



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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Subject: Letter from the Chair of FADMO-IWG

Dear all,

As requested, I circulate a self-explanatory letter from the Chair of the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group. Any response to the enclosed letter may be directed to the Chair, Mr Jamel James (jamel.james@norma.fm) and copy the Secretariat (elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int). Please distribute this circular to all relevant people in your country.

Yours sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to reconvene the FADMO-IWG activities. Noting that in November 2020, we have finalized a draft *Guidelines for non-entangling and biodegradable FADs*, which was forwarded to the Commission. WCPFC17 in December 2020 provided the following recommendation (Paragraph 349, WCPFC17 Summary Report):


349. Noting that the SC16 and TCC16 could not complete the task in paragraph 22 of CMM 2018-01 due to the limited agenda resulting from COVID-19, the Commission tasked SC17 and TCC17 to review the draft guidelines for non-entangling and biodegradable FADs prepared by the FAD Management Options IWG (Attachment K). The FAD Management Options IWG should revisit the draft guidelines based on input from those bodies as well as any additional scientific and technical information on non-entangling and bio-degradable FADs.

Our objective is to update the Guidelines for Non-Entangling and Biodegradable FAD Materials taking into consideration discussions at SC17 and TCC17 including other available scientific and technical information on non-entangling and bio-degradable FADs and the status of WCPFC Project 110.

I will consider the latest FADMO-IWG contact list in the FADMO-IWG Summary Report, Attachment A (<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/node/11971>), to reconvene our activities through email communications. **If you intend to include additional colleagues to be part of the FADMO-IWG, please inform me (jamel.james@norma.fm) and copy the Secretariat (elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int) ASAP but no later than Thursday, 14 October 2021.**

I also would like to request the Secretariat to circulate this letter to CCMs and Observers for their information.

Sincerely,



Jamel James
FADMO-IWG Chair