



CCSBT-ERS/1703/08

Draft Revised Minimum Performance Requirements (MPRs): For Science Measures and Measures Relating to ERS

1. Introduction

The CCSBT maintains a Minimum Performance Requirements (MPRs)¹ document which is updated regularly. The Compliance Committee's three-year Action Plan specifies that two sections of this document are to be reviewed during 2017 which are of relevance to the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG):

- Science Measures: 4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards (SOPs), and
- Measures Relating to ERS: 5.2 Recommendation on Ecologically Related Species (ERS).

The Secretariat has reviewed sections 4.1 and 5.2 noted above, and is also proposing:

- The addition of a new section (6.4²) to reflect the requirement for an ERSWG Data Exchange, and
- A minor revision to Routine Reporting Measures section 6.6²: Annual Reporting to the Compliance Committee³.

This paper provides ERSWG with an opportunity to consider the Secretariat's proposed revisions and additions before they are presented to CC12 for its review in October 2017.

It is important to note that CCSBT's MPR document can only reflect the obligations/requirements of existing CCSBT measures. New obligations cannot be added to the document unless they are already specified in existing CCSBT measures.

2. Background

The CCSBT's MPR document is the basis upon which the CCSBT's programme of Quality Assessment Reviews (QARs) are conducted. QARs are independent reviews (essentially audits against the MPRs), that assist Members to identify how well their current management systems are functioning with respect to their CCSBT obligations, as well as to provide recommendations on areas where improvement is needed. As such, it is important that CCSBT's MPR document appropriately reflects the minimum requirements that need to be met in order for Members to adequately fulfil their obligations.

Currently, the QAR programme's focus is on reviewing the suitability of Members' systems and processes to ensure compliance with national allocations, the Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS), and transshipments. However, once these aspects of all Members' systems have been reviewed, future QARs could include a review of the suitability of Members' systems and processes with respect to ERS obligations.

¹ Titled "Minimum Performance Requirements to Meet CCSBT Obligations" is available [here](#).

² The sub-section numbers within section 6 of the MPR document have been updated. A new section (6.4) is proposed to be inserted and the existing section numbers 6.4 to 6.7 inclusive have each been incremented by 1.

³ This revision is to reflect a new sub-item that was added to the annual Extended Commission /Compliance Committee reporting template at CCSBT 22.

The full MPR document¹ is divided into sections which outline the minimum requirements for Members to meet their obligations with respect to each of CCSBT's Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs). The obligations, which are derived from relevant Decisions, Resolutions or Recommendations are listed on the left hand side of the document. The corresponding MPRs are listed opposite. Each year the Compliance Committee (CC) considers revisions and/or additions to parts of this document in order to reflect any new Decisions, Resolution or Recommendations, and/or revisions to existing ones, as well as to potentially strengthen existing MPRs.

3. Draft Revised MPRs

In summary, the Secretariat is proposing revisions to the following existing obligations/MPRs:

- 4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards (SOPs);
- 5.2 Recommendation on ERS; and
- 6.6 Annual Reporting to the Compliance Committee.

The Secretariat is also proposing the addition of a new obligation and associated MPR to reflect the requirement for an ERSWG Data Exchange:

- 6.4 ERSWG Data Exchange.

A set of draft revisions/ insertions (tracked) are provided at **Attachment A** for ERSWG's information and comment. In cases where it has been necessary to update document links, these updates have not been tracked.

The following MPRs *have not* been revised (except for a few very minor editorial corrections), but are also included within **Attachment A** in order to provide a complete overview of all relevant ERS MPRs:

- 5.1 Seabird Mitigation Measures in Longline Fisheries (Decision and Recommendations); and
- 6.8 Annual Report to the ERSWG.

4. Details of the Proposed Revisions

CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards (SOPS)

These obligations and corresponding MPRs have been revised to include:

- Updated introductory information as appropriate;
- The SOPs revisions agreed and adopted at CCSBT 22 in 2015;
- Re-insertion of text drafted by a consultant and originally presented to CCSBT in paper CCSBT-SMEC/1108/05 in 2011 (this text was not agreed/retained in 2011);
- The Secretariat's own proposed amendments to the MPRs to reflect either new or amended obligations, and/or strengthened MPRs; and
- Minor editorial updates.

