

Provisional Agenda
Extended Scientific Committee for the Fourteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee
Busan, Republic of Korea
5-11 September 2009

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
- 4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches

5. Report from intersessional CPUE modelling work

6. Report from the Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting

7. Australian SBT Farm Study

- 7.1. Australian farm study in 2008/09 season
Japan will submit an updated paper under this agenda item.
- 7.2. Scientific advice/recommendation on Australian SBT farm study from the ESC to the Extended Commission

8. Monitoring of Japanese markets

Australia will be tabling a paper on this issue under this agenda item.

9. SBT Assessment, Stock Status and Management

- 9.1. Final decision on OM structure and data inputs
- 9.2. Review of fisheries Indicators
- 9.3. Advice on stock status and short-term risks associated with various TACs based on scenario modelling and analysis of indicators
The Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group meeting made some requests of the ESC, including:
 - *Produce a projection based on zero catches as a baseline against which to assess other catch projections and the biological capacity of the stock. Also produce the five alternative constant catch projections suggested by the 2008 ESC (the base catch of these would be 11,810t).*

- *Provide advice on the consequence of future catch levels in the form of that provided in Table 2 of the report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Scientific Committee, but with the addition of a 30th percentile and inclusion of performance statistics for B2020/B2010 and B2025/B2010.*
- *Provide graphs of projection outcomes.*
- *Determine the value of MSY in 2009 if possible (otherwise by 2010)*

9.4. Status of the SBT Stock

Summary of the current status of the SBT stock. An update should also be provided of the annual report on biology, stock status and management of SBT that the ESC prepares for provision to FAO and the other tuna RFMOs. The updated annual report should include a “Kobe” plot¹ if possible.

9.5. SBT Management Recommendations

9.6. Discussion of possible technical measures for managing the SBT stock

10. Development of Management Procedure

10.1. Report on technical issues associated with the development and evaluation of MPs based on fisheries independent indicators

At SC13, it was agreed that Member’s would provide papers on this topic for reporting back to the ESC in 2009

10.2. Discuss possible MP options and assumptions used to simulate MP input data

10.3. Set up initial MP trials and refine workplan for future MP development

The Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group confirmed that the MP would be finalised in 2010 for implementation in 2011.

11. Data Exchange

11.1. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2010

12. Research Mortality Allowance

13. Report from the Eighth Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The 8th meeting of the ERSWG will be held immediately prior to the ESC meeting. The Terms of Reference for the ERSWG specifies that:

“The Ecologically Related Species Working Group will report to the Commission through the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee may provide comments to the Commission on the reports (including advice and recommendations) of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group”.

14. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2010

14.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2010 research activities.

14.2. Timing, length and structure of next meeting

The Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group requested the ESC to carefully review the length of the meeting and the process required for its deliberations, and if possible, to complete its work within 7 days for its 2010 meeting.

15. Other Matters

¹ *The joint meeting of tuna RFMOs in Kobe during 2007 agreed that all tuna RFMOs would produce a standardised plot of stock status trajectories of F/F_{msy} against B/B_{msy}, with 4 shaded quadrants to enable simple comparison of the state of the different tuna stocks.*

16. Adoption of Meeting Report

17. Close of Meeting