CCSBT-TCWG/2602/01

Finalised Provisional Agenda
Fifth Meeting of the Technical Compliance Working Group
24 – 25 February 2026
Virtual

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1. Welcome
1.2. Adoption of Agenda
1.3. Meeting Arrangements

2. Review of Compliance Actions for Delivery in 2026

CC20 recommended to the EC that the detailed discussion on CAP Action items be referred to the Technical Compliance Working Group meeting (TCWG). The actions that require advancement or delivery in 2026 are included an Attachment A. The Secretariat has identified key compliance actions, and these have been grouped under thematic sub-headings below.

2.1. Actions related to Member and Secretariat reporting to the Compliance Committee.

In opening CC20, the CC Chair noted that "the eCDS will streamline the CDS and potentially do away with some of the things we currently monitor, and this provides us with the opportunity to review and refine our compliance effort".

The Secretariat will prepare a summary paper that outlines current Secretariat reporting to CC and where changes relevant to the introduction of the eCDS should be considered. The paper will also outline current Secretariat reporting on Member catches of SBT to ensure the right information is provided to CC to support its completion of the actions under Risk 3.

- *Associated Risk(s): 3, 13*

2.2. Actions related to transhipment of SBT.

Members currently report the systems used for controlling and monitoring transhipments, both in port and at sea, in national reports to CC/EC. It is proposed that this existing reporting should form the basis of any review of the implementation of current transhipment obligations.

Both actions are currently scheduled for completed delivery in 2027, so it proposed that discussions at TCWG will be preliminary only, with a view to supporting CC delivery in 2027.

- *Associated Risk(s): 5*

2.3. Consider methods for enhancing the reliability of logbook information and scientific observer data through appropriate verification methods, including the use of EM, for target and non-target species.

As agreed at CC20 (attachment 7 to the meeting report), this Member-led action will be guided by NZ and AU.

- *Associated Risk(s): 9*

3. Potential Changes to Support CDS Reconciliation

At CC20, the Secretariat identified challenges in undertaking the reconciliation of CDS data between CMFs and REEFs. These challenges relate to product types currently captured under the 'OT' code on REEFs. Due to the technical nature of these discussions, the meeting agreed to recommend that this issue be considered by TCWG.

There are two elements identified by the Secretariat to this discussion:

a. consistency in how these product type codes are applied; and

b. *the conversion factor/s or recovery rate/s[1] that can be applied to product type codes (individually or cumulatively) to allow the Secretariat and Members to monitor and reconcile exports with reported catch.*

Members have also agreed to minimise the use of the 'OT' code in the eCDS and to instead use the processed codes that more accurately reflect the product type being landed or exported. In the eCDS working group meetings held during 2025, Members requested time to consider the compliance implications of these changes and how these codes should be used. Therefore, these discussions will also support the eCDS implementation.

4. Other Business

Discuss any other technical matters submitted to the Secretariat by Members.

5. Recommendations to the Compliance Committee

Provide recommendations, as appropriate, to CC21 related to the issues discussed at the TCWG.

6. Conclusion

Close of meeting.

[1] The recovery rate refers to the percentage of meat recovered from a whole fish.

Attachment A

Actions for Advancement or Delivery in 2026

Key:		Actions currently scheduled for delivery in 2026
		Actions proposed for discussion at TCWG5

Risk Item	Matrix Score (H/M/L)	Action	Planned Delivery	Responsibility	Comment
1. Non-compliance with the (e)CDS or incorrect information in (e)CDS documents.	**L/M**	a) To continue to move towards implementation of the eCDS as soon as possible.	2025 – 2027	Members and the Secretariat	Ongoing actions to implement eCDS in 2027. Not suggested for TCWG consideration at this stage.
		b) Expedite (e)CDS capacity building for Members and Member stakeholders.	2025 – 2027	Members and the Secretariat	
2. Incomplete implementation or submission of (e)CDS data including Non-Members not cooperating with the CDS Resolution.	**H**	a) Extend the availability of the (e)CDS to some key identified Non-Members.	2026 – 2028	Members and the Secretariat	
3. Incomplete reporting of SBT mortalities.	**H**	a) Ensure Members meet reporting requirements as they relate to describing how they monitor, estimate and report all SBT mortalities.	2025 – 2026	Members, Secretariat and ESC	Included in the proposed TCWG agenda.
		b) Consider strengthening corrective actions policies.	2025 – 2026	Members	CC20 agreed to close the review of the Corrective Actions Policy so this action has been completed.
4. Not fully attributing all SBT mortalities (such as recreational catch, artisanal catches, discards, farm sector catches, non-farm commercial sector catches) against national allocations.	**M**	a) Ensure Members meet reporting requirements as they relate to describing how they monitor, estimate and report all SBT mortalities.	2025 – 2026	Members Secretariat and CC	Same action as 3(a) above. Included in the proposed TCWG agenda.

