

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Commission
14 - 17 October 2019
Cape Town, South Africa

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Sixth 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 2019 budget and the proposed budget for 2020 including indicative budgets for 2021 and 2022. 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 Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The Chair of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) will present the report of the ERSWG's May 2019 meeting.
6. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Fourteenth meeting to be held on 10-12 October 2019. 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: Consider methods for analysis of farming and market data; 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 provide advice on Candidate Management Procedures for consideration by the Extended Commission.

8. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

8.1. Attributable SBT Catch

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

The allocation of the TAC for 2018-2020 was agreed at CCSBT 23 as being 17,647 t per year. The EC needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 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 2020.

8.4. Allocation of TAC

Further discussion of allocation is not anticipated at CCSBT 26 unless unexpected circumstances arise (e.g. new Members, new Cooperating Non-Members, or increased estimates of unaccounted non-Member IUU catch).

9. Adoption of a new Management Procedure

The schedule for development of the new CCSBT Management Procedure (MP) requires that the Extended Commission adopt the new MP in time for the ESC to run the MP in 2020 to recommend the global total allowable catch for 2021 to 2023 inclusive. This means that the new MP must be adopted at CCSBT 26 (this meeting) or that a special meeting of the Extended Commission and Commission be held early in 2020 to adopt the MP.

10. Ecologically Related Species (ERS)

CCSBT 25 agreed that Ecologically Related Species would be a standing item on the annual meeting agenda and that the Secretariat would provide annual reports on Members' performance with respect to ERS¹. In accordance with the CCSBT's new ERS Resolution², the Secretariat will also prepare an update of the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex 1 of the Resolution to take account of any decisions taken on ERS at the Annual Meetings of the IOTC, WCPFC, and ICCAT. In addition, the Secretariat will provide recommendations for changes to other CCSBT ERS decisions that may be redundant following the adoption of the new ERS Resolution.

¹ CCSBT 25 clarified that the report provided by the Secretariat would be a simple report of numbers and species by Member for the past 3 years, derived from Members annual reports and submitted ERS data and did not require additional submission from Members.

² Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs.

11. Terms of Reference and Panel for the Performance Review of the CCSBT

At CCSBT 25, the Extended Commission agreed that the next Performance Review of the CCSBT would be conducted in 2021. The fourteenth round of informal consultations of States Parties to UNSFA³ focused on the topic “Performance reviews of regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements” and was held during May 2019. At CCSBT 26, the Extended Commission should agree a terms of reference for the Performance Review taking into account the outcomes of the informal consultation as appropriate.

12. Review of Convention text

CCSBT 25 discussed the action item in the CCSBT Strategic Plan regarding a possible review of the Convention text to modernise the Convention and developing mechanisms for extending full CCSBT Membership to Fishing Entities and REIOs. The meeting agreed that interested Members would communicate intersessionally and possibly prepare a paper(s), on reflections regarding the Convention including a work plan on potential revisions for discussion at CCSBT 26.

13. Relationship with Non-members

As requested at CCSBT 25, The Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Singapore and the USA to attend CC 14 and CCSBT 26 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.

14. 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.

15. Activities with Other Organisations

15.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest⁴ 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 2020.*

16. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

16.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2019

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 26 should be restricted from public release⁵.

³ The United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

⁴ With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

⁵ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 26 become publicly available after CCSBT 26 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 26 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. Meetings for 2020

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2020. Circular #2019/027 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the meetings to be hosted by Japan in 2020 are:

- *Extended Scientific Committee: 31 August – 5 September 2020;*
- *Compliance Committee: 8 – 10 October 2020; and*
- *Extended Commission: 12 – 15 October 2020.*

The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates. In addition, the EC needs to decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 7 October 2020). 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 2020. An intersessional OMMP meeting is also planned for June/July 2020, but the date for this will be arranged after CCSBT 26 between the Executive Secretary and participating scientists as per past practise.

18. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Seventh 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. Members are invited to nominate a person to be the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Extended Commission. The elected Chair and Vice-Chair will commence their duties immediately after CCSBT 26. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practise of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 27.

19. Other Business

20. Close of Meeting

20.1. Adoption of report

20.2. Close of meeting