



CCSBT-EC/1710/15

## Kobe Process

### Purpose

This is a standing item on the CCSBT agenda to provide an update on activities associated with the Kobe Process<sup>1</sup> and to provide the opportunity for CCSBT Members to review progress with Kobe Process recommendations that require actions by the CCSBT.

### Kobe Steering Committee Meetings

There have been no meetings of the Kobe Process Steering Committee (KSC) since CCSBT 23. The report from the previous KSC meeting (July 2016) is provided at **Attachment A** for information. The current Chair of the KSC is Mr. Stefaan Depypere. The Chair hopes to launch a limited number of initiatives in the course of 2018. There are no current plans to initiate any big Kobe events, such as Kobe IV in the near future. Instead, it might be effective to continue advancing existing initiatives.

### Joint Tuna RFMO Activities

The main joint tuna RFMO activities of relevance to the CCSBT that are underway are in relation to the following technical groups and projects:

- Joint Tuna RFMO Meeting on Implementation of Ecosystems Based Fisheries Management (EBFM)

*A joint meeting on implementation of EBFM was held in Rome, Italy from 12-14 December 2016<sup>2</sup>. The Report of the meeting was provided to Members in CCSBT Circular #2017/017. The Chair of the CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) attended the meeting. The ERSWG Chair provided a report of the key outcomes of the EBFM meeting to the ERSWG in March 2017 (see paper CCSBT-ERS/1703/09). The ERSWG Chair will also report on the outcome of the EBFM meeting at agenda item 7 of the present meeting.*

*A second joint tuna RFMO EBFM meeting is expected to be held during late 2017 or early 2018.*

- Management Strategy Evaluation Working Group (MSE WG)

*A meeting of the Kobe Process' Management Strategy Evaluation Working Group meeting was scheduled for 1-3 November 2016. The Secretariat has not received a report from this meeting. More information is available at: <http://www.tuna-org.org/mse.htm>.*

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<sup>1</sup> A cooperative process involving joint meetings of members of the five tuna RFMOs, The first meeting was held in Kobe, Japan.

<sup>2</sup> With funding from the Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna Project.

- Joint Technical Bycatch Working Group (TBWG)  
*There have been no meetings or significant activity of the Kobe Process' joint Technical Bycatch Working Group since CCSBT 23 that the Secretariat is aware of.*
- Consolidated List of Authorised Vessels (CLAV)  
*The CLAV was established through the Kobe Process and it has continued to be updated on a daily basis<sup>2</sup>. The latest monthly Report on the CLAV (July 2017) is provided at **Attachment B**. Maintenance of the CLAV requires substantial work and this is currently being conducted with funding from the Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna Project. However, this funding ceases during 2019<sup>3</sup>.*
- Tuna Compliance Network (TCN)  
*This network did not arise through the Kobe process, but nevertheless, it is an important joint tuna RFMO activity. The first meeting of the network was held in Spain during March 2017<sup>2</sup>. The CCSBT's Compliance Manager attended this meeting. A second meeting of the network is planned for early 2018<sup>2</sup>. Further details are provided in paper CCSBT-CC/1710/17 to the Compliance Committee.*

Although not of direct interest to the CCSBT, a successful first meeting of the Joint tuna RFMO FADs Working Group was held during April 2017. The report of this meeting is available from the [Tuna-org](http://Tuna-org) web site.

To facilitate enhanced communicate and cooperation between the CCSBT and the various joint tuna RFMO committees/working groups/networks, the Secretariat invites the Extended Commission to consider providing long-term observer status to the Chairs of the joint tuna RFMO groups as follows:

Joint Tuna RFMO Committee/Working Group/Network	Relevant Chair to be provided with Long-Term observer status to the following CCSBT meetings:
Kobe Process Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended Commission</li> </ul>
Management Strategy Evaluation Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating Model &amp; Management Procedure Technical Group</li> <li>• Extended Scientific Committee</li> </ul>
Joint Technical Bycatch Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecologically Related Species Working Group</li> </ul>
Tuna Compliance Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance Committee</li> </ul>

### Progress with Kobe Process Recommendations

A list of Kobe recommendations for which the CCSBT has made limited progress is provided at **Attachment C**. Some of these items are either not a high priority for the CCSBT or are items where consensus has not been achieved on a way forward. The list is the same as that provided to CCSBT 23, except that one item has been removed from the list. The removed item was to “*Encourage RFMO Members to consider signing and ratifying the FAO Port State Measures Agreement at their earliest opportunity*”. It was removed because all CCSBT Members that are eligible to sign and ratify/approve or accede to the FAO Port State Measures Agreement have now done so.

### Prepared by the Secretariat

<sup>3</sup> Further details in relation to funding of the CLAV are provided at the end of the Report from the Secretariat (CCSBT-EC/1710/04).