Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Thirty-Third Annual Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
5-8 October 2026
Brussels, Belgium

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

1. Opening of the Meeting
   1.1. Adoption of Agenda
   1.2. 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.
      1.2.1. Members
      1.2.2. Observers

2. Secretariat Matters
   2.1. 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.

   2.2. Terms of Reference for Live Streaming of Meetings
      At CCSBT 32, Members agreed that while there was general support for the live streaming of meetings, there were some outstanding questions in terms of access, security, and other operational issues and tasked the Secretariat to intersessionally develop Terms of Reference for the use of live streaming. The Secretariat provided Members with a draft Terms of Reference as part of Circular #2026/25. Members will now be asked to finalise these terms based on the results of the trial use of the technology at this year's meetings.

   2.3. Further 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). The Secretariat developed an initial proposal for consideration at CCSBT 32. Members agreed to discuss the topic intersessionally and that further consideration be given at CCSBT 33.

3. Finance and Administration
   The Secretariat will present a brief outline of the revised 2026 budget and the proposed budget for 2027 including indicative budgets for 2028 and 2029. 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)
      The Chair of the FAC will present the report of the FAC meeting held in the margins of the EC. The FAC may have recommendations for the EC to consider.

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. Members will

also be asked to consider changes to the reporting template to accommodate the decision from CCSBT 32 in relation to stereo-video technology along with the potential addition of Seabird Bycatch Mitigation Plans.

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.

5. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) will present the report of the ESC's August meeting. The ESC will review results of Scientific Research Program (SRP) activities; Provide the results of the latest stock assessment; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Confirm the previous recommendation for the 2027 to 2029 TAC; and Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the Management Procedure).

5.1. Management Advice for 2027 Review of the Management Procedure

According to the Management Procedure (MP) metarules, the performance of the MP shall be reviewed every six years with the next planned review taking place in 2027. This is an opportunity for Members to review the Terms of Reference for the review and provide any final guidance to the ESC.

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.

7. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation for 2027 - 2029

CCSBT 32 was scheduled to agree on TACs and to determine their allocation for the 2027 – 2029 block but was unable to reach a decision which was postponed to CCSBT 33.

7.1. Initial Consideration of TACs

The TACs for 2027-2029 were 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 7.4.

7.2. Research Mortality Allowance

At CCSBT 32, the EC agreed to continue to deduct six tonnes annually for RMA from the TACs for 2027-2029. This decision will only be revisited if necessary. This agenda item also provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for the allocation of RMA for specific research activities in 2027

7.3. Consideration of Member Proposals on Allocation

Since CCSBT 32, Members have engaged in two virtual intersessional workshops to discuss alternative allocation scenarios. This is the final opportunity to engage on this topic prior to the expiration of the current TAC block.

7.4. 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. Monitoring of Strategic Plan

This is a standing agenda item to monitor the ongoing progress against the CCSBT Strategic Plan and report back on specific actions related to the plan.

8.1. Report back against the objectives of the 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.

8.2. Terms of Reference for Performance Review

An initial draft Terms of Reference for the Performance Review was sent to Members on 2 June 2026 as part of Circular #2026/38. The Secretariat has collated the feedback received and Members will be asked to finalised the ToR.

8.3. 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 31 and CC 21 conducted a needs assessment. The Secretariat will provide a paper summarising these needs assessment and highlight any Capacity Building Initiatives proposed by either subsidiary body.

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. Report from ERSWG 16

ERSWG 16, was held from 3 to 6 March 2026 in Canberra. The Chair of the ERSWG will present outcomes from the meeting including any recommendations made.

9.3. Seabird Priority Species and High-Risk Areas

Members are asked to decide on seabird priority species and high-risk areas based on the recommendations and advice from the ERSWG.[1]

9.4. Review of the Multi-Year Seabird Strategy

Members are asked to confirm resources to the review of the strategy which is due at the next meeting of the ERSWG.

9.5. 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[2] *to take account of possible decisions taken on ERS at the Annual Meetings of the IOTC, WCPFC, and ICCAT.*

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[1] *See Attachment 4 of Report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group.*
[2] *Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs.*

ERSWG 16 recommended that Members to discuss the adoption of additional measures to address high-risk areas of seabird bycatch using the toolbox developed during ERSWG 16.[3]Members may wish to discuss how these additional measures should be reflected in the ERS Resolution.

10. Relationship with Non-Members

As requested at CCSBT 32, the Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, the Philippines, Seychelles, Thailand and the USA to attend CC 21 and CCSBT 33 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 Report from Intersessional Engagements with other RFMOs

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, CCSBT 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 2026

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 33 should be restricted from public release[4].

13. Meetings for 2027

Circular #2026/42 advised Members of the following dates for the main meetings to be held during 2027:

- *Extended Scientific Committee (ESC): 30 August to 3 September 2027;*
- *Compliance Committee (CC): 30 September to 2 October 2027; and*
- *Extended Commission (EC): 4 – 7 October 2027.*

In addition, the EC needs to:

- *Determine the timing and a venue for the 2027 meeting of ERSTech;*
- *Decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group (TCWG) Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 29/09/2027).*

Furthermore, the EC also needs to confirm the timing of the 17th Meeting of the Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Group meeting.

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3 See paragraph 64 of Report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group.

[4] Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 33 become publicly available after CCSBT 33 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 33 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. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Thirty-Fourth 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 33. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practice of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 34.

15. Other Business

16. Close of Meeting
    16.1. Adoption of report
    16.2. Close of meeting