



## Ecologically Related Species component of the CCSBT Strategic Plan

### Purpose

To provide the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) with information concerning relevant aspects of the Strategic Plan adopted by the CCSBT.

### CCSBT Strategic Plan

The CCSBT adopted a Strategic Plan at its Special Meeting in 2011. The ERSWG, when planning and conducting its work, should give consideration to relevant aspects of the Strategic Plan. The full plan is available from the CCSBT web site at:

[http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs\\_english/operational\\_resolutions/CCSBT\\_Strategic\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.ccsbt.org/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/CCSBT_Strategic_Plan.pdf)

The Strategic Plan specifies a series of goals as well as strategies to achieve those goals. Some of the goals and strategies are for ecologically related species (ERS) and these are provided below.

Goals	Strategies
<p>4.1 Risks to ecologically related species caused by fishing for SBT are identified and appropriately managed</p> <p><b>Priority: High/Medium</b></p>	<p>(i) Implement the Recommendation to Mitigate the Impact on ERS of fishing for SBT, including collection and reporting of data on ERS (para 3), implementation of mitigation measures (para 2) and assessment of the risks caused by fishing for SBT (para 7) in each fishery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All Members implement the Recommendation to Mitigate the Impact on ERS of Fishing for SBT</li> <li>▪ Review the implementation of the Recommendation on ERS</li> <li>▪ Agree on data provision requirements for ERS that ensure full reporting of bycatch and mitigation measures used in each fishery; this could occur through other RFMOs (e.g. WCPFC, IOTC) if they have appropriate protocols in place for ERS data reporting.</li> <li>▪ Assess how well the mitigation measures adopted by other area-based RFMOs mitigate the risks caused by fishing</li> <li>▪ Where necessary, identify and adopt additional mitigation measures to manage risk taking into account the coordination and harmonization with other RFMOs</li> </ul> <p>(ii) Coordination and harmonization with area-based RFMOs, including on data reporting (see above)</p>
<p>4.2 Predator and prey species which may affect the condition of the SBT stock are monitored</p> <p><b>Priority: Medium</b></p>	<p>(i) Instruct the ERSWG to monitor predator and prey species which may affect the condition of the SBT stock and report its findings to the Commission</p>

The Strategic Plan also specifies a timeline (Action Plan) for implementing the specified strategies. The timeline for ecologically related species aspects of the plan is provided below.

<b>4</b>	<b>Ecologically related species</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014++</b>
4.1(i)	All members implement the Recommendation to Mitigate the Impact on ERS of Fishing for SBT	High	⇒				
4.1(i)	Review the implementation of the Recommendations on ERS	Medium	⇒				
4.1(i)	Agree on and implement data provision requirements for ERS that ensure full reporting of bycatch & mitigation measures used in each fishery	High					
4.1(i)	Assess how well the mitigation measures adopted by other area-based RFMOs mitigate the risks caused by fishing	Medium					
4.1(i)	Identify & adopt additional mitigation measures to manage risk taking into account the coordination & harmonization with other RFMOs (where necessary)	Medium					
4.1(ii)	Coordination & harmonization with area-based RFMOs, including on data reporting	Medium	⇒				
4.2(i)	Instruct the ERSWG to monitor predator & prey species which may affect the condition of the SBT stock & report its findings to the Commission	Medium					