

**Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Commission
14 - 17 October 2013
Adelaide, Australia**

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twentieth Meeting of the Commission
 - 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.3. Opening Statements

Opening statements will be incorporated in the official record of the meeting. Electronic copies should be provided to the Secretariat.

 - 1.3.1. Members
 - 1.3.2. Cooperating Non-members
 - 1.3.3. Observers
2. Report from the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year. It is typically assumed that participants have read the report, so this agenda item is primarily for comments and questions on the report.
3. Finance and Administration

The Executive Secretary will present a brief outline of the revised 2013 budget and the proposed budget for 2014. Detailed consideration of the budget, including costs of the proposed CCSBT Performance Review, and other administrative matters will be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee which will report back to the Extended Commission (EC) with a recommended budget.

 - 3.1. Report from the Finance and Administration Committee
4. Review of SBT Fisheries and ERS Interactions

Prior to the meeting, each Member and Cooperating Non-Member will submit a report on its SBT fishing activities using the agreed reporting template for the "[Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission](#)". Participants are expected to have read these reports, so they will not be presented at the meeting. This agenda item is therefore for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the reports. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

 - 4.1. Reports on Members' projects

This sub agenda item is placed here to provide an opportunity for Members to report on special projects. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

 - 4.1.1. Market Monitoring
 - 4.1.2. Australian SBT farming operations, including implementation of stereo video monitoring

At CCSBT 19, Australia reconfirmed its commitment to full implementation of stereo video monitoring and reiterated its intention to implement the system by 1 December 2013. In addition, Japan and Australia agreed to undertake further bilateral discussions on these matters intersessionally. This agenda item provides an opportunity to receive and discuss progress reports on these matters.
 - 4.1.3. Other

5. **Report from the Compliance Committee**
The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Eighth meeting held on 10-12 October 2013. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider on issues such as compliance with existing measures, or the Compliance Plan and associated compliance policies.
6. **Report from the Ecologically Related Species Working Group**
The Chair of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) will present the report from the Tenth Meeting of the ERSWG. The Extended Commission will be asked to consider the recommendations of the ERSWG.
7. **Modification of CCSBT's ERS Recommendation**
At CCSBT 19, Australia requested that consideration be given to its request that the current "Recommendation to mitigate the impact on ecologically related species of fishing for southern bluefin tuna" be adopted as a binding resolution. The meeting agreed to consider Australia's proposal intersessionally or otherwise discuss it at CCSBT 20.
8. **Report from the Extended Scientific Committee**
The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) will present the report of the ESC's September meeting. The ESC meeting will focus on evaluation of fishery indicators (including indicators of exceptional circumstances for the Management Procedure), running the Management Procedure to produce a recommended TAC for 2015-2017, finalising the work program for the 2014 stock assessment, finalising the Scientific Research Plan, and the meeting will provide SBT management advice as appropriate. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation of the ESC report.
9. **Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation**
 - 9.1. **TAC determination**
At CCSBT 18, the CCSBT adopted its Management Procedure (MP) and agreed that the MP shall be used to guide the setting of the TAC to ensure the SBT spawning biomass achieves the interim rebuilding target. It was further agreed that the EC shall set the TAC based on the outcome of the MP unless the EC decides otherwise based on information that is not otherwise incorporated into the MP and that the MP shall be used to guide the setting of the TAC for 2012 and beyond.

*In accordance with the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure, **the TACs for 2014 to 2017 inclusive need to be determined in 2013.** This Resolution specifies that:*
 - *"The TAC for 2014 shall be 12,449 tonnes or the output of the MP for 2015-2017 based on the 2013 stock assessment (whichever is less), unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise based on the assessment of the Compliance Committee"; and*
 - *After the 2012-2014 TACs, "there will be a one year lag between TAC calculation by the MP and implementation of that TAC (i.e. the 2015-2017 TAC would be calculated in 2013)".*
 - 9.2. **Research Mortality Allowance**
This item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for Research Mortality Allowance associated with national research activity in 2014.
 - 9.3. **Allocation of TAC**
The method for calculating Members' and Cooperating Non-Members' allocation of the TAC is specified in the Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch, which was adopted at CCSBT 18. The actual allocations for 2014 to 2017 inclusive need to be set in accordance with this Resolution once the TAC has been determined. In relation to Japan's allocation, this Resolution states that "... To commence the return to its nominal catch level, Japan shall receive a positive adjustment of its national allocation for 2014 of 10 percent of the increase subject to the TAC increasing to 12,449 tonnes and a compliance review at CCSBT 20 (2013)".

The EC should note CC7's recommendation that there is a need to develop a common definition for the SBT "catch" to be counted against national allocations. In the interim, each Member has defined its own "Attributable SBT Catch" and these definitions are listed

in section 1.1 of CCSBT's "Minimum performance requirements to meet CCSBT Obligations". It is also noted that according to the minimum performance requirements, the attributable catch must, as a minimum, include all commercial catch landings.