Recommendation on ERS

These obligations and corresponding MPRs have been revised to include:

- Updated introductory information; and
- A few small additions and clarifications added by the Secretariat.

Annual Reporting to the Compliance Committee

A small revision has been made to these MPRs to reflect the additional section III(2)(d) that Members agreed to add to the EC/CC National Reporting template at CCSBT 22 in 2015.

ERS Data Exchange

It is proposed that a new section 6.4 be inserted into the MPRs to take into account the ERS Data Exchange requirement.

Prepared by the Secretariat

4. Science Measures

This section sets out minimum performance requirements for obligations relating to the Scientific Observer Program Standards.

4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards (Decision/Recommendation)

Title: CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards

Link: https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/observer_program_standards.pdf

Notes: The objectives of the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards are to:

- Provide a framework for the alignment of ~~m~~M~~em~~bers' scientific observer programs with the objectives of the SRP;
- Standardi~~s~~ze scientific observer programs across fleets and fisheries among ~~m~~M~~em~~bers; ~~and~~
- Specify minimum standards for the development of a sScientific eObserver pProgram for ~~m~~M~~em~~bers without a program; and
- To provide a minimum set of standards for collection of bycatch data, consistent with international recommendations, and where appropriate to assist in harmonisation of bycatch data collection across tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organisations.

4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
i. All Members are expected to adapt their respective programs <u>to, at a minimum, meet</u> taking into account these standards but recogniz noting that m M em bers <u>are encouraged to implement further</u> may have additional requirements they wish to maintain in their respective programs.	1. All Flag Members' programs me et the minimum standards for the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program .
ii. Responsibility for the operation of the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program on the high seas and in domestic EEZ fisheries lies with the Member whose flag is flown on the vessel.	
iii. The CCSBT Scientific Observer Program covers the fishing activity of CCSBT Members wherever southern bluefin tuna are targeted or are a significant bycatch.	1. Operating systems and processes established, <u>documented and implemented</u> for the Scientific Observer Program that : a. ensure the program applies <u>to all the Member's CCSBT authorised fishing vessels</u> ; wherever SBT is targeted or are a significant bycatch;
iv. The Program has a target observer coverage of 10% for catch and effort monitoring for each fishery. Observer coverage should be	

4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
<p>representative of different vessel-types in distinct areas and times. In order to approach 10% coverage in some strata (e.g., specific vessel-types in certain areas and times) it may be necessary to have higher than 10% coverage in other strata.</p>	<p>b. set out procedures to meet the target observer coverage of 10% for catch and effort monitoring in each fishery, including:</p>
<p>v. Each Member should assign observers to its vessels and cruises based on a carefully considered and appropriately designed sampling scheme that has a high likelihood of ensuring reasonably representative coverage. The program should ensure that, within the main fishing areas and seasons and to the extent possible, all representative vessels, areas, and time periods have an approximately equal probability of being sampled.</p> <p><u>Consideration should also be given to higher levels of coverage in some strata from time to time to address specific fisheries management questions (e.g. to better quantify non-fish and protected species bycatch where this is identified as a risk).</u></p>	<p>i. <u>requiring observer coverage to be representative of the Member's range of SBT fisheries;</u></p> <p>ii. <u>specifying the timeframe and process to achieve the target coverage (10%) in any fishery in which the target fishery is not currently being achieved;</u></p> <p>iii. <u>have a mechanism in place to consider and implement higher levels of observer coverage in some strata if required;</u></p> <p>c. set out how observers are assigned to vessels;</p> <p>d. analyse, at least once a year, the effectiveness of the actual assignment of observers in achieving 10% coverage across a representative range of the Member's SBT fisheries;</p>
<p>vi. Each Member should evaluate and analyse the sampling scheme used for the assignment of observers against the principles outlined above. Each Member should document the scheme used for the observer assignments actually implemented and make this information and data collected available to the Commission in its national report (as described in the reporting requirements) to enable review within the Commission of whether or not the standards are being met.</p>	<p>e. implement observer recruitment and training schemes to meet section 8 of the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards relating to: Qualification of observers, Independence/Integrity, Scientific Observer Training, and Recruitment of observers;</p> <p>f. <u>specify agency/agencies responsible for implementing each component of the Scientific Observer Program, including:</u></p>
<p>vii. The placement of observers should also encompass arrangements to ensure the independence and scientific integrity of the data.</p>	<p>i. <u>checking that observers are adequately qualified, independent and have no recent serious criminal offences,</u></p> <p>ii. <u>training, including with respect to tag recapture reporting,</u></p> <p>iii. <u>assigning observers to vessels,</u></p>

