

**Eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee Meeting
1-4 September 2003
Christchurch, New Zealand**

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Approval of Decisions taken by the Extended Scientific Committee
3. Other Business
4. Adoption of Report of Meeting
5. Closure of Meeting

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8th Scientific Committee Meeting
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 - 1.2 Administrative matters
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. Matters arising from the report of the 4th Stock Assessment Group Meeting
 - 5.1 Review of fisheries indicators analysis and status of the SBT stock
 - 5.2 SBT management recommendations
 - 5.3 Development of the SBT Management Procedure
 - 5.4 SBT management objectives
 - 5.5 Stock assessment process for 2004
6. Review of Scientific Research Program
 - 6.1 Characterisation of SBT catch
 - 6.2 CPUE modelling
 - 6.3 Scientific observer program
 - 6.3.1 Scientific observer program standards
 - 6.3.2 Report on scientific observer programs in 2002-2003
 - 6.3.3 Plans for scientific observer programs in 2003-2004
 - 6.4 CCSBT tagging program
 - 6.5 Direct Age Estimation
 - 6.6 Other SRP components
 - 6.7 Report of the Indonesian Catch Monitoring Workshop
 - 6.8 Report on scientific activities utilising RMA
 - 6.9 Otolith sampling
 - 6.9.1 Current status of otolith collection in each member's fishery
 - 6.9.2 Development of otolith sampling for each fishery
7. Development of the CCSBT database.
 - 7.1 Review of CCSBT database development
 - 7.2 Participation in FAO FIRMS/FIGIS systems.

8. Matters relating to other CCSBT bodies
 - 8.1 Suggestions to Ecologically Related Species Working Group
9. Data exchange requirements for 2004
10. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2004 research activities
11. Other matters
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(Members will present their submitted reports)
 - 4.2 Secretariat review of catches
(The Secretariat will present a table of reported catches by members)
5. Matters arising from the report of the 4th Stock Assessment Group Meeting
 - 5.1 Review of fisheries indicators analysis and status of the SBT stock
 - 5.2 SBT management recommendations
 - 5.3 Development of the SBT Management Procedure
 - 5.4 SBT management objectives
(Some discussion of SBT management objectives is likely to be held during the SAG discussions on the management procedure. Further discussion may be held by the SC to prepare specific questions and/or scientific advice to the Extended Commission regarding management objectives for use in management procedures.)
 - 5.5 Stock assessment process for 2004
(The SAG meeting will discuss whether a full stock assessment should be conducted in 2004, or whether attention should be focussed on resolving final issues related to development of the management procedure. If no assessment is to be conducted, an updated review of fishery indicators for 2003 will also be needed. Further discussion on these options can be held by the SC to provide advice in this regard to the Extended Commission.
6. Review of Scientific Research Program
 - 6.1 Characterisation of SBT catch
(The Secretariat will present a brief report on progress made with the CCSBT catch reporting standards, and on catch reporting by members.)
 - 6.2 CPUE modelling

(A report will be provided by the CPUE modelling steering committee.)

6.3 Scientific observer program

6.3.1 Scientific observer program standards.

(The ESC will consider the 7th draft of the standards.)

6.3.2 Report on scientific observer programs in 2002-2003

(Short overviews should be presented by members.)

6.3.3 Plans for scientific observer programs in 2003-2004

(Short overviews should be presented by members.)

6.4 CCSBT tagging program

(Progress with the tagging program over the past year, particularly tag releases, tag recoveries and reporting rate estimation, will be discussed. The Secretariat will report on the surface fishery tagging program and the proposed budget for 2004. Members will report on their longline pilots.)

6.5 Direct Age Estimation

(Discussion of outcome of otolith readings)

6.6 Other SRP components

(Members to report on their activities on the remaining four areas of research identified by the Commission as important elements of a CCSBT scientific Research Program.)

6.7 Report of the Indonesian Catch Monitoring Workshop

(Some discussion will be held on the implications of the conclusions of the Indonesian Catch Monitoring Workshop and any subsequent analyses, which may have been conducted. Members who have conducted such analyses should present papers summarising their results.)

6.8 Report on Scientific activities utilising RMA

(Members that have utilised RMA should prepare short summary papers on those activities.)

6.9 Otolith sampling

6.9.1 Current status of otolith collection in each member's fishery

6.9.2 Development of otolith sampling for each fishery

(Members to provide a short report summarising their recent activities for each sub item.)

7. Development of the CCSBT database.

7.1 Review of CCSBT database development

(Report from Secretariat)

7.2 Participation in FAO FIRMS/FIGIS systems.

(CCSBT10 will be considering whether to participate in this system in October. Participation will include the provision of a formal report on the status of the SBT fishery, which would become the responsibility of the ESC)

8. Matters relating to other CCSBT bodies
 - 8.1 Suggestions to Ecologically Related Species Working Group
(CCSBT10 will be giving guidance to the Ecologically Related Species Working Group on its work plan for the meeting in February 2004. This item provides an opportunity for the SC to give guidance to the Commission on scientific aspects of the Working Group's activities.)
9. Data exchange requirements for 2004
(The Secretariat will give an overview of the data exchange required for agreed Commission business)
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