



CCSBT-CC/2510/20

Report Against Strategic Plan (CC Agenda item 9)

Background

At CCSBT 30, Members adopted a revised Strategic Plan¹ that outlines a common vision for how the Commission will operate in order to meet the overall objective of the Convention. The Strategic Plan also provides the following vision and set of goals in support of the overall objective.

Vision and goals

Management of SBT

The Commission agrees the SBT tuna stock is to be managed at a biomass level that supports the maximum sustainable yield, and the risks related to fishing for SBT and impacts from fishing for SBT on ecologically related species are mitigated.

- This includes strategies concerning stock rebuilding, allocation and ecologically related species.
- This also includes consideration and review of all other risks including, but not limited to, marine pollution and human safety.

Operation/Administration of the Commission and Secretariat

It was agreed the Commission should operate effectively and efficiently, to responsibly manage fishing for SBT.

- This includes strategies for effective and efficient operation of Commission, its subsidiary bodies and Secretariat, including harmonisation with other RFMOs.

Participation and implementation by Members, including Compliance.

Members are actively participating in management of SBT through the Commission and implementing its decisions.

- This includes strategies concerning MCS, sanctions and assistance to developing countries.

¹ www.ccsbt.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/CCSBT_Strategic_Plan.pdf

Strategic Plan Items of Relevance to CC

The Strategy also includes several actions that are to be carried out by the Commission's various subsidiary bodies. The following elements of the Action Plan and Ongoing Work Plan have been identified as relevant to the work of the CC.

Action Plan

- Further increase efforts, including analysis on the application of electronic monitoring, to improve and supplement observer coverage in accordance with Scientific Observer Program Standard (SOPS).
- **PR2021-36:** Update or revise the 2018-2020 Action Plan to the next five-year phase as a matter of urgency based on the recommendations from the Performance Review.
- Improve arrangements to collect and analyse the information of SBT distributed in the global market, and consider strengthening relevant measures to monitor and control trade of SBT products in the markets.

Ongoing Work Plan

- **PR2021-01:** Members continue to support the MP, by remaining within their allocation limits, and eliminating areas of uncertainty such as Non-Member catches that could undermine its performance.
- **PR2021-26:** Continue monitoring to ensure the effectiveness of the rebuilding strategy for SBT
- **PR2021-25:** CCSBT members should continue to strengthen the implementation of the IPOAs and FAO guidelines in fishing operations.
- Apply the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Program to countries and/or entities who join the Commission in the future.
- Ongoing QAR program for existing Members is subject to the decision by the EC based on further advice from the Compliance Committee.
- **PR2021-57:** Process for review of external documents, including possible non-compliance on the part of Members, should be monitored to ensure that it does not create a barrier for external engagement with the CCSBT.
- Encourage non-Members to increase engagement in CCSBT processes, including joining the CCSBT and utilising the CDS
- **PR2021-44:** Continue to formalise and strengthen information sharing with other RFMO secretariats and alternative information sources.
- Ensure members are submitting high quality, clear, consistent and completed reporting

Monitoring and Implementation

To ensure that the objectives of the Strategic Plan are met, the plan outlines a process that commits to annual monitoring and reporting against the actions agreed under the plan. The Extend Commission (EC) will review the progress made with the Secretariat holding responsibility for compiling the information necessary for the EC to conduct its annual monitoring review.

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”. In 2024, the CC agreed on a template to enable this reporting, which will again be used this year.

Next Steps

In 2024, the CC considered CC-relevant items of the Strategic Plan following the agreed template and provided its “Report from CCSBT Subsidiary Bodies on Progress Against Strategic Plan” to the Extended Commission, as Attachment 13 of the report of CC 19.

At CC 20 this year, Members are asked to update their assessment of progress against those activities assigned to the CC, by updating the previously agreed reporting template in **Attachment A**.

In **Attachment A**, the Secretariat provided some preliminary updates as tracked changes. Yellow-highlighted sections must be updated following the CC 20’s discussion.

The Secretariat recommends that:

- 1) As a part of the pre-meeting discussion process, Members provide their suggested changes/additions to **Attachment A** by 18 September 2025 (two weeks before the CC meeting starts).
- 2) The Secretariat will, in consultation with the CC Chair, submit the initial edited version to the CC as a Working Paper by 25 September 2025 (a week before the CC meeting starts).
- 3) During the CC meeting, the CC will determine if further discussion of the Working Paper is required. If necessary, the CC will convene a small group to discuss the Working Paper. The Small Group will meet in the margins of the plenary meeting to reflect outcomes from CC 20 as appropriate and to finalise the draft progress report.
- 4) The Small Group submits a draft revised progress report as a new working paper for the CC’s plenary discussion.
- 5) CC includes the agreed report as an Attachment to its meeting report.

Prepared by the Secretariat

Report from CCSBT Subsidiary Bodies on Progress Against Strategic Plan

Subsidiary Body: CC

Year: 2025~~4~~

Vision and Goals

Comments from Subsidiary Body

Management of SBT

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- This includes strategies concerning stock rebuilding, allocation and ecologically related species.
- This also includes consideration and review of all other risks including, but not limited to, marine pollution and human safety.

The CCSBT continues to collaborate with its Members to promote and provide educational training on seabird bycatch mitigation measures.

MP targets are defined and a new Member allocation resolution is in place and monitored by the CC.

Operation/Administration of the Commission and Secretariat

It was agreed the Commission should operate effectively and efficiently, to responsibly manage fishing for SBT.

- This includes strategies for effective and efficient operation of Commission, its subsidiary bodies

CC (and other meetings) could expand mix of in person/virtual discussion, noting budget constraints.