4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
viii. Observer plans and training programs should include specific provision for the role and responsibilities of observers for tag recapture reporting.	<p><u>iv. monitoring performance of assignments in relation to achieving target observer coverage,</u> <u>v. receiving and analysing observer information, and</u> <u>vi. forwarding information to the Extended Scientific Committee.</u></p>
ix. Each Member is responsible for the recruitment and training of observers for placement on their flagged vessels. Training schemes should be constructed to impart the skills necessary to adequately collect the scientific data and should take account of the principles specified in section 8 of the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards relating to: Qualifications of observers, Independence/Integrity, Scientific Observer Training, and Recruitment of observers.	
x. Any vessel selected for an observation should be capable of meeting the minimum requirements for accommodation, sanitary facilities, meals, equipments and communication systems equivalent to those of the crew (junior officer when possible) so that the observer's duties are not compromised. A selected vessel should be advised of its responsibility for the observer while they are on board.	<p>1. Operating systems and processes established, <u>documented and implemented</u> to: <u>a. confirm all selected fishing vessels can meet the minimum requirements for placing observers on board;</u> <u>a-b. _____ advise a selected fishing vessel of its responsibilities while the observer is on board.</u></p>
xi. The scientific data to be collected should include the following categories of information. A detailed description of the information to be collected for each of these categories is provided in Attachment 1 of the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards. Annex 1 of that attachment provides hierarchies for prioritising the collection of data. <p>A. Details of the observed vessel, including its size, capacity and equipment.</p> <p>B. Summary of the observed trip, which will include information such as the observer name <u>and identification</u></p>	<p>1. Operating systems and processes established, <u>documented and implemented</u> to: <u>a. ensure the required information/data is collected as specified in section 10 and Attachment 1 of the Scientific Observer Program Standards and, where necessary, the hierarchies to prioritise data collection are applied; and</u> <u>a-b. _____ analyse information/data collected in 1.a above and report the information/data specified in Attachment 2 of the Observer Program Standards to the CCSBT Extended</u></p>

4.1 Scientific Observer Program Standards	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
<p><u>number, degree of experience</u>, dates of embarkation and disembarkation.</p> <p>C. Comprehensive catch, effort and environmental information for each set that occurred while the observer was on-board the vessel, regardless of whether the set/haul was actually observed. This includes the target species, location fished and quantity of gear used.</p> <p><u>D. Fishing methods and gear, including mitigation measures in use while fishing. The observer should record/describe mitigation measures, including the configurations that were in use during the observed period. This includes the details of mitigation measures and their use as described in Attachment 1 of the CCSBT Scientific Observer Program Standards. Where applicable, the absence of mitigation equipment should also be noted.</u></p> <p>D.E. Observed catch information for each period of observation, including the time at start and end of observation, the number of hooks observed, the observed catch in number and weight for SBT and all other species caught to the extent possible.</p> <p>E.F. Biological measurements taken of individual SBT, as much as possible, including its condition, length, weight, sex and details of samples (otoliths, scales, gonads, etc.) that were taken from the SBT for later analysis.</p> <p><u>G. Information on SBT and ERS not retained should include counts by species and their life status (using the relevant codes as detailed in Attachment 1 of the SOPS).</u></p>	<p><u>Scientific Committee (ESC) and the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG).</u></p>

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Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
F.H. SBT tag recovery information, including, both tag numbers (actual tags also to be provided), date, location, length, weight, sex, details of samples taken (e.g. otoliths), and whether or not the tags were spotted during a period of fishing that was being observed.	

5. Measures Relating to Ecologically Related Species

This section sets out minimum performance requirements for obligations relating to:

- Seabird Mitigation Measures in Longline Fisheries (5.1)
- Recommendation on Ecologically Related Species (5.2)

5.1 Seabird Mitigation Measures in Longline Fisheries (Decision & Recommendations)

Title: There is no official title for this measure as this is not a “single measure”, but instead is a collection consisting of a decision at CCSBT 4, a request at CCSBT 5 and a series of recommendations at CCSBT 3.

