirm the tentative dates. In addition, the EC needs to decide whether to hold the next ERSWG meeting during 2018 or during 2019 as well as when during the chosen year to hold the meeting. An intersessional OMMP meeting is also planned for June/July 2018, but the date for this will be arranged after CCSBT 24 between the Executive Secretary and participating scientists as per past practise.

² With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

³ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 24 become publicly available after CCSBT 24 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 24 unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document (or Member if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release.

17. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 25th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
18. Other Business
19. Close of Meeting
 - 19.1. Adoption of report
 - 19.2. Close of meeting

Attachment A

**Table of Action points in relation to implementing the
Attributable SBT Catch as agreed at CCSBT 21.**

	External	Internal	ESC work schedule
2015	The EC initiates discussion on the principles and process for taking account of non-member catch in the 2018-20 TAC period. The ESC, CC and Members to undertake analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch. Commission market analyses on significant markets to contribute to estimating non-member catch.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual Member research on applicable sources of mortality and report back to ESC and CC for discussion and review. 2. Members shall endeavour to set allowances to commence for 2016-17 quota years for all sources of attributable mortality based on best estimates and notify other Members by CCSBT22. If Members can't they will notify CCSBT22 and explain why they are unable to and set a date by which they can set the allowance. 3. The EC initiate discussion and agreement to a process for dealing with attributable catch within the next quota block (2018-20). 	Collation of information on unreported mortalities and categorising this information in accordance with OM "fleets" (ESC19 Report).
2016	The ESC, CC and Members continue analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch. The EC decides on the adjustment to take account of non-member catch in the 2018-20 TAC period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The EC if necessary continue discussion so as to agree on a process for dealing with attributable catch within the next quota block (2018-20). 2. Individual Members continue research on applicable sources of mortality and report back to the ESC and CC for discussion and review. 	ESC scheduled to run MP to recommend TAC for 2018-2020.
2017	The ESC, CC and Members continue analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch.	Individual Members continue research on applicable sources of mortality & report back to the ESC and CC for discussion review.	ESC scheduled to conduct full stock assessment and the first formal review of MP.
2018		Full implementation of the common definition of attributable catch.	