

**Provisional Agenda
Extended Scientific Committee for the Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Scientific
Committee**

31 August - 5 September 2020 [and 7 September 2020]

1. Opening

- 1.1. Introduction of Participants
- 1.2. Administrative Arrangements

2. Appointment of Rapporteurs

3. Adoption of Agenda and Document List

4. Review of SBT Fisheries

- 4.1. Presentation of National Reports
CCSBT 26 adopted a [revised template for national reports to the ESC](#). The revised template expands section 6 in relation to estimating the Attributable SBT Catch. Members should use this revised template for preparing national reports to the ESC.
- 4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches

5. Report from the Eleventh Operating Model and Management Procedure (OMMP) Technical Meeting

6. Consideration of farm and market issues

CCSBT 26 adopted the new Management Procedure (MP) recommended by the 2019 ESC meeting. However, two CCSBT Members advised that at CCSBT 27, “they would need to see that there had been real and measurable progress towards resolving current farm uncertainties and satisfactory progress on the market study proposal to investigate uncertainties before they could agree to any increased TAC that may be recommended by the MP”. This agenda item provides the ESC with an opportunity to consider any papers submitted on these issues.

6.1. Farm uncertainties

Australia will submit a paper to CCSBT 27 providing a plan on its efforts to implement Stereo Video. Australia may also submit a paper to the ESC with an alternative option to improve confidence in the sampling system (currently the 100 fish greater than or equal to 10kg sample) and seek advice from the ESC on protocols to avoid sampling bias.

6.2. Market uncertainties

Japan committed to submit a paper to the ESC and CCSBT 27, which will include a proposal to compare Japanese market data with catch data from all Members to identify any anomalies or discrepancies.

7. Review of results of the Scientific Research Plan and other inter-sessional scientific activities

- 7.1. Results of scientific activities
- 7.2. Updated analysis of SBT catch by non-Members

8. Operation of the new MP (Cape Town Procedure)

8.1. Update of Meta-rules for the Cape Town Procedure

The ESC agreed that the [Meta-rules for the Bali Procedure](#) should be updated to reflect the MP adopted by the Extended Commission. This update has been anticipated in paragraph 1 of the CCSBT's updated [Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure](#) and is being considered at OMMP 11.

8.2. MP recommended TAC for 2021 – 2023

The ESC will run the Cape Town Procedure to recommend a TAC for 2021-2023.

9. Evaluation of Fisheries Indicators

10. SBT Stock Assessment

The ESC is tasked with conducting a full SBT stock assessment every three years. The most recent full stock assessment was conducted during 2017, so the next full stock assessment is due to be completed at this 2020 meeting of the ESC.

11. SBT stock status

11.1. Evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances

Papers prepared for this agenda item should consider the data inputs for the Cape Town Procedure and likely updates to the Bali Procedure meta-rules for the Cape Town Procedure.

11.2. Summary of the SBT stock status

12. SBT Management Advice

The ESC will provide advice to the Extended Commission in relation to, amongst other things, the Evaluation of Fisheries Indicators, the status of the SBT stock and the recommended SBT TAC for 2021 to 2023. In addition, the ESC will respond to CCSBT 26's request to provide advice on the timeframe that would be needed to reach SSB_{MSY} if the TAC is maintained at its current level.

13. Update of the Scientific Research Plan (SRP)

The 2019 ESC meeting proposed to review and revise the SRP plan for 2021-2025 by ESC 25. The proposed process involves individual Members providing, where appropriate: (i) a cursory performance review of the 2014-2018 SRP; (ii) proposed revisions to overarching research activities for both on-going scientific monitoring and longer-term strategic research; (iii) proposing general research themes under each overarching research activity; (iv) establishing, during the intersessional period, discussions and collaborations on research activities; and (v) delivering draft SRPs in working papers submitted to ESC 25. Some time may also be allocated in the June 2019 OMMP meeting to review and discuss draft SRPs developed by Members.

14. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2021

15. Research Mortality Allowance

16. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2021 (and beyond)

16.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2021 research activities and implications of Scientific Research Plan for the work plan and budget

16.2. Timing, length and structure of next meeting

17. Other Matters

18. Adoption of Meeting Report

19. Close of Meeting