Links: Details of the requirement to use Tori poles are at Agenda Item 10.2 and Attachment U of the CCSBT 4 (part 1) report.

https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/meetings/meeting_reports/ccsbt_04/report_of_ccsbt4_part1.pdf

Details relating to the guidelines for design and deployment of tori lines are at Agenda Item 10.2 and Attachments 29 & 30 of the CCSBT 5 (part 1) report: https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/meetings/meeting_reports/ccsbt_05/report_of_ccsbt5_part1.pdf

Details of the other obligations below (obligations iii and iv) are at Agenda Item 5 and Attachment E of the CCSBT 3 (part 2) report.

https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/meetings/meeting_reports/ccsbt_03/report_of_ccsbt3_part2.pdf

Notes: Paragraphs “ii” to “iv” below are not binding on Members, but Members are nevertheless expected to comply.

5.1 Seabird Mitigation Measures in Longline Fisheries	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
i. Mandatory use of Tori poles is required by all Members in all longline SBT fisheries below 30° ¹ south.	1. Operating systems and processes to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ensure tori poles are used in all longline SBT fisheries below 30° south; encourage design and deployment of tori poles to be consistent with the guidelines in Attachment 30 of the CCSBT 5 (part 1) report.
ii. Members are requested to use the guidelines for the design and deployment of tori poles for tuna longline fisheries as specified in Attachment 30 ¹ of the CCSBT 5 (part 1) report.	

¹ These guidelines are now over 10 years old and may be in need of review.

5.1 Seabird Mitigation Measures in Longline Fisheries	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
<p>iii. Members should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue existing information collection on the nature and extent of ERS captures in southern bluefin tuna fishing operations. ○ Collect data concerning the incidental catch of seabirds and information concerning the state and trend of the seabird population subjected to incidental catch in cooperation with appropriate international organisations, other States and entities concerned. ○ Promote the use of appropriately designed and deployed tori lines in SBT longline fishing operations. ○ Take the following measures, as appropriate, in longline fisheries while taking southern bluefin tuna: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ avoid the dumping of offal as far as possible while longlines are being set or hauled; and ▪ use thawed baits. ○ Make every effort to ensure that birds captured alive during longlining are released alive and that wherever possible hooks are removed without jeopardising the life of the bird concerned. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage adoption of methods to mitigate incidental catch of seabirds, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. collecting information on incidental catch of seabird ; and b. developing, trialling and implementing improved measures to reduce incidental seabird catch and mortality.

5.1 Seabird Mitigation Measures in Longline Fisheries	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
<p>iv. Members shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exchange information concerning new or refined techniques to reduce incidental catch of seabirds and cooperate in developing and assessing the effectiveness of such techniques, including those with the objective of preventing the approach of seabirds to fishing vessels or restraining the feeding activities of seabirds. In introducing a technique, a Member will consider its effectiveness in reducing the incidental catch of ERS, and the costs and benefits, including possible impacts on harvesting of tuna ○ Continue to assess the effectiveness of the measures described in the points above. ○ Promote, among the fishers concerned, understanding about the incidental capture of seabirds and measures which can be implemented to reduce seabird capture in longline operations. 	

5.2 Recommendation on Ecologically Related Species (Recommendation)

Title: Recommendation to Mitigate the Impact on Ecologically Related Species of Fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna.

Link: Details of CCSBT's Recommendation ~~and can be found at:~~

~~http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/Recommendation_ERS.pdf~~

~~Details of the relevant IOTC and WCPFC Resolutions, and ICCAT Recommendations on seabirds can be found at:~~

~~http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/other_rfmo_measures/iecat/ICCAT_2007-07.pdf~~

~~http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/other_rfmo_measures/iecat/ICCAT_2011-09.pdf~~

~~http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/other_rfmo_measures/iote/Resolution%2012_06.pdf~~

~~http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/other_rfmo_measures/wcpfc/CMM_2012_07_Seabirds.pdf~~ (South of 30°S)

~~http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/other_rfmo_measures/wcpfc/Res_2005_01.pdf~~

~~Additional~~the relevant links for IOTC and WCPFC Resolutions/CMMs and ICCAT Recommendations for all ERS ~~(including for seabirds)~~ can be found on the bycatch mitigation page of the CCSBT website at:

https://www.ccsbt.org/site/bycatch_mitigation.php

Notes: At CCSBT 20, Members provided a commitment to adhere to the ERS rules in IOTC, WCPFC and ICCAT Convention areas of the IOTC, WCPFC and ICCAT in which their vessels fish for SBT.

