

**Provisional Agenda
Twenty-First Meeting of the Compliance Committee
1 - 3 October 2026
Brussels, Belgium**

Key:

 - Discussion of blue-highlighted agenda/sub-agenda items will commence in a pre-meeting document.
There will be an opportunity to discuss any important matters arising from pre-meeting discussion during plenary.

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1. Welcome

1.2. Adoption of Agenda

1.3. Meeting Arrangements

2. Reports from other Subsidiary Bodies

This agenda item reports on decisions of other subsidiary bodies that are of relevance to the Compliance Committee (CC).

2.1. Report from the Technical Compliance Working Group (TCWG 5)

The TCWG/CC Chair will present an oral report of the TCWG 5 meeting, including any recommendations for the CC's consideration.

2.2. Report from the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG 16)

The Secretariat will present a brief update on recommendations from ERSWG 16 of relevance to the CC.

3. Overview of Compliance with CCSBT Conservation and Management Measures

This agenda item relates to compliance with existing CCSBT conservation and management measures.

3.1. Annual Reports from Members

Members should submit their annual reports in accordance with the [Template for the Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission](#) that was adopted at CCSBT 31.

This agenda item will focus on questions and answers to key issues within the annual reports, including a detailed examination of Members' performance. Members should highlight any areas where there are issues with their implementation of and/or compliance with CCSBT measures. Important points for Members to note in completing their reports include:

- *The [CCSBT Compliance Plan](#) includes an action for 2025/26 for Members, the Secretariat and CC to "ensure Members meet reporting requirements as they relate to describing how they monitor, estimate and report all SBT mortalities".*
- *It is expected that, together with their Annual Report, Indonesia will provide an update on the implementation of its [work plan to remain within TAC](#) while South Africa will present on their progress in implementing their Corrective Action Plan¹.*

¹ South Africa's Corrective Action Plan was provided as Attachment C, to paper [CCSBT-CC/2510/06](#).

3.2. Report from the Secretariat

The Secretariat will present two papers, each including tables that summarise Members' compliance with and/or implementation of key CCSBT conservation and management measures:

- *SBT-related measures, and*
- *ERS-related measures.*

The [CCSBT Compliance Plan](#) includes an action for 2025/26 for Members, the Secretariat and CC to “ensure Members meet reporting requirements as they relate to describing how they monitor, estimate and report all SBT mortalities”. TCWG5 recommended that the Secretariat report on compliance with SBT-related measures include an additional attachment to support the CC in this assessment. This attachment will bring together the relevant elements of the Secretariat paper related to Member monitoring, estimating and reporting SBT mortalities alongside the specific reporting obligations.

In relation to compliance with ERS-related measures, Members are reminded that:

- *CC 20, whilst recognising that progress had been made, noted the need to improve the performance of some Members in relation to the use of mandated ERS mitigation measures.*
- *ERSWG 16 noted that the current reporting associated with the Resolution to align with the ERS measures of other tuna RFMOs is informational rather than evaluative.*

3.3. Assessment of compliance with CCSBT Management Measures

Information presented in the previous sub-agenda items as well as in the reports mentioned above are expected to be the major contributor to this process.

3.3.1. Compliance of Members

The Compliance Committee (CC) will consider the performance of Members in complying with CCSBT management measures and provide recommendations for any areas that require improvement.

- *Members are reminded of the addition to the Secretariat reporting to CC 21 (recommended by TCWG5) to support the CC to undertake the action to ensure Members meet reporting requirements as they relate to describing how they monitor, estimate and report all SBT mortalities.*
- *In relation to compliance with ERS-related measures, Members are reminded of the recommendations of ERSWG16 regarding the need to reduce seabird bycatch. ERSWG16 also noted the issues of persistent non-compliance with seabird mitigation measures and recommended further discussion on this by the CC.*

3.3.2. Capacity Building Workplan Needs Assessment

The CCSBT Capacity Building workplan approved by CCSBT 31 applies a circular review approach based on areas of greatest need as deemed by CCSBT Members as part of discussions taking place in subsidiary bodies. Members are encouraged to consider where capacity building may be effective and what shape it should take.

