



**Provisional Agenda**  
**Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Technical Working Group**  
**(ERSTech)**  
**7 - 11 April 2025**  
**Hybrid meeting hosted by New Zealand**

*Note from the Chair:*

*This will be an important meeting to finalise a 2025 CCSBT Spatially Explicit Fisheries Risk Assessment (SEFRA) for seabirds and to pave the way for a global (southern hemisphere) risk assessment for tuna longlines. Key objectives from my perspective are: to address concerns about the 2024 version; to include data from as many Members as possible; and to provide the best possible model to be used in the Phase 2 global assessment. Given the available data, it is inevitable that some modelling choices will have to be made to mitigate issues caused by data gaps and biases. I look forward to working closely with you all to understand and decide on those choices.*

1. Opening

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda

1.2 Record of Meeting

*In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the ERSTech, the meeting will not produce a formal report although it may produce documents for consideration by the ERSWG and/or inclusion in the ERSWG Report as Attachment. As Chair of the ERSWG, I am required to provide an informal oral report of the ERSTech meeting to the next ERSWG. I will also prepare and circulate for comments a Chair's Summary upon completion of the meeting to record agreed outcomes.*

2. CCSBT Seabird Risk Assessment

2.1 Update from the Modelling Team

*Overview of decisions on potential modelling approaches from progress meetings, based on exploratory model runs fitted to 2024 input data. Presentation and discussion of initial model runs fitted to updated data inputs, to inform selection of best available modelling approach by the ERS Tech (as well as additional sensitivity runs that assess influence of key modelling decisions).*

2.2 Resolution of Queries from Modelling Team

*The Modelling Team will be seeking clarifications from Members on any issues that arise from the initial model runs.*

2.3 Final Instructions for Modelling Team

*Confirmation of final changes to the model (if any) ahead of transition to Phase 2 of the project.*

2.4 Preparation for Transition to the CCSBT Seabird Project – Global Risk Assessment

*Confirmation of the process and expected role of each Member to proceed with the Element 4 (Global Seabird Risk Assessment) under the CCSBT Seabird Project.*

### 3. Shark Species for Consideration Under ERS and Bycatch Action Plan

*At ERSWG15, Members committed to developing a list of non-target shark species to be covered by this ERS and Bycatch Plan. Members will provide this information to the Secretariat in time for consideration at the meeting.*

### 4. Conclusion

#### 4.1. Next Steps

#### 4.2. Close of meeting