5.2 Recommendation on Ecologically Related Species	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
<p>i. Members will, to the extent possible, implement the International Plan of Action for Reducing Incidental Catches of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries (IPOA-Seabirds), the International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (IPOA-Sharks), and the FAO Guidelines to reduce sea turtle mortality in fishing operations (FAO-Sea turtles), if they have not already done so.</p> <hr/> <p>ii. Members will comply with all current binding and recommendatory measures aimed at the protection of ecologically related species, including seabirds, sea turtles and sharks, from fishing, which are adopted from time to time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, when fishing in its Convention area, o by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, when fishing in its Convention area, and o by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, when fishing in its Convention area, <u>and</u> o irrespective of whether the Member concerned is a mMember of the relevant Commission or otherwise cooperates with it. 	<p><i>CCSBT Members are bound to comply with their ERS obligations and commitments under relevant Convention Areas of RFMOs to which CCSBT Members belong when fishing for SBT in the absence of a binding CCSBT measure. Hence it is useful to have minimum performance requirements, as set out below.</i></p> <p>1. Operating systems and processes established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. comply with <u>the following</u> measures to protect seabirds set by the IOTC, the WCPFC or the ICCAT; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. when fishing south of 25 degrees South latitude in <u>the</u> IOTC or <u>the</u> ICCAT <u>Convention Areas</u>, or when fishing south of 30 degrees South latitude in <u>the</u> WCPFC <u>Convention Area</u>, ensure that all longline vessels use at least two of the three mitigation measures which are 1) night setting with minimum deck lighting, 2) bird-scaring lines (tori lines) , and 3) Line weighting. (Specification of the measures should be consistent with those provided by relevant RFMOs); ii. when fishing in other areas <u>of the IOTC, ICCAT or WCPFC Convention Areas</u>, consider implementing the

5.2 Recommendation on Ecologically Related Species	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
<p>iii. Members will collect and report data on ecologically related species to the Extended Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies as appropriate, including the Ecologically Related Species Working Group. Further, the undertaking described in paragraph “ii.” will include a commitment to comply with measures adopted by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and the Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas on the collection and reporting of data in relation to ecologically related species.</p>	<p>measures described above, as appropriate, consistent with scientific advice.</p> <p>b. comply with <u>any other</u> measures to protect ecologically related species other than sea birds (including <u>sea birds</u>, sea turtles and sharks) set by the IOTC, the WCPFC or the ICCAT when fishing in their Convention Areas;</p> <p>c. comply with <u>any information/data collection and reporting</u> requirements adopted by the IOTC, the WCPFC or the ICCAT for <u>with respect to the</u> incidental catch <u>and mortality of seabirds, sea turtles and sharks</u> while fishing in their Convention Areas; and</p> <p>d. report <u>ERS information/data</u> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the <u>CCSBT</u> Extended Commission/ <u>Compliance Committee (refer to section 6.6v. of these MPRs)</u>, and the Ecologically Related Species Working Group <u>(refer to section 6.8i. of these MPRs)</u>, and ii. the IOTC, the WCPFC or the ICCAT where SBT fishing occurs in their Convention Areas.

6.4 Ecologically Related Species Data Exchange (Annual Decision)

Title: Ecologically Related Species Data Exchange

Link: Requirements for the 2015 onwards Data Exchange are at Attachment 7 of the ERSWG 11 report:

https://www.ccsbt.org/sites/ccsbt.org/files/userfiles/file/docs_english/general/ERSWG%20Data%20Exchange.pdf

Notes: The ERS Data Exchange requirements are detailed and ERS data for the immediately preceding calendar year must be provided by 31 July of the current year (so data for 2016 are to be provided to the Secretariat by 31 July 2017).