3.3.3. Application of the Corrective Actions Policy

CC 21 will consider any identified areas of non-compliance including any instances of TAC over-catches and payback and recommend how any instances of non-compliance should be addressed under the CCSBT's Corrective Actions Policy. This will include a review of:

- Indonesia's implementation of its payback and management plans to date and record of compliance in 2025; and*
- South Africa's work under its Corrective Action Plan to address identified areas of non-compliance and required data submissions.*

The CCSBT Corrective Action Policy states that "corrective actions for administrative failings by a developing country Member, should focus on capacity building programmes, provided this is effectively targeted at correcting the deficiencies". This should consider any capacity building programmes or opportunities discussed under agenda item 3.3.2.

4. Monitoring and Review of the CCSBT Compliance Plan

This agenda item supports the ongoing review and monitoring of the [CCSBT Compliance Plan](#). The Compliance Plan defines the following annual review and implementation responsibilities for the Compliance Committee:

- review of the compliance risks and identification of actions required to address new and emerging risks;*
- review of progress against the actions defined in the CAP, and recommend updates to these as necessary;*
- review and discussion of actions defined in the CAP for delivery in the twelve months following each Compliance Committee meeting and recommend updates to these actions as needed;*

4.1. Review of the Compliance Risks

Similar to CC 20, it is proposed that this will be completed during the pre-meeting discussion process.

4.2. Review of Compliance Actions

The key actions for delivery or progress during 2026 were discussed at the TCWG5 meeting. The Secretariat and Members will provide an update on work during 2026 related to these actions. It is proposed that consideration of actions for delivery in 2027 will commence during the pre-meeting discussion process.

5. CCSBT eCDS Development

This agenda item provides updates since CC 20 on:

- Additional eCDS testing and development that has occurred;*
- The intersessional activities of the eCDS Working Group;*
- Updates on the outstanding implementation issues from CC 20; and*
- The update and availability of user manuals in English and Japanese and the development of resources to support Member eCDS implementation.*

The eCDS discussions are important as the implementation date for the CCSBT eCDS on 1 April 2027 is approaching. Members are requested to ensure they are prepared to provide an update to the meeting on their preparations for the eCDS implementation, including identifying any remaining issues or requirements.

6. Operation of CCSBT Measures: Issues & Updates

Members and/or the Secretariat will provide updates or report on any problems with the operation of CCSBT Measures such as those listed below:

- *Authorised Vessel/Farm Resolutions*
 - *The Secretariat will give a brief report back on the provision of information required under the Authorised Vessel/Farm Resolutions.*
- *Transshipment Resolution*
 - *The Secretariat will report on any SBT transshipments-at-sea that occurred without a transshipment observer on board (if any) since CCSBT 31. Members will report on the additional compliance measures they took in such cases.*
 - *The Secretariat will provide an update on the further development of eSBT to manage transshipment data;*
 - *The review and update of CCSBT's Transshipment MoU/LOU with ICCAT and IOTC (including to facilitate the sharing of Transshipment Supply Declarations with CCSBT) is discussed at agenda item 7.1.3;*
- *The application of CCSBT Conversion factors to reconcile Member CDS reporting;*
- *Minimum Standards for Inspections in Port; and*
- *IUU Vessel List Resolution:*
 - *The Secretariat will provide a brief update on the current status of the CCSBT's IUU Vessel List, and*
 - *A draft IUU Vessel list will be considered if appropriate.*

7. Review and Revision of CCSBT Policies and Resolutions

This agenda item is for consideration of potential and proposed revisions to CCSBT Resolutions.

7.1. CCSBT Transshipment Resolution

7.1.1. Report Back on Indonesia's Transshipment Trial

The Secretariat will report back on its monitoring of Indonesia's trial at-sea transshipment observer programme obligations since CC 20.

