

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Commission
9-12 October 2023
Busan, Korea

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 Thirtieth 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.

2.1. Proposed Amendments to CCSBT Staff Regulations

Members are asked to endorse changes proposed by the Executive Secretary to the CCSBT Staff Regulations. The changes proposed aim to align the Staff Regulations with modern staffing practices, better reflect current UN staffing rules, eliminate ambiguity, meet Australian employment regulatory standards, and bring additional transparency.

3. Finance and Administration

The Secretariat will present a brief outline of the revised 2023 budget and the proposed budget for 2024 including indicative budgets for 2025 and 2026. 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, Members will be asked to endorse changes to the agreed reporting format and a revised approach to better manage underspend.

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 28. 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:

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

5. **Report from the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group**
The Secretariat will report back on outcomes from the Sixth Meeting of the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) held in July. This will include an update on progress made in developing a new CCSBT Strategic Plan and associated workplans.
6. **Report from the Compliance Committee**
The Chair of the Compliance Committee (CC) will present the report of the Committee's Eighteenth meeting held in October 2023. The 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 August/September meeting. The primary output from the ESC meeting will be the completion of a full stock assessment. The ESC will also review results of Scientific Research Program (SRP) activities; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Confirm the previous TAC recommendation 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 Management Procedure). The ESC will also consider relevant recommendations arising from SFMWG and the Electronic Monitoring Working Group.
8. **Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation**
 - 8.1. **TAC Determination**
The existing TACs for 2021 to 2023 were agreed at CCSBT 27 as being 17,647 tonnes per year.

In 2022, the ESC ran the Management Procedure and recommended a TAC of 20,647 tonnes per year 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.

The TACs for 2024 to 2026 were scheduled to be set in 2022, however, Members elected to defer this decision to CCSBT 30.
 - 8.2. **Research Mortality Allowance**
At CCSBT 29, the EC agreed to continue 6 tonnes of fixed deduction from the TAC from 2024 to 2026 for Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) each year. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this RMA for research activities in 2024.
 - 8.3. **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, 2022 and 2023¹.

The TAC for 2024 to 2026 was to be allocated in accordance with CCSBT's Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch at CCSBT 29, however, the decision was deferred to CCSBT 30.

CCSBT 29 agreed that Indonesia would provide a proposal for revising the TAC allocation at CCSBT 30 for consideration by Members. CCSBT 29 also noted that this proposal would be for a simple adjustment to the allocation percentages and not a proposal for a completely new mechanism.

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. In addition, Members may wish to consider progress on the CCSBT Multi-year Seabird Strategy under this agenda item.

10. Relationship with non-Members

As requested at CCSBT 29, the Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Panama, Singapore, and the USA to attend CC 18 and CCSBT 30 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 into 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. Activities with Other Organisations

11.1. 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;*
- *Agree on CCSBT observers for non-CCSBT meetings during 2024; and*
- *Secretariat to report back on activities related to other organisations.*

12. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

12.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2023

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 30 should be restricted from public release⁵.

13. Meetings for 2024

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2024. Circular #2023/12 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the main meetings to be held during 2024 are:

- *Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG): 4 – 7 June 2024;*
- *Extended Scientific Committee (ESC): 2 – 7 September 2024;*
- *Compliance Committee (CC): 3 – 5 October 2024; and*
- *Extended Commission (EC): 7 – 10 October 2024.*

The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates.

In addition, the EC needs to:

- *Determine a venue for the ERSWG;*

² This report will be presented to the Compliance Committee meeting immediately prior to CCSBT 30.

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 30 become publicly available after CCSBT 30 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 30 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.

- *Decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group (TCWG) Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 2 October 2024);*

These decisions need to be made sufficiently early in the agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee to reflect the decisions in the budget for 2024.

14. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Thirty-First 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 30. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practise of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 31.

15. Other Business

16. Close of Meeting

16.1. Adoption of report

16.2. Close of meeting