<u>6.4 Ecologically Related Species Data Exchange</u>	
<u>Obligations</u>	<u>Minimum performance requirements</u>
i. <u>Members will comply with the requirements of the ERSWG Data Exchange.</u>	1. <u>Operating systems and processes established and implemented to annually collect and provide the data specified in the ERSWG Data Exchange for the immediately preceding calendar year, and submit these data to the CCSBT Secretariat by 31 July of the current year.</u>

6.65 Annual Reporting to the Compliance Committee (Suite of Decisions/Resolutions/Recommendations)

Title: Template for the Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and Extended Commission²

Links: The following points provide the source of the associated obligations within this measure:

- i. Procedural Rule 10 of the Terms of Reference of the Compliance Committee: -
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/basic_documents/terms_of_reference_for_subsidary_bodies.pdf
- ii. Paragraph 26 (and Attachment 5) of the CC7 report:-
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/templates/Annual_CC-EC_Reporting_Template.doc
- iii. Paragraph 3 (a) of the Resolution on establishing the CCSBT vessel monitoring system:-
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/Resolution_VMS.pdf
- iv. Paragraph 31 of the Resolution on establishing a program for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels:-
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/Resolution_Transhipment.pdf
- v. Paragraph 4 of the Recommendation to mitigate the impact on ecologically related species of fishing for southern bluefin tuna:-
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/Recommendation_ERS.pdf
- vi. Paragraph 66 of the EC20 report (Attributable Catch):-
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/meetings/meeting_reports/ccsbt_20/report_of_CCSBT20.pdf
- vii. Paragraph 25 (and Attachment 5) of the CC7 report (best estimates of all sources of mortality):-
https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/meetings/meeting_reports/ccsbt_19/report_of_CC7.pdf

² The reporting template can be found at the following link: https://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/templates/Annual_CC-EC_Reporting_Template.doc

6.65 Annual Reporting to the Compliance Committee	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
i. Each Member shall submit the above Annual Report to the Compliance Committee (CC) and Extended Commission (EC) in accordance with the agreed format for the template of the annual Report to the CC and EC ² four weeks prior to the convening of the Compliance Committee meeting.	1. The report is submitted electronically to Executive Secretary at least 4 weeks before the annual meeting of Compliance Committee. No sections of the template should be left empty. If the required information is not collected, this should be stated rather than leaving a section empty. Similarly, if a section is not applicable to a particular fishery, this should be stated instead of leaving that section empty.
ii. Each Member should continue to improve the detail in its report to the Compliance Committee and Extended Commission ² , and the report should be kept up to date and submitted to future annual meetings of the Compliance Committee.	
iii. Members shall provide VMS summary reports in advance of the Compliance Committee meeting.	1. Complete section II(1)(d): VMS of the Annual National Report template. ²
iv. Members shall report the following to the Executive Secretary 4 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The quantities of SBT transhipped at sea and in port during the previous fishing season; o The list of the LSTLVs registered in the CCSBT Authorised Vessel List which have transhipped at sea and in port during the previous fishing season, and o A comprehensive report assessing the content and conclusions of the reports of the observers assigned to Carrier Vessels which have received at-sea transhipments from their LSTLVs during the previous fishing season. 	1. Complete sections II(3)(a) i – iii of the Annual National Report template. ²

6.65 Annual Reporting to the Compliance Committee	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
v. Members will report annually to the Compliance Committee on the action they have taken pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Recommendation to mitigate the impact on ecologically related species of fishing for SBT.	1. Complete sections III(2)(a) – (de) of the Annual National Report template. ²
vi. Members will report annually on the details of their implementation timetable and implementation progress with respect to the development of a common definition of Attributable SBT Catch that takes into account the importance of including all sources of mortality.	1. Complete section I(3) of the Annual National Report template. ²
vii. Members will report annually on their best estimates of all sources of mortality including recreational catch and discards.	1. Complete section III(3) of the Annual National Report template. ²

6.87 Annual Report to the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (Decision)

Title: Requirement for Member's Annual Report to the ERSWG

6.87 Annual Report to the Ecologically Related Species Working Group	
Obligations	Minimum performance requirements
i. Each Member shall submit its annual report to the ERSWG four weeks before the ERSWG meeting in accordance with the agreed format for the annual report (Attachment D).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit annual report 4 weeks before the ERSWG annual meeting, with responses provided for every section of the agreed template. 2. Submit report electronically.