

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Commission
13 - 16 October 2014
Auckland, New Zealand

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-First 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 in advance of the meeting.

 - 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 2014 budget and the proposed budget for 2015. Detailed consideration of the budget 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.
5. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Ninth meeting to be held on 9-11 October 2014. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.

6. 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 conduct a full SBT stock assessment. The ESC will also be considering the impact of unaccounted catch mortalities on the stock assessment, recommendations from the Management Procedure (MP) and the existence of exceptional circumstances for the MP. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation of the ESC report.

7. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

7.1. Attributable SBT Catch

The Attributable SBT Catch is that part of a Member's/CNM's catch that is counted against its allocation. Currently, each Member/CNM has a different definition of its Attributable SBT Catch. Recognising uncertainties around all sources of unaccounted catch mortality, CCSBT 20 agreed that a common definition of the "Attributable SBT Catch" should be developed for all Members and CNMs that would include all sources of mortality. As a first step the EC asked the CC to develop a common definition of the "Attributable SBT Catch" taking into account the importance of including all sources of mortality and for Members to consider and commit to a timetable for its implementation commencing in 2015. This agenda item is to agree a common definition of the Attributable SBT Catch so that implementation can commence in 2015.

7.2. TAC Determination

At CCSBT 20, the CCSBT agreed to set the TAC for 2015-2017 at 14,647 tonnes per year in accordance with the recommendation from the CCSBT's Management Procedure. CCSBT 20 also agreed that the EC would confirm the 2016-2017 TAC at CCSBT 21 following consideration of the advice from the ESC and other information identified. The EC also needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2015 to be revised.

7.3. Research Mortality Allowance

At CCSBT 20, the EC agreed that from 2015, an allocation of 10 t would be made for Research Mortality Allowance within the TAC recommended by the MP. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of Research Mortality Allowance to national research activity in 2015.

7.4. 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. Paragraph 77 of the CCSBT 20 report specified Members and CNMs allocations of the TAC for 2015-2017 on the assumptions that the TAC for 2016-2017 is confirmed as being 14,647 t, noting that 10 t of this amount has been allocated to RMA, and assuming that no other decisions are taken by the EC to change the nominal catches for any Member.

At CCSBT 20, Indonesia requested that its allocation be re-assessed and that an additional allocation of approximately 300t be allocated to its artisanal fleet. In accordance with the Report from CCSBT 20, Indonesia's allocation is to be re-assessed by the EC, once the CCSBT Quality Assurance Review for Indonesia is available.

8. Performance Review of the CCSBT

In October 2013, CCSBT 20 agreed that an independent performance review of the CCSBT would be conducted during 2014. The Chair of the Independent Performance Review Panel will present the report of the Performance Review. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers following presentation of the report. The EC will consider approaches to implementing recommendations from the performance review.

9. Implementation of the CCSBT Strategic Plan

9.1. Action scheduled for 2014

The CCSBT Strategic Plan contains an action plan for the period from 2010 to 2014. Most items in the action plan for 2014 are completed, or have been postponed as low priority, or are ongoing items that are being addressed by other CCSBT meetings 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.

9.1.1. 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. CCSBT 19 also agreed that each Member should report on any action it has taken or plans to take with respect to its fishing capacity; and if possible/appropriate, include a comment on potential threats to SBT from over-capacity in Non-Cooperating Non Member fleets.

New Zealand reported on its self-assessment of its SBT fishing capacity at CCSBT 20. Australia, Japan, Korea and Taiwan undertook to provide their self-assessments by CCSBT 21.

9.2. Future Action

The detailed five year action plan in the CCSBT Strategic Plan concludes in 2014. The CCSBT should consider whether it wishes to revise and update the Strategic Plan and associated Action Plan. The outcomes of the Performance Review of the CCSBT will be an important part of this consideration.

10. Modification of CCSBT's ERS Recommendation

Australia will be seeking the EC's consideration of a new draft Resolution to mitigate the impact of fishing for southern bluefin tuna on ecologically related species.

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.

CCSBT 20 agreed that it was extremely important to continue efforts to engage with China. Japan met with China in the margins of the December 2013 WCPFC meeting and the outcomes of that meeting were summarised in CCSBT Circular #2014/004. The EC may wish to consider further steps concerning the engagement of China.

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. This item will include an update on the meeting of RFMO representatives held in the margins of COFI.

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.

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 2015.*

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 2014

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT21 should be restricted from public release³.

16. Meetings for 2015

Consideration needs to be given to the dates, timing, duration and content of the following meetings for 2015:

Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG)

- *The Tenth meeting of the ERSWG recommended that its next meeting be held in March 2015. The meeting will be hosted by Japan in Tokyo.*

Extended Scientific Committee Meeting (ESC)

- *The ESC will provide a recommendation on the length of the 2015 ESC meeting and whether a technical working group meeting will be required in advance of the ESC. Circular #2014/023 advised that the agreed tentative date for this meeting is 31 August to 5 September 2015.*

Compliance Committee and Annual Commission Meetings

- *Circular #2014/023 advised that the agreed tentative dates for these meetings are 8-10 October 2015 and 12-15 October 2015 respectively.*

Consideration also needs to be given as to whether any other meetings are required during 2015, together with the timing and duration of any such meetings.

17. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 22nd Annual Meeting of the CCSBT

18. Other Business

19. Close of Meeting

19.1. Adoption of report

19.2. Close of meeting

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

³ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 21 become publicly available after CCSBT 21 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 21 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.