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

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TCC18 Proposed Schedule and Update on Meeting Arrangements

Dear Colleagues

As advised in Circular 2022/46, I am writing to provide an update on preparations for the 18th Meeting of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC18), including advising on the proposed schedule for the meeting. As outlined in my previous letter, I have been consulting with the CMS-IWG Chair, the Audit Points and RBAF leads and the Secretariat to consider how to best structure the online TCC18 meeting to progress the CMS Future Work tasks assigned to us by WCPFC18.

TCC18 Schedule

The proposed TCC18 Schedule is available on the TCC18 meeting page and is attached to this circular (WCPFC-TCC18-2022-01). In short, I propose to follow a similar structure to previous TCC meetings, with the time usually reserved for the Compliance Monitoring Review process set aside for small working group discussions on the various aspects of the CMS Future Work (primarily focused on the Audit Points and RBAF, but also progressing the Aggregate Tables, CCFS development and observer participation tasks to the extent possible).

Plenary will commence on day one (Wednesday), with days two and three (Thursday and Friday) set aside for SWG discussions, before moving back into plenary on day four (Saturday). Sunday will be set aside as a rest day. I am hopeful that the SWGs will be able to make sufficient progress by that point that we (myself, the CMS-IWG Chair and SWG leads, and the Secretariat) will be able to utilise the rest day to synthesise overarching advice on the future CMS for TCC's consideration. A later, shorter session is scheduled for day five (Monday) to continue SWG and/or plenary work. Day six (Tuesday) will be the final day of plenary.

Noting the long agenda and recognising that last year's meeting ran consistently over time, I have extended meeting days by one hour – hence plenary will run from 10am to 3pm

Pohnpei time (including a half hour break), with the exception of day five (Monday) which will be 3-5pm.

I will work with the CMS-IWG Chair and workstream leads in the coming weeks to plan the timing for the SWG work that will take place throughout the meeting. I am aware of the significant intersessional effort that Emily, Rhea and Heather, along with all CMS-IWG participants, have put into this work and I am committed to ensuring that these groups have the best opportunity to complete their work and present this to TCC18. Please be assured that no simultaneous working groups will be scheduled.

Heads of Delegations Meeting

As per usual practice, a Heads of Delegations meeting will be convened the afternoon prior to TCC18, to be held from 4pm Tuesday 20 September Pohnpei time. An agenda for this meeting will be provided in due course.

Revised TCC18 Provisional Agenda

Please note that a revised TCC18 Provisional Agenda has been posted to the TCC18 meeting page (WCPFC-TCC18-2022-02_rev1) – the only change from the version circulated previously is the addition of agenda item 9.4 (Election of Officers).

Commencement of the TCC18 Online Discussion Forum

The TCC18 Online Discussion Forum (ODF) will commence one month before TCC18 (**Monday 22 August 2022**) and will provide an important platform for preparatory and supplementary work that will enable us to best utilise the limited time available in the Zoom plenary. A list of TCC18 ODF topics will be provided prior to commencement of the forum, but in summary:

- • The regular reports that the Secretariat prepares (including the Executive Director's Annual Report) will be included in the ODF with issues to be raised to plenary by exception only.

- • Consideration of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) applications will be undertaken through the ODF and reported to plenary.

- • Delegation papers or proposals may be considered through the ODF.

As with last year, there will be opportunity for plenary discussion of ODF items where necessary under relevant agenda items. The TCC18 ODF will remain open through the TCC18 meeting to facilitate meeting discussions.

Other issues

I take this opportunity to remind CCMs to please provide any delegation papers/proposals and or requests for additional ODF topics by **Sunday 21 August 2022**. I also remind CCMs that I would welcome nominations for a chair for the CNM-SWG.

Participants are encouraged to register early for TCC18 Meeting and reminded that access to the ODF is limited to registered and approved TCC18 participants. You may register for the online TCC18 meeting at the following link: https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc18

I look forward to working with all of you in the weeks ahead towards a productive and successful TCC18 meeting. I hope that you are all staying safe and well in your countries and I welcome the advice that we will soon be able to meet in person for the WCPFC19.

Kind regards

Mat Kertesz
TCC CHAIR

TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
Eighteenth Regular Session
Electronic Meeting 21 – 27 September 2022

TCC18 INDICATIVE SCHEDULE

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TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER from 4.00pm Pohnpei time
(Tuesday 20 September from 05h00 UTC)
Online

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3.40pm for 4.00pm start		**Doc**
4pm	**TCC18 HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING**	**HOD**

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER from 10.00am Pohnpei time
(Tuesday 20 September from 23h00 UTC)
Online

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9.40am for 10.00am start		**Doc**
10.00 – 12.30pm	**AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING**	
	1.1 Welcome	
	1.2 Adoption of agenda	**02_rev1**
	1.3 Meeting arrangements	
	AGENDA ITEM 2 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Overview report of the WCPFC MCS and Compliance Programmes (will be taken as read)*	
	AGENDA ITEM 3 IUU LIST	
	AGENDA ITEM 4 CNM REQUESTS 4.1 Assess applications for CNM status and provide recommendations and advice on CNM applications	
	AGENDA ITEM 5 MONITORING AND REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE	
	5.1 Review progress of the work included in the multi-year workplan of tasks to enhance the Compliance Monitoring Scheme by the CMS-IWG (CMM 2021-03 Section IX, WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 352, TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task f)	

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[1] Based on Provisional Agenda TCC18-2022-02_rev1 (issued 17 August 2022)

	(a) Develop audit points to clarify the assessment of existing obligations under the CMS (b) Develop a risk-based assessment framework to inform compliance assessments and ensure obligations are meeting the objectives of the Commission (c) Develop guidelines for participation of observers in closed meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies which consider the Compliance Monitoring Report (d) Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non-compliance is identified (e) Advice and recommendations related to the process for reviewing the aggregated information referred to in CMM 2021-03 paragraph 26(ii) drawn from the online Compliance Case File System (f) Advice on appropriate compliance assessment decision-making processes *In accordance with CMM 2021-03, TCC18 is expected to focus on completing the development of Audit Points (5.1a), a risk-based assessment framework (5.1b) and the development of guidelines for observer participation in the CMS (5.1c) and provide recommendations to WCPFC19 to support WCPFC19's adoption of these work areas.* *TCC18 shall also continue to consider:* *i) The process for reviewing the aggregate information referred to in paragraph 26(ii) (5.1e);* *ii) The other components of the CMS Future Work;* *iii) Further improvements to the compliance case file system;* *iv) Appropriate compliance assessment decision-making processes (5.1f).*	
12.30 – 1.00pm	**BREAK**	
	