

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Commission
for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
6-9 October 2025
Bali, Indonesia

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 Thirty-Second 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. Consideration of New Member Joining Fee

At CCSBT 31, the Executive Secretary introduced the concept of a one-time joining fee for new Members (CCSBT-EC/2410/06). Members supported further exploration of this concept and asked that (depending on the outcomes of the secretariat's review) a proposal be put forward for consideration at CCSBT 32.

3. Finance and Administration

The Secretariat will present a brief outline of the revised 2025 budget and the proposed budget for 2026 including indicative budgets for 2027 and 2028. 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)

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 31. 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 provides 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.

4.1.1 Automated stereo-video trial by Australia

Australia provided the final report on the stereo-video project to CCSBT, and it was circulated to Members through Circular #2024/44 on 19 November 2024. At EC 31, it was agreed that Australia would:

- *Provide details about whether the stereo-video software could be made commercially available by the research providers; and*
- *Provide details about whether the research providers use the stereo-video software in other jurisdictions for transfers, or whether they are aware of any other jurisdictions using fully automated stereo-video software for transfers.*

5. 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 will 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; Recommend TAC for 2027 to 2029 inclusive based on the Cape Town Procedure; and Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the Management Procedure).

5.1. Long-term planning for Gene Tagging Project

In 2024, CCSBT 31 approved AUD 1.2 million for the gene tagging program for 2025 and 2026, with this funding to be applied to the respective budgets to maximise the quality of data from this program. To aid FAC's consideration on budget projection and strategy, EC should consider the long-term plan for implementing the Gene Tagging Project to maximise cost-effectiveness and to ensure the management procedure is supported.

6. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee (CC) will present the report of the CC meeting held immediately prior to the EC. The CC may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.

6.1. Indonesia's Two-year Trial at-sea Transshipment Programme

CC 20 will review the outcome of the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) targeted at Indonesia's two-year at-sea transshipment trial. EC will need to discuss recommendations by CC and decide the way forward.

7. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

7.1. Confirmation of 2026 TAC and Allocation

At CCSBT 30, the EC agreed that the global TAC for 2024-2026 would be 20,647 t, as calculated by the Management Procedure and recommended by the ESC. The EC must confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2026 to be revised.

CCSBT 31 agreed on the allocation of TAC for 2025 and 2026, including a special temporary allowance of 130 t to Indonesia. The EC now needs to confirm the allocation for 2026, noting the special temporary allowance is subject to an annual review of Indonesia's compliance undertaken at CC and an ability to revoke or reduce the temporary allowance.

At CCSBT 29, the EC agreed to continue to deduct 6 tonnes from the TAC from 2024 to 2026 for Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) each year. This agenda item seeks approval for allocation of this RMA for research activities in 2026.

7.2. TACs and their Allocation for 2027 - 2029

This year's EC is scheduled to agree on TACs and to determine their allocation for the 2027 – 2029 block.

7.2.1. Initial Consideration of TACs

The TACs for 2027-2029 are scheduled to be set in 2025 to allow a one-year lag between TAC calculation and its implementation. 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.

This agenda item will provide Members with recommended TACs to support their consideration of allocation proposals. The formal decision on the setting of the TACs will occur under agenda item 7.2.4.

7.2.2. Research Mortality Allowance

The EC should agree to continue to deduct an amount for RMA from the TACs for 2027-2029 (currently set at 6 tonnes annually under the current TAC block).

7.2.3. Consideration of Member Proposals on Allocation

At CCSBT 31, Members agreed to further intersessional engagement and to submit any proposals and documents on allocation to the Secretariat by 1 August 2025 to ensure that Members had more time to consider this before CCSBT 32.

7.2.4. Setting of TACs and Allocation

Following consideration of the proposed TACs and any potential changes to existing allocation arrangements, Members will be asked to agree to TACs and their allocation for 2027 – 2029. If Members agree to TACs and no changes are made to the existing allocation arrangements, then the TACs shall be allocated in accordance with [CCSBT's Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch](#).

8. Progress Against Objectives of Strategic Plan

The Secretariat will present a report highlighting the progress made against the CCSBT Strategic Plan that was agreed at CCSBT 30. This report will include feedback and assessments from all relevant subsidiary bodies.

8.1. Needs assessments and developing Initiatives under Capacity Building Workplan

At CCSBT 31, the EC agreed the CCSBT's Capacity Building Workplan. In accordance with the Plan, ESC 30 and CC 20 conducted a needs assessment. The Secretariat will provide a paper summarising these needs assessment and the next steps for developing Capacity Building Initiative.

9. Ecologically Related Species (ERS)

9.1. Members' performance with respect to ERS

This agenda item is for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the Secretariat's report on Members' performance with respect to ERS. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

9.2. Outcome from the ERSTech 2025

The ERSTech 2025, held from 7 to 11 April in Wellington as a hybrid meeting, conducted the Spatially Explicit Fisheries Risk Assessment (SEFRA) for seabirds in the SBT fishery. The EC should examine the outputs of the SEFRA and consider any potential direction Members may wish to provide to ERSWG 16 based on those outputs.

9.3. CCSBT ERS and Bycatch Action Plan

In 2024, ERSWG 15 recommended that CCSBT 32 adopt the draft Ecologically Related Species and Bycatch Action Plan following the inclusion of a non-target sharks list to be developed at ERSTech 2025. ERSTech 2025 recommended a list of non-target shark species to be covered by this action plan and EC is now being asked to endorse the finalised plan.

9.4. Review of CCSBT ERS Resolution

The Secretariat will provide a paper to consider any updates to the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex 1 of [CCSBT's ERS Resolution](#)¹ to take account of possible decisions taken on ERS at the Annual Meetings of the IOTC, WCPFC, and ICCAT.

Following the discussion at CCSBT 31, New Zealand is expected to submit a proposal to revise monitoring requirements for identified high-risk areas for seabirds in CCSBT fisheries, based on the updated SEFRA.

10. Relationship with non-Members

As requested at CCSBT 31, the Secretariat has invited Canada, China, Fiji, the Philippines, Seychelles, Thailand and the USA to attend CC 20 and CCSBT 32 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. Secretariat's Reports from Intersessional Engagements with other tRFMOs

As agreed in 2024, the Executive Secretary will report on intersessional meetings and engagements with other tuna RFMO Secretariats.

11.2. Agreement under the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

In 2024, EC 31 agreed to include BBNJ as a standing agenda item at future EC meetings. In addition, Australia offered to report annually to CCSBT on BBNJ.

12. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

12.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2025

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 32 should be restricted from public release.²

13. Meetings for 2026

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2026. Circular #2025/21 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the main meetings to be held during 2026 are:

- Extended Scientific Committee (ESC): 24 – 28 August 2026;*
- Compliance Committee (CC): 1 – 3 October 2026; and*
- Extended Commission (EC): 5 – 8 October 2026.*

The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates.

¹ Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs.

² Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 32 become publicly available after CCSBT 32 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 32 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.

In addition, the EC needs to:

- *Determine the timing and a venue for the ERSWG 16;*
- *Decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group (TCWG) Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 30 September 2026).*

Furthermore, the EC also needs to confirm the timing of the 16th Meeting of the Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Group meeting.

14. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Thirty-Third 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 32. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practice of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 33.

15. Other Business

16. Close of Meeting

16.1. Adoption of report

16.2. Close of meeting