The Secretariat will submit cost estimates for broadcasting the in-person meeting for FAC/EC's consideration.

and Secretariat, including harmonisation with other RFMOs.		
Participation and implementation by Members, including Compliance Members are actively participating in management of SBT through the Commission and implementing its decisions. This includes strategies concerning MCS, sanctions and assistance to developing countries.	Most, but not all, Members are participating in CC meetings (EU not participating). <u>Capacity Building Action Plan was agreed by EC 31 in 2024, and the CC 20 will complete its initial needs assessment</u> Developing plan for Members capacity support programme. Note the recent support to SA, ID and KR around EM through the Seabird Project. <u>CC20 will discuss the reporting on compliance with measures that is provided to the CC as part of the CPG3 review.</u>	
Action Plan		
Action	Progress since previous report	Planned work
Further increase efforts, including analysis on the application of electronic monitoring, to improve and supplement observer coverage in accordance with Scientific Observer Program Standard (SOPS).	CC acknowledges the work of the ESC and ERSWG regarding EM and SOPS. CC regularly reviews Members report regarding their observer programme including work around EM.	This work is ongoing.
PR2021-36: Update or revise the 2018-2020 Action Plan to the next five-year phase as a matter of urgency based on the recommendations from the Performance Review.	CCSBT 31 agreed the C19 finalised an updated Compliance Action Plan 2025 – 2029 (CAP) for consideration by CCSBT31. <u>CC20 will review an updated CCSBT Compliance Plan which establishes an annual review process for the CAP.</u> <u>CC20 will complete the first annual monitoring process and review progress against the CAP.</u>	Implement the Compliance Action Plan 2025 – 2029 (once agreed) and undertake annual monitoring and reporting to the Compliance Committee.
Improve arrangements to collect and analyse the information of SBT distributed in the global market, and consider strengthening relevant measures to	CC regularly reviewed the Members report regarding their CDS implementation.	Preparation to introduce eCDS is ongoing. Tag Number Search website will be launched <u>once eCDS is implemented.</u>

monitor and control trade of SBT products in the markets.	Market analysis was conducted utilising Tag survey data and was reviewed in CC 2019 .	Continue M market survey proposed to continue .
Ongoing Work Plan		
Action	Changes since previous report	Planned work
PR2021-01: Members continue to support the MP, by remaining within their allocation limits, and eliminating areas of uncertainty such as Non-Member catches that could undermine its performance.	CC regularly review Members' compliance with allocation limit. In the case of excessive catch, CC monitored the progress of pay-back plan. Through regular contacts with NCNMs, CC reviewed related information such as SBT trade and suspected SBT catch. Also ongoing refinements to CDS and CC identification of vessels in CCSBT areas.	Ongoing
PR2021-26: Continue monitoring to ensure the effectiveness of the rebuilding strategy for SBT.	This work is conducted by ESC using stock assessment and the MP. CC regularly review Members' compliance with allocation limit. In the case of excessive catch, CC monitored the progress of pay-back plan. CC ongoing focus on CDS and improvements. Routine evaluation of non-Member reporting.	This work is ongoing.
PR2021-25: CCSBT members should continue to strengthen the implementation of the IPOAs and FAO guidelines in fishing operations.	CC regularly reviews Members' report which also includes implementation of their IPOAs and FAO guidelines.	Ongoing, there is a need to encourage Members to review their develop and implement national plans of action, when necessary .
Apply the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Program to countries and/or entities who join the Commission in the future.	In CC18 it was concluded that preferred approach is to utilise QARs for any new Members joining CCSBT and to also utilise targeted QARs if appropriate.	N/A (noting no new Members)

Ongoing QAR program for existing Members is subject to the decision by the EC based on further advice from the Compliance Committee.	CC19 finalised a draft Terms of Reference for a QAR in 2025 to examine Indonesia's at-sea transshipment activities for CCSBT <u>was concluded, and CC 20 discussed the report of 2025 QAR.</u>	<u>Completion of the Indonesia Transshipment QAR and report to CC20/CCSBT32</u> <u>The CC Chair will report the recommendation by CC to EC 32.</u>
PR2021-57: Process for review of external documents, including possible non-compliance on the part of Members, should be monitored to ensure that it does not create a barrier for external engagement with the CCSBT.	External documents can be reviewed in CC.	Ongoing
Encourage non-Members to increase engagement in CCSBT processes, including joining the CCSBT and utilising the CDS.	Continued engagement with non-Members, including inviting <u>Canada, China, Fiji, Philippines, Malaysia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Thailand Singapore and USA</u> to participate as observers at CC2019/CCSBT321.	<u>Invite China, Fiji, Philippines, Seychelles, Thailand, and the USA to participate as observers at CC21 and CCSBT 33.</u>
PR2021-44: Continue to formalise and strengthen information sharing with other RFMO secretariats and alternative information sources.	CC19 finalised a An updated Memorandum of Understanding with ICCAT <u>has been executed and is now being implemented for consideration by CCSBT31.</u>	<u>Continue De</u> development of a high-level MOU with the UN FAO to support the further development of an updated IOTC collaboration agreement.
Ensure members are submitting high quality, clear, consistent and completed reporting.	Although some Members do not meet reporting requirements, each Member's reporting is reviewed in CC every year. <u>EC 31 agreed the Capacity Building Action Plan, and CC 20 will complete the initial needs assessment that may include addressing challenges in fulfilling report requirements.</u>	Members are considering the mechanism for capacity building to address their challenges in fulfilling report requirements. <u>Develop Capacity Building Initiative following the outcome of the needs assessment.</u>