7.1.2. Indonesia's Plan for the Development and Implementation of Recommendations from the Quality Assurance Review

CCSBT32 agreed to approve a one-year extension to the Indonesian Transshipment trial to 31 October 2026, subject to Indonesia providing, by 31 December 2025, a detailed plan with a timeline for the development and implementation of recommendations from the QAR, including;

- *A policy on the Indonesia National Observer Programme, covering, among other things, roles, responsibilities and accountability;*
- *An Observer Manual (similar in style and content to the IOTC ROP Manual) to serve as a reference guide to observers on data collection protocols, compliance monitoring and processes to complete forms (including a Transshipment Details Form and Boarding Inspection Report Form);*
- *Dedicated training for transshipment observers on SBT species identification and CCSBT Resolutions, particularly the observer-related compliance monitoring requirements of the Transshipment and CDS Resolutions;*
- *A robust, practical process to independently estimate the weight of individual SBT; and*
- *Stronger communications arrangements to better meet reporting obligations (e.g. satellite communications to support the submission of transshipment declarations within 24hrs).*

Indonesia's plan was provided to Members as CCSBT Circular #2026/01 and progress against the plan will be reviewed at CC 21. It is expected that Indonesia will provide an updated report on the implementation of this plan to CC 21.

CC 21 is expected to provide recommendations to the EC on the future of Indonesia's trial at-sea transshipment program using its national observers, which is currently set to expire on 31 October 2026.

7.1.3. Updates to the LoU with IOTC

CC 18 tasked the Secretariat with examining its Transshipment L/MoUs with ICCAT and IOTC with a view to enhancing them to allow ICCAT/IOTC to share Transshipment Supply Declarations with CCSBT. As reported to CC 20, the MOU with ICCAT has been updated and enacted.

The Secretariat provided an update to CC 19 and CC 20 on the engagement with FAO to renegotiate the IOTC LoU. The Secretariat will report back on any further progress made in this process since CC 20.

7.2. Minimum performance requirements to meet CCSBT Obligations (CPG1)

The Secretariat will present draft revised MPRs to include updates to the Transshipment Resolution and CDS Resolution agreed at CCSBT 32.

8. Implementation of the CCSBT Compliance Plan

This agenda item is for other compliance activities, consistent with the Compliance Plan, and/or are maintenance action items addressed during 2024 and not considered in other sections of this agenda.

8.1. Japan Market Analysis

Following the CC 20 Workplan, the Secretariat will provide the updated result of Market Analysis and the summary of the Market Analyses 2025 to be published to the CCSBT website public area.

8.2. Standing Agenda Items

The following standing agenda items will be discussed where updated information is available:

- Extraordinary circumstances reported by Members.
- Operationalisation of the transshipment MoC with the WCPFC;
- An update on any newly reported SBT catch from ICCAT's records;
- Updates on potential SBT IUU activity including any:
 - Ad hoc analyses requested of TMT (formerly Trygg Mat Tracking);
 - Analyses of vessel location information (e.g. analyses of VMS or AIS data);
- Any developments with respect to the genetic identification of SBT, if available; and
- Ongoing identification and sharing of best practices for MCS systems.

8.3. Update on CCSBT's Compliance Relationships with other Organisations

The Secretariat will provide updates on any developments from RFMO compliance network groups², as well as the Secretariat's compliance relationships with any other relevant organisations.

8.4. Options for the Development of a Proof-of-Concept for Genetic Testing During Transshipments

The Secretariat will provide an update on the development of a proof-of-concept to gain additional information on the potential for genetic sampling during transshipments and to continue engaging with IOTC.

9. Report Against the CCSBT Strategic Plan

CC 21 will update the report back on progress against relevant items in the strategic plan. The discussion throughout the agenda will inform this agenda item, and specifically agenda item 4.

This report will be developed during CC 21, following the same process that was used in previous Compliance Committee meetings.

² The Pan-Pacific Fisheries Compliance Network (PPFCN) and the Tuna Compliance Network (TCN)

10. Work Program for 2027

11. Other business

12. Recommendations to the Extended Commission

13. Conclusion

13.1. Adoption of Meeting Report

13.2. Close of Meeting