

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Commission
10-14 October 2022
Online

Discussion of agenda items highlighted in blue will commence by correspondence in advance of the meeting.

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Ninth 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 Secretariat will present a brief outline of the revised 2022 budget and the proposed budget for 2023 including indicative budgets for 2024 and 2025. 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 (FAC)

In addition to the FAC's usual work on the revised and future budgets, Indonesia will provide a proposal for CCSBT's funding to support the participation of developing States at technical meetings (e.g. ERSWG and OMMP), including the potential eligibility criteria that would be applied to access these funds. Furthermore, Japan will propose that the management tag survey at the Toyosu Market in Japan be at the CCSBT's expense from 2023.

4. Review of SBT Fisheries and ERS Interactions

Prior to the meeting, each Member will submit a report on its SBT fishing activities using the 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, including, if available:

- *An update by Australia on progress with trials for automated stereo video; and*
- *An update by Japan on its proposal for ongoing monitoring of the Japanese market.*

5. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Seventeenth meeting held in October 2022. 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 August/September meeting. The ESC meeting will: Consider the outcome of work to develop a new CPUE series for the Management Procedure (MP); Examine updated analysis of changes in non-Member effort to support the evaluation of exceptional circumstances in relation to unaccounted SBT mortality; Review results of Scientific Research Program (SRP) activities and update the SRP; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Run the MP to recommend a TAC for 2024 to 2026 inclusive; and Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the MP). The ESC will also consider relevant recommendations from the Performance Review; and Improving communications between the ESC and Extended Commission.

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. In addition, the EC may wish to consider how depredation should be dealt with as a part of the Attributable SBT Catch based on the advice from the ESC and CC.

7.2. TAC Determination

The TACs for 2021 to 2023 were agreed at CCSBT 27 as being 17,647 tonnes per year. The EC needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2023 to be revised.

The TACs for 2024 to 2026 inclusive are scheduled to be set in 2022. The ESC will run the MP to recommend the TAC for 2024-2026. 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. However, CCSBT 26 noted that "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 27, the EC agreed that for 2021-2023, 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 2024-2026. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this RMA to research activity in 2023.

7.4. Allocation of TAC

Allocation of the TAC for 2021-2023 was agreed at CCSBT 27. The distribution of quota included a special temporary allowance of 80 tonnes to Indonesia for 2021 and 2022¹. This special temporary allowance may also be provided to Indonesia for 2023, based on the annual review, if Indonesia complies with its payback plan starting from 2022 and no further over-catch occurs each year. The EC will consider the outcome of a review by the Compliance Committee in deciding whether to continue the special temporary allowance for 2023.

The TAC for 2024 to 2026 shall be allocated in accordance with CCSBT's Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch.

8. 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 Fourteenth meeting held in March 2022. Amongst other things, the ERSWG meeting developed a draft Multi-year Seabird Strategy for the EC's consideration. The ERSWG also reviewed relevant recommendations from the Performance Review and noted the recommendations that were most important from the ERSWG's perspective. The ERSWG recommended that two hybrid scientific technical meetings be conducted during 2023.

¹ CCSBT 27 noted that this arrangement does not set any precedent for future allocation decisions.

9. 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 ERS², and to consider any updates to the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex 1 of CCSBT's ERS Resolution³ 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.

10. Report of the Performance Review of the CCSBT

The report of the 2021 Performance Review of the CCSBT was provided to Members on 1 March 2022 in Circular #2022/007. The Chair of the Performance Review Panel will introduce the report. The report has or is also being provided to the ERSWG, ESC and CC for these subsidiary bodies to consider any pertinent recommendations and provide advice to CCSBT 29 on recommendations relating to them. The [Terms of Reference for the Performance Review](#) states that the 2022 EC meeting will consider advice from subsidiary bodies and provide direction to the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) in relation to development of an implementation plan for the Performance Review recommendations.

11. Relationship with non-Members

As requested at CCSBT 28, The Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Singapore, and the USA to attend CC 17 and CCSBT 29 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.

12. Activities with Other Organisations

12.1. 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 2023.*

13. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

13.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2022

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 29 should be restricted from public release⁵.

² This report will be presented to the Compliance Committee meeting immediately prior to CCSBT 29.

³ Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs.

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

⁵ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 29 become publicly available after CCSBT 29 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 29 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.

14. Meetings for 2023

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2023. Circular #2022/009 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the main meetings to be held during 2023 are:

- *Extended Scientific Committee (ESC): 28 August – 2 September 2023;*
- *Compliance Committee (CC): 5 – 7 October 2023; and*
- *Extended Commission (EC): 9 – 12 October 2023.*

The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates.

In addition, the EC needs to:

- *Determine a venue and date for a Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) meeting to consider the Performance Review recommendations;*
- *Decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group (TCWG) Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 4 October 2023);*
- *Decide whether to hold the Operating Model and Management Procedure (OMMP) technical meeting that the ESC is likely to recommend; and*
- *Decide whether to hold two hybrid scientific technical meetings in 2023 as recommended by the ERSWG.*

These decisions need to be made sufficiently early in the agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee to reflect the decision in the budget for 2023.

15. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Thirtieth 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 29. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practise of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 30.

16. Other Business

17. Close of Meeting

17.1. Adoption of report

17.2. Close of meeting