

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Commission
12 - 15 October 2015
Yeosu, South Korea

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Second 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 2015 budget and the proposed budget for 2016 including indicative budgets for 2017 and 2018. 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 Tenth meeting to be held on 8-10 October 2015. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.
6. Report from the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group

The Chair of the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) will present the report of the SFMWG's July 2015 meeting.
7. Report from the Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The Executive Secretary will present the Report from the Ecologically Related Species Working Group's (ERSWG) meeting in March 2015.

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 consider estimation of all sources of unaccounted catch mortality and implications of changes in the scientific aerial survey on the MP process. The meeting will also conduct an evaluation of fishery indicators, review results of the Scientific Research Program and consider requirements for the MP review in 2017. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation of the ESC report.

8.1. Consideration of the ESC's advice in response to requests from the SFMWG

The SFMWG has requested that the ESC provide advice to the EC in 2015 on: the ESC's relative research priorities for 2016 to 2018 inclusive, noting that the research budget is limited; the costs and benefits of continuing with the current MP including conducting the aerial survey from 2017 to 2019; and any preliminary consideration of alternatives to the current MP approach including an indication of their relative costs and benefits if possible. The EC will consider the ESC's advice on these matters.

9. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

9.1. Attributable SBT Catch

The Attributable SBT Catch is that part of a Member's/CNM's catch that is counted against its allocation. CCSBT 21 agreed on a common definition for the Attributable SBT Catch¹ and that Members would act in good faith to implement the common definition of attributable catch adopted at CCSBT 21 as soon as practicable but not later than the 2018 quota year. CCSBT 21 also agreed action points for 2015 in relation to implementing the Attributable SBT Catch, including:

- i. "Individual Member research on applicable sources of mortality and report back to ESC and CC for discussion and review."*
- ii. "Members shall endeavour to set allowances to commence for 2016-17 quota years for all sources of attributable mortality based on best estimates and notify other Members by CCSBT 22. If Members can't they will notify CCSBT 22 and explain why they are unable to and set a date by which they can set the allowance."*
- iii. "The EC initiate discussion and agreement to a process for dealing with attributable catch within the next quota block (2018-20)."*

Members have been asked to report on progress with respect to items "i" and "ii" in their annual report to the Compliance Committee and Extended Commission. The EC will discuss item "iii".

9.2. TAC Determination

At CCSBT 21, the EC confirmed that the TAC would be 14,647 t for each of the years 2016 and 2017 in accordance with the recommendation from the CCSBT's Management Procedure (MP). The EC needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2016-2017 to be revised.

The EC also needs to look towards the next TAC setting period (2018-2020) and determine whether the existing MP, that relies on the scientific aerial survey as one of its inputs, can be used to set that TAC or whether a different TAC setting approach is required.

In addition, CCSBT 21 agreed that during 2015, the EC would initiate discussion on the principles and process for taking account of non-member catch in the 2018-20 TAC period.

9.3. 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 2016.

¹ *A Member or CNM's attributable catch against its national allocation is the total Southern Bluefin Tuna mortality resulting from fishing activities within its jurisdiction or control including, inter alia, mortality resulting from:*

- commercial fishing operations whether primarily targeting SBT or not;*
- releases and/or discards;*
- recreational fishing;*
- customary and/or traditional fishing; and*
- artisanal fishing."*

9.4. Allocation of TAC

This is a standing agenda item that may or may not require specific discussion during 2015. 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 66 of the CCSBT 21 report specified Members' and CNMs' allocations of the TAC for 2015-2017.

10. CCSBT Strategic Plan and Fisheries Management Plan

10.1. Action scheduled for 2015

10.1.1. Flag State/Fishing Entity self-assessment of capacity

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 provided their self-assessments to CCSBT 21. Indonesia noted that it would provide a self-assessment of its fishing capacity to CCSBT 22 because this would then take into account its new management measures.

10.2. Development of a Revised Strategic Plan

The detailed five year action plan in the CCSBT Strategic Plan concluded in 2014. CCSBT 21 agreed that development of a revised Strategic Plan would be progressed at the 2015 meeting of the SFMWG.

The SFMWG agreed that its draft of the revised Strategic Plan will be presented to CCSBT 22 for further consideration by the EC and finalisation if possible. It was noted that further consideration of the recommendations from the 2014 Performance Review would be required after the EC's subsidiary bodies have provided their comments on the Performance Review recommendations. It was also noted that an Action Plan needs to be developed to provide a timeframe for implementation of the strategies within the Strategic Plan.

10.3. Consideration of a CCSBT Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)

The 2014 Performance Review of the CCSBT suggested that the CCSBT may wish to consider adopting an operational management plan, the elements for which are readily available. The 2008 Performance Review of the CCSBT also recommended that the CCSBT develop a management plan, but work on the Management Procedure and the first Strategic Plan took priority. Development of a FMP was considered at the 2015 SFMWG meeting. Some Members expressed concern about the priority of developing a FMP given the limited resources currently available. These Members indicated a preference to defer discussion until after more work has been completed on the revision of the Strategic Plan, and when Members have been able to examine the Secretariat's Compendium of CCSBT measures which is currently in the final stages of development. The SFMWG agreed in principle to support the development of a FMP but to re-consider the timing and resourcing of developing such a Plan at CCSBT 22.

11. Revised Minimum Performance Requirements for Ecologically Related Species

The SFMWG meeting accepted Japan's offer to prepare and present a proposal for the EC that will add the relevant obligations Members have with other RFMOs to the existing Minimum Performance Requirements for Ecologically Related Species. Australia will be proposing a modification of CCSBT's ERS Recommendation to provide a binding seabird resolution.

12. Admittance of new Member(s) to the Extended Commission

The EC has received a request from the European Union for Membership of the CCSBT EC. The EC will decide on whether or not to admit the European Union to the EC. Matters to consider in making a decision include the European Union's current compliance with CCSBT measures (including the situation of SBT bycatch by the European Union fleet, implementation of the CCSBT Catch Documentation Scheme as well as plans for full implementation of the scheme).

13. 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 currently three Cooperating Non-Members to consider: Philippines, South Africa and the European Union.

14. Relationship with Non-members

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. The USA, Singapore and Fiji have been invited to attend CCSBT 22 as observers as agreed at CCSBT 21.

15. 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.

16. Activities with Other Organisations

16.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers 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 2016.*

16.2. Consideration of an MoU with ACAP

At the ERSWG's March 2015 meeting, the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) presented a paper which proposed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the CCSBT and ACAP Secretariats. The ERSWG commented on the considerable benefits already obtained through close collaboration with ACAP and the high importance of ACAP's contributions to the ERSWG. The ERSWG therefore endorsed and strongly supported the proposed MoU. The EC will consider whether to sign an MoU to facilitate cooperation between the CCSBT and ACAP.

17. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

17.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2015

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT22 should be restricted from public release³.

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 22 become publicly available after CCSBT 22 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 22 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.

18. Meetings for 2016

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for the meetings to be held during 2016. Circular #2015/010 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the ESC, CC and EC meetings are:

- Extended Scientific Committee: 5-10 September 2016;*
- Compliance Committee: 6-8 October 2016; and*
- Extended Commission: 10-13 October 2016.*

Other meetings that need to be considered for 2016 include an Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical meeting (as specified on the ESC's 3 year workplan), an ERSWG meeting (which could be either in 2016 or 2017) and possibly an SFMWG meeting (depending on progress with the revised Strategic Plan).

19. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the CCSBT

20. Other Business

21. Close of Meeting

21.1. Adoption of report

21.2. Close of meeting