Risk Item	Matrix Score (H/M/L)	Action	Planned Delivery	Responsibility	Comment
5. Non-compliance associated with transhipment obligations (both in port and at-sea).	**H**	a) Review if arrangements have been implemented to ensure transhipment obligations are in place and report back to the Compliance Committee (CC).	2026 – 2027	Members	Action proposed for 2026/27. Initial discussions proposed for TCWG agenda.
		b) Review what actions can be taken in the case of non-compliance of Members or NCNM Carrier Vessels and report back to the CC.	2026 – 2027	Members and the Secretariat	Action proposed for 2026/27. Initial discussions proposed for TCWG agenda.
6. Incomplete submission of transhipment information including transhipment information for non-Member flagged vessels.	**H**	b) Improve and enhance the existing information sharing arrangements between CCSBT and other RFMOs with respect to transhipment information.	2025 – 2026	Members and Secretariat	This is an ongoing action. The current focus is finalising the MOU with FAO/IOTC. Not suggested for TCWG consideration at this stage.
7. SBT mis-reported as other (non SBT) species.	**M**	b) Consider the costs and benefits of genetic testing in markets and whether to conduct such testing and report back to the CC.	2025 – 2026	Members and Secretariat	CC consideration of this action will be informed by the information presented to CC21 on a potential proof of concept for genetic testing by transhipment observers. Not suggested for TCWG consideration at this stage.

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8. Catches of SBT that are not reported by Non-Cooperating Non-Members (NCNMs) and so not taken into account.	**L/M**				
9. Insufficient scientific observer data to manage target and non-target species.	**M/H**	a) Consider methods for enhancing the reliability of logbook information and scientific observer data through appropriate verification methods, including the use of EM, for target and non-target species.	2026	Members (NZ & AU)	Included in the proposed TCWG agenda.
10. Incomplete or inaccurate reporting of non SBT bycatches, including seabirds.	**H**				
11. CCSBT Members not fully **implementing** specific Conservation and Management Measures (CMM's) as agreed, particularly the CCSBT ERS Measure.	**L**				
12. CCSBT Members not fully **complying with the obligations** of specific Conservation and Management Measures (CMM's) as agreed, particularly the CCSBT ERS Measure.	**H**	a) Capacity building for vessel crew of Members on binding ERS measures.	2026 – 2027	Members	Ongoing action for delivery in 2027. Not suggested for TCWG consideration at this stage. However, any further information on Member needs is welcomed at any time.
		b) Support developing State CCSBT Members to raise awareness of	2025 – 2026	Members and Secretariat	Considered as part of the

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		CCSBT obligations within their industry and to identify and introduce tools to support improved compliance with CCSBT measures.			Capacity Building Workplan and further EM discussions being coordinated by NZ. Not suggested for TCWG consideration at this stage but any further information on Member needs is welcomed at any time.
13. Lack of systematic follow-up actions to address non-compliance leading to persistent non-compliance.	**M**	a) Consider opportunities to better support CC to discuss and recommend effective follow up action to address identified non-compliance, including through reporting from the Secretariat.	2025 – 2026	Members and Secretariat	Included in the TCWG agenda with a focus on Secretariat reporting.
14. The increasing demands of work limiting the ability of the Secretariat to assess compliance.	**M/H**				
15. Lack of comprehensive monitoring and inspection of vessels on the High Seas.	**L/M**	c) Encourage Members to support and advocate for the adoption of boarding and inspection CMM in IOTC.	2025 – 2026	Members	This is an ongoing action for Members. Not suggested for TCWG consideration at this stage.