

**Provisional Agenda**  
**Extended Scientific Committee for the Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Scientific**  
**Committee**  
**2 - 6 September 2024**  
**Taipei, Taiwan**

*Discussion of blue highlighted agenda/sub-agenda items will commence by correspondence in advance of the meeting.*

**1. Opening**

**1.1. Introduction of Participants**

**1.2. Administrative Arrangements**

**2. Appointment of Rapporteurs**

**3. Adoption of Agenda and Document List**

**4. Review of SBT Fisheries**

**4.1. Presentation of National Reports**

*Members will submit national reports in advance of the meeting in accordance with CCSBT's [Template for national reports to the ESC](#). As agreed at ESC27, EMS activities should be reported to the ESC in Member's National Reports, in the relevant areas of Section 7 and Annex 1 of the ESC annual report template.*

**4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches**

**5. Report from the Fourteenth Operating Model and Management Procedure (OMMP) Technical Meeting**

**6. Report back against objectives of the Strategic Plan**

*At CCSBT 30, Members adopted a revised Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup> that outlines a common vision for how the Commission will operate in order to meet the overall objective of the Convention. The Strategic Plan states that "Subsidiary bodies holding responsibility for particular action items are expected to report back on the progress of those activities as part of their respective meeting reports". Members will be asked to consider a reporting template developed by the Secretariat and provide an assessment of progress against those activities assigned to the ESC.*

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## **7. Review of results of the Scientific Research Program and other inter-sessional scientific activities**

### **7.1. Results of scientific activities**

*It is anticipated that routine updates to ongoing work will be dealt with in the pre-meeting exchange, however, Members presenting more substantive updates or new work are asked to make a presentation during the meeting.*

### **7.2. Improving Robustness of CPUE indices**

*It is anticipated that the outcome of intersessional CPUE index development project will be presented to the ESC.*

### **7.3. Maintenance and development of OMMP Code**

*Consultant to report back against 2024 workplan items relating to OM development not previously discussed as part of OMMP agenda item.*

### **7.4. SBT otolith-based ageing workshop**

*This workshop was suggested as a 3-day workshop at the CSIRO laboratory in Hobart in 2024, but the workshop has not been held so far. The ESC should re-confirm Members' willingness for their attendance and clearly determine the timing of the workshop.*

### **7.5. Capacity building for SBT Spawning Ground Monitoring Program**

*As a part of SRP Project, ESC 28 agreed to implement a new project on capacity building for SBT Spawning Ground Monitoring Program in Indonesia. It is expected that Australia and Indonesia will report on progress of this project.*

## **8. Fisheries and Scientific Indicators of Stock Status**

## **9. Operation of the Management Procedure and SBT Management Advice**

### **9.1. Evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances**

### **9.2. Confirmation of Management Procedure recommended TAC for 2024-2026**

### **9.3. Summary of SBT management advice**

## **10. Update of the Scientific Research Program (SRP)**

*This is now a standing agenda item to allow Members to consider new proposals and/or changes to existing SRP projects (including timing of deliverables).*

## **11. Report from the Fifteenth Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group**

*The Fifteenth Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group will be held from 4 -7 June 2024. The ESC may provide comments to the Extended Commission on the ERSWG report (including advice and recommendations).*

## **12. Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS)**

*Members agreed to include an agenda item to address issues relating to EM/S in future meetings of the ESC. As agreed at ESC 28, Members were requested to complete a questionnaire regarding EM/S in data collection, including how EM/S can collect the data elements currently required under the Scientific Observer Program Standards. The Secretariat will collate Members' view and provide recommendations on SOPS in the context of EM.*

## **13. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2025**

## **14. Research Mortality Allowance**

## **15. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2025 (and beyond)**

- 15.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2025 research activities and implications of Scientific Research Program for the work plan and budget.
- 15.2. Timing, length and structure of next meetings (including ESC, OMMP and relevant subsidiary bodies).

## **16. Other Matters**

## **17. Adoption of Meeting Report**

## **18. Close of Meeting**