

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Commission
15 - 18 October 2018
Noumea, New Caledonia

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Fifth 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. 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 2018 budget and the proposed budget for 2019 including indicative budgets for 2020 and 2021. 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 Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group

Australia, as host of the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) will present the report of the SFMWG's March 2018 meeting.
6. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Thirteenth meeting to be held on 11-13 October 2018. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.

7. 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: Review results of Scientific Research Program activities; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the Management Procedure); and select a subset of Candidate Management Procedures for presentation to the Extended Commission. The ESC will also consider providing advice to the Extended Commission on the necessity and skillset for a Scientific Advisory Panel member to replace the retiring Panel member.

8. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

8.1. Attributable SBT Catch

CCSBT 21 agreed on a common definition for the Attributable SBT Catch¹ and that full implementation of the Attributable SBT Catch was to occur not later than the 2018 quota year. Members are to report on their implementation of the Attributable SBT Catch in their annual report to the Compliance Committee and EC. The EC will review this information to determine whether Members have met their obligations.

8.2. TAC Determination

At CCSBT 24, the EC confirmed that the TAC for 2019-2020 would be 17,647 tonnes per year 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 2019-2020 to be revised.

8.3. Research Mortality Allowance

At CCSBT 23, the EC agreed that for 2018-2020, an allocation of 6 t would be set aside for Research Mortality Allowance each year within the TAC recommended by the MP. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this Research Mortality Allowance to research activity in 2019.

8.4. Allocation of TAC

The allocation of the TAC for 2018-2020 was agreed at CCSBT 23. Further discussion of allocation is not anticipated at CCSBT 25 unless unexpected circumstances arise (e.g. new Members, new Cooperating Non-Members, or increased estimates of unaccounted non-Member IUU catch).

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. CCSBT Strategic Plan

CCSBT 22 adopted an updated Strategic Plan for the CCSBT, which contains a five-year Action Plan. Most items scheduled for 2018 in the Action Plan are being addressed at CCSBT meetings or elsewhere. Items for 2018 (or for 2019 that require an initial discussion at CCSBT 25) that are not considered elsewhere are listed below, with their priorities and target timeframes (according to the Strategic Plan) shown in parentheses. The Secretariat will prepare a paper in relation to these items to facilitate discussion.

- *Review Convention text (if Member/s propose such negotiations) and, where appropriate, incorporate modern fisheries management principles and/or standards through decisions of the Commission e.g. in reviewing Management Procedure; measures to manage ERS (noting the latter option may be more efficient) (Medium priority, 2018-2019).*
- *Develop mechanisms for extending full CCSBT Membership to Fishing Entities and REIOs (Medium priority, 2018-2019).*
- *Task the SC with incorporating modern fisheries management principles and/or standards that have not yet been included in its work (Medium priority, 2018-2019).*
- *Formalise the ongoing role of the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG), including to ensure modern fisheries management standards are incorporated into the Commission's decision making. (Medium priority, 2018-2019).*
 - *Clearly define the on-going role of the SFMWG, its name, terms of reference and its chairing arrangements as part of the review at 7.1(vii).*
 - *Include provision in the terms of reference for the SFMWG for incorporating modern fisheries management standards into its advice to the Commission.*
- *Investigate ways of providing for the participation and/or cooperation of a wider range of actors (such as port, market or carrier vessel flag states that do not fish for SBT) (Medium priority, 2018-2019).*
- *Undertake Commission performance reviews periodically to routinely assess opportunities for improvements, including both self-assessment and independent reviews (High priority, 2019).*

10. Ecologically Related Species (ERS)

10.1. Consideration of the CCSBT's vision in relation to ERS

CCSBT 24 agreed that Australia would prepare a paper for CCSBT 25, with options for how the EC might provide focus and direction to the work of the ERSWG. Australia presented a paper on this topic to the March 2018 meeting of the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) to open discussion to assist Australia in developing the requested paper for CCSBT 25.

10.2. Resolution on binding ERS measures for the CCSBT

The March 2018 SFMWG meeting agreed that one possible way of implementing binding ERS measures for CCSBT Members without duplicating the effort of other tuna RFMOs is to create a CCSBT Resolution that requires CCSBT Members to follow the ERS measures of the relevant tuna RFMOs. It was agreed that such a proposal would be prepared by the European Union and New Zealand for consideration at CCSBT 25, although a final decision on the proposal would be subject to internal consultations including legal scrutiny by relevant Members.

10.3. Terms of Reference for the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG)

The March 2018 SFMWG meeting discussed the ERSWG's terms of reference (ToR). The meeting was not able to reach consensus on proposed changes to the ToR and instead, recommended technical updates to the ToR and that Members provide additional suggested changes to the Secretariat for the Secretariat to incorporate in a paper to CCSBT 25.

11. Relationship with Non-members

As requested at CCSBT 24, The Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Singapore and the USA to attend CC 13 and CCSBT 25 as observers. Members should nominate additional 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.

12. Kobe Process

This is a standing agenda item for updates on the Kobe Process and a review by Members of any Kobe process recommendations requiring action.

13. Activities with Other Organisations

13.1. 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 2019.*

13.2. Review of the “Arrangement” with CCAML

The Arrangement between the CCSBT and CCAML is due for renewal in October 2018. The EC should review the operation of the Arrangement and decide whether it will be renewed.

14. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

14.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2018

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 25 should be restricted from public release³.

15. Meetings for 2019

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2019. Circular #2018/016 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the meetings to be hosted by South Africa in 2019 are:

- Informal OMMP: Sunday 1 September 2019;*
- Extended Scientific Committee: 2-7 September 2019;*
- Compliance Committee: 10-12 October 2019; and*
- Extended Commission: 14-17 October 2019.*

The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates. In addition, the EC needs to decide whether to hold the next ERSWG meeting during 2019, and if so, the date for that meeting. This decision needs to be made sufficiently early in the agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee to reflect the decision in the budget for 2019. An intersessional OMMP meeting is also planned for June/July 2019, but the date for this will be arranged after CCSBT 25 between the Executive Secretary and participating scientists as per past practise.

16. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 26th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT

CCSBT 24 revised Rule 4(1) of the [CCSBT's Rules of Procedure](#) to allow for the elected Chair and Vice-Chair to be re-elected for an additional three one-year periods. This enables the Chair and Vice-Chair to be in office for a maximum of four years and it is a break from CCSBT's past practice of having the hosting Member provide the Chair. All Members are requested to consider nominating a person to be the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Extended Commission. The elected Chair and Vice-Chair will commence their duties immediately after CCSBT 25.

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

³ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 25 become publicly available after CCSBT 25 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 25 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. Other Business

17.1. Scientific Advisory Panel

Professor Pope has advised that he will retire from the CCSBT's Scientific Advisory Panel at the end of the September 2018 ESC meeting. The ESC will consider the necessity and skillset for a replacement Advisory Panel member. The EC will need to consider the ESC's advice and decide whether to appoint a replacement Panel member; together with the skillset and selection process for the new Panel member.

18. Close of Meeting

18.1. Adoption of report

18.2. Close of meeting