

**Provisional Agenda**  
**Extended Commission of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Commission**  
**12 - 15 October 2020**  
**Sapporo, Japan**

1. Opening of the Meeting
  - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Seventh 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 2020 budget and the proposed budget for 2021 including indicative budgets for 2022 and 2023. 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 revised reporting template for the [Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission](#) that was adopted at CCSBT 26. 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.*

    - 4.1.1. Farm uncertainties

*At CCSBT 26, Australia advised that it "committed to submit a paper at least 4 weeks prior to CCSBT 27 providing a plan on its efforts to implement SV. An alternative outlook could be provided to improve confidence in the sampling system (currently the 100 fish greater than or equal to 10kg sample), seeking advice on protocols to avoid sampling bias from ESC 25".*
    - 4.1.2. Market uncertainties

*At CCSBT 26, Japan advised that it "committed to submit a paper to the ESC and CCSBT 27, which will include a proposal to compare Japanese market data with catch data from all Members to identify any anomalies or discrepancies".*
5. Report from the Compliance Committee

*The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Fifteenth meeting held in October 2020. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.*

## 6. 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: Run the Management Procedure (MP) to recommend a TAC for 2021 to 2023 inclusive and update the meta-rules for the new MP; Consider any papers submitted in relation to resolving farm and market uncertainties; Review results of Scientific Research Plan activities and update the plan; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Conduct a full SBT stock assessment; and Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the MP).*

## 7. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

### 7.1. 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.*

### 7.2. TAC Determination

*The TACs for 2021 to 2023 inclusive are scheduled to be set in 2020. The ESC will run the MP to recommend the TAC for 2021-2023. In accordance with the [Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure](#), the MP shall be used to guide the setting of the global total allowable catch. In addition, CCSBT 26 noted "that the TAC that will be recommended by the MP will be considered separately at CCSBT 27. The decision on the TAC should also consider other information such as the sustainability of the SBT stock and fisheries as well as the papers and proposals that Australia will provide on SV and Japan will provide on markets."*

### 7.3. Research Mortality Allowance

*At CCSBT 23, the EC agreed that for 2018-2020, an allocation of 6 tonnes would be set aside for Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) each year within the TAC recommended by the MP. The EC will determine the amount to set aside for RMA for 2021-2023. This agenda item also provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this RMA to research activity in 2021.*

### 7.4. Allocation of TAC

*The TAC will be allocated in accordance with CCSBT's [Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch](#). The actual allocation to each Member for 2021-2023 will be confirmed and recorded in an update to the Resolution.*

## 8. Ecologically Related Species (ERS)

*This is a standing agenda item to provide the opportunity for discussion of the Secretariat's report on Members' performance with respect to ERS<sup>1</sup>, and to consider any updates to the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex 1 of [CCSBT's ERS Resolution](#)<sup>2</sup> to take account of possible decisions taken on ERS at the Annual Meetings of the IOTC, WCPFC, and ICCAT. This agenda item also allows for discussion of other ERS matters that Members wish to raise.*

## 9. Selection of the Panel for the Performance Review of the CCSBT

*CCSBT 26 agreed to the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the 2021 Performance Review of the CCSBT. The two independent experts for the Performance Review and the IOTC expert will be considered intersessionally. In accordance with the ToR, the Member experts<sup>3</sup> will be nominated and elected at CCSBT 27. Members are requested to consider suitable experts and provide their nominations at the meeting.*

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<sup>1</sup> This report will be presented to the Compliance Committee meeting immediately prior to CCSBT 27.

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

<sup>3</sup> There should be between two and four experts from different Members of the EC. The Member experts should have extensive experience with the CCSBT and include a Member with distant water fisheries, a coastal State and a developing State. As a group, the Panel should have expertise in fisheries management, fisheries science, compliance and legal governance at the international level.

## 10. Relationship with non-Members

*As requested at CCSBT 26, The Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Namibia, Singapore and the USA to attend CC 15 and CCSBT 27 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. The EC may decide to invite other Non-Member States to attend the meeting through an intersessional decision-making process in cases where such States are identified as catching SBT during the year.*

## 11. 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.*

## 12. Activities with Other Organisations

### 12.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

*CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest<sup>4</sup> 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 2021.*

## 13. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

### 13.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2020

*This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 27 should be restricted from public release<sup>5</sup>.*

## 14. Meetings for 2021

*Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2021. Circular #2020/30 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the meetings to be hosted by Australia in 2021 are:*

- *Extended Scientific Committee: 30 August – 4 September 2021;*
- *Compliance Committee: 7 – 9 October 2021; and*
- *Extended Commission: 11 – 14 October 2021.*

*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 6 October 2021). 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 2021.*

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<sup>4</sup> With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by Korea, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

<sup>5</sup> Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 27 become publicly available after CCSBT 27 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 27 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.

15. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Eighth 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 27. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practise of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 28.*

16. Other Business

17. Close of Meeting

17.1. Adoption of report

17.2. Close of meeting