Provisional Agenda Extended Scientific Committee for the Twentieth Meeting of the Scientific Committee Incheon, South Korea 1 – 5 September, 2015

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

Members are reminded that they agreed at ESC 18 to provide information to ESC 19 in accordance with the <u>High-level Code of practice for Scientific Data Verification</u> agreed at ESC 17. This information will be presented along with National Reports at this agenda item.

4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches

5. Report from the SFMWG meeting

The Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) will be meeting from 28 to 30 July 2015. The working group's agenda includes: Funding arrangements for the CCSBT's Scientific Research Program; Development of a revised CCSBT Strategic Plan; Consideration of a Fisheries Management Plan; and Discussion of revised Minimum Performance Requirements for Ecologically Related Species.

6. Report from the OMMP meeting

The Sixth Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting (OMMP) is being held from 30-31 August 2015, which is immediately before the ESC meeting.

- 6.1. Technical implications of changes to the scientific aerial survey
- 6.2. Reconsideration of OM structure
- 6.3. Other issues

7. Implications of changes in the scientific aerial survey on the MP process

Members at CCSBT 21 expressed concern that the lack of aerial survey data in future will affect the MP. The Extended Commission requested the ESC to consider the implications of this for the Management Procedure process and advise how best to run or re-tune the MP in the event that no aerial survey data is available for 2015 and potentially also 2016 and beyond.

8. Report from the CPUE modelling group

9. Estimation of all sources of unaccounted catch mortality

The ESC workplan specified that in the first half of 2015, Members would collate information on unreported mortalities and categorise this information in accordance with the "fleets" used by the Operating Model. In addition, the Extended Commission requested that the ESC, CC and Members undertake analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch. The Extended Commission also requested that individual Members conduct research on applicable sources of unaccounted SBT mortality in Members fisheries and report back to ESC and CC for discussion and review. Finally, the Extended Commission agreed to commission market analyses on significant markets to contribute to estimating non-member catch.

10. Evaluation of Fisheries Indicators

11. SBT stock status

- 11.1. Assessment of exceptional circumstances
- 11.2. Summary of the SBT stock status

12. Review of results of the Scientific Research Program and other inter-sessional scientific activities

Scientific Research Program activities proposed in the ESC workplan for 2015 were: Continued collection of close-kin samples; Work on genotyping approaches to inform decisions on long-term approach; Expert review workshop on long-term approach to Genotyping; Design study for future gene-tagging studies; Aging Indonesian otoliths; and scientific aerial survey (which did not proceed).

13. SBT Management Advice

14. Requirements for MP review in 2017

The MP Technical Specifications state that every six years (not coinciding with years when a new TAC is calculated from the MP) the ESC will: Review the performance of the MP; and On the basis of the review determine whether the MP is on track or a new MP is required. The first review is scheduled for 2017. The ESC workplan specifies that Members are to develop requirements for the 2017 review from January to July 2015.

15. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2016

16. Research Mortality Allowance

17. Report of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The 11th meeting of the ERSWG was held from 3 to 6 March 2015. 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".

The ESC should consider whether it wishes to provide comments to the Extended Commission on any aspects of the ERSWG's report. In particular, the ESC should note that the ERSWG has finalised its revision of the Scientific Observer Program Standards and has recommended that the revised standards be adopted by the Extended Commission.

18. Performance Review of the CCSBT

An independent Performance Review of the CCSBT was conducted during 2014. The Report of the Performance Review is available from the CCSBT's website. CCSBT 21 considered the report and will be incorporating relevant recommendations from the report in a revised strategic plan. The Extended Commission (EC) also indicated that relevant subsidiary bodies could review technical recommendations and provide advice to the EC in relation to those recommendations.

A list of recommendations from the Performance Review is provided at Attachment 11 of the <u>Report of CCSBT 21</u>. This list contains a column that denotes the subsidiary body to which each recommendation is relevant. The ESC may wish to consider the recommendations relevant to it and provide its views on these recommendation to the EC.

19. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2016

- 19.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2016 research activities and implications of Scientific Research Program for the work plan and budget
- 19.2. Timing, length and structure of next meeting

20. Other Matters

20.1. Scientific Advisory Panel

Following Prof. Hilborn's resignation, the Extended Commission requested the ESC to provide advice to the Extended Commission on whether a new panel member is required, and if so, the appropriate skillset required for a replacement Scientific Advisory Panel Member.

20.2. Other

21. Adoption of Meeting Report

22. Close of Meeting