

**Provisional Agenda**  
**Extended Commission of the Thirty-First Annual Meeting of the Commission for**  
**the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna**  
**7-10 October 2024**  
**Taipei, Taiwan**

*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-First 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.*

**3. Finance and Administration**

*The Secretariat will present a brief outline of the revised 2024 budget and the proposed budget for 2025 including indicative budgets for 2026 and 2027. 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 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 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 Ecologically Related Species Working Group**

*The Secretariat will present the report of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) June 2024 meeting on behalf of the ERSWG Chair.*

## 6. 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; and Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the Management Procedure).*

### 6.1. Review of the Scientific Observer Program Standards from the perspective of Electronic Monitoring

*ESC 29 will consider the outcome of the Member questionnaire Member regarding the impact of electronic monitoring/system (EM/S) in data collection required under the Scientific Observer Program Standards. ESC 29 may, taking account of the outcome from the ERSWG, make recommendations to revise the CCSBT SOPS.*

## 7. 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, including a draft Compliance Action Plan.*

## 8. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

### 8.1. TAC Determination

*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 now confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2025 to be revised.*

### 8.2. Research Mortality 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 provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this RMA for research activities in 2025.*

### 8.3. Allocation of TAC

*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.*

*CCSBT30 agreed that a special temporary allowance of 130 t would be provided to Indonesia per year from 2024 to 2026 inclusive. 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.*

*It was also suggested at CCSBT 30 that long term arrangements could be considered at CCSBT 31 providing a paper was put forward well in advance of the meeting (at least 60 days prior to the start of the meeting) to allow for consultations with stakeholders. It was noted that the next quota block would be the preferred timing for implementation of a change and that the earlier discussions started the better.*

## 9. 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.*

## 10. 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 ERS<sup>1</sup>, and to consider any updates to the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex 1 of [CCSBT's ERS Resolution](#)<sup>2</sup> 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 noting that these may have already been addressed under the Report from the ERSWG agenda item.*

## 11. Relationship with non-Members

*As requested at CCSBT 30, the Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Panama, Seychelles, Singapore, and the USA to attend CC 19 and CCSBT 31 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.*

## 12. Activities with Other Organisations

### 12.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

*CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest.<sup>3</sup> 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;*
- Discussion surrounding the ongoing need for these RFMO reports; and*
- Secretariat to report back on activities related to other organisations.*

## 13. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

### 13.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2024

*This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 31 should be restricted from public release.<sup>4</sup>*

## 14. Meetings for 2025

*Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2025. Circular #2024/15 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the main meetings to be held during 2025 are:*

- Extended Scientific Committee (ESC): 25 – 29 August 2025;*
- Compliance Committee (CC): 2 – 4 October 2025; and*
- Extended Commission (EC): 6 – 9 October 2025.*

*The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates.*

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<sup>1</sup> This report will be presented to the Compliance Committee meeting immediately prior to CCSBT 31.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs.

<sup>3</sup> With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by Korea, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

<sup>4</sup> Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 31 become publicly available after CCSBT 31 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 31 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 decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group (TCWG) Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 1 October 2025) and whether to support the request from ERSWG15 to hold a physical meeting of the ERSTech working group in 2025. This decision needs to be made sufficiently early in the agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee to reflect the decisions in the budget for 2025.*

*Furthermore, the EC also needs to confirm the timing of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Group meeting.*

**15. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Thirty-Second 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 31. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practice of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 32.*

**16. Other Business**

**17. Close of Meeting**

17.1. Adoption of report

17.2. Close of meeting