10. Implementation of the CCSBT Strategic Plan

10.1. Action scheduled for 2013

Most items scheduled for 2013 in the Strategic Plan are being addressed by other CCSBT meetings (ERSWG, ESC, CC) or elsewhere within the current agenda. Items that are not dealt with elsewhere are listed below, with their priorities (according to the plan) shown in parentheses. The Secretariat will prepare a paper in relation to these items to facilitate discussion.

10.1.1. Performance Review of the CCSBT (high priority)

CCSBT 19 agreed that the next performance review of the CCSBT should be conducted during 2014, that the Terms of Reference for the review should be finalised during 2013, and that the review should produce a single report and be conducted by an independent panel of 2-3 experts. A Draft Terms of Reference and Draft Qualification Criteria and Selection Process for the independent panel has been circulated intersessionally and amended in accordance with comments received. CCSBT 20 will consider these drafts, including the number of experts for the independent review panel.

10.1.2. Develop mechanisms for extending CCSBT Membership to REIOs (medium priority)

CCSBT 19 agreed to consider amending the resolution to establish the Extended Commission and asked the Secretariat to develop a paper intersessionally for consideration at CCSBT 20 outlining options for REIOs to become a Member following consultation with all Members and Cooperating Non-Members.

10.1.3. Flag State/Fishing Entity self assessment of capacity (low priority)

CCSBT 19 agreed that each Member/CNM should:

- Conduct a self-assessment of its fishing capacity, including non-target fleets that may impact on SBT, with respect to its national allocation of the SBT TAC and that this assessment be reported to CCSBT 20 in the agreed annual reporting template.*
 - Report to CCSBT 20 in the agreed annual reporting template on any action it has taken or plans to take with respect to its fishing capacity; and*
 - If possible/appropriate include in their reports a comment on potential threats to SBT from over-capacity in Non-Cooperating Non Member (NCNM) fleets*
- The meeting also agreed that CCSBT Observers to other RFMOs should report back to the Extended Commission on any changes in other RFMOs that could potentially result in effort shifts towards SBT fisheries.*

10.2. Action scheduled for 2014

The EC should consider items in the Strategic Plan scheduled for 2014 that require planning by Members and/or the EC. These are items were all considered to be a low priority in the plan and include: Developing a framework for quota trading between Members & Cooperating Non-Members; and Analysis of Maximum Economic Yield (MEY) and evaluation of alternative harvest strategies to optimise returns from the SBT stock.

11. Cooperating Non-Members

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Members requires an annual review of the continuation of that status based on performance against the undertakings given to the Extended Commission. There are three Cooperating Non-Members to consider: Philippines, South Africa and the European Union.

12. Relationship with Non-members

This item is for the discussion of issues related to identified States. In accordance with the decision at CCSBT 18¹, Members should nominate States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT, together with background information supporting that nomination, and provide this information to the Executive Secretary at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. These nomination(s) will be incorporated in the Secretariat's paper for this agenda item.

13. Evaluation of Kobe Process Recommendations

Kobe 3 recommended and CCSBT 18 agreed that future annual meetings would include a standing agenda item on this topic focused on a review by the Members of the Kobe process recommendations requiring action by the RFMO.

14. Activities with Other Organisations

CCSBT Members act as the CCSBT observer at RFMO meetings of interest² and these Members provide reports back to the CCSBT on matters of relevance in order to improve coordination with other RFMOs. This agenda item provides the opportunity for:

- *Observer Members to provide brief reports on matters of relevance from these meetings; and*
- *Agree on CCSBT observers for non-CCSBT meetings during 2014.*

Members are also expected to be watchful for opportunities to coordinate with other RFMOs and to provide recommendations to the EC as such opportunities arise in accordance with paragraph 62 of the CCSBT 19 report.

15. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

15.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2013

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT20 should be restricted from public release³.

16. Meetings for 2014

Consideration needs to be given to the dates, timing, duration and content of the following meetings for 2014:

Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG)

- *The ERSWG is expected to provide a recommendation concerning the timing and duration for its next meeting. This might be during 2014.*

Extended Scientific Committee Meeting (ESC)

- *A full stock assessment is scheduled to occur in 2014. The ESC will provide a recommendation on the length of the 2014 ESC meeting and whether a technical working group meeting will be required in advance of the ESC. A suitable date for this meeting has been discussed with the hosting Member, and the Secretariat has a tentative contract in place to hold this meeting from 1-6 September 2014, in Auckland, New Zealand.*

Compliance Committee and Annual Commission Meetings

- *Potential dates for these meeting have been discussed with the hosting Member, and the Secretariat has a tentative contract in place to hold these meeting from 9-11 and 13-16 October 2014 respectively, in Auckland, New Zealand.*

Consideration also needs to be given as to whether any other meetings are required during 2014, together with the timing and duration of any such meetings.

¹ The decision of CCSBT 18 (last bullet of paragraph 41) was that the Secretariat's recommended process be followed. That process is provided at section 11.2 of document CCSBT-EC/1110/13 and includes the nomination step mentioned in the annotation to this agenda item.

² With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

³ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 20 become publicly available after CCSBT 20 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 20 unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document (or Member if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release.

17. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 21st Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
18. Other Business
19. Close of Meeting
 - 19.1. Adoption of report
 - 19.2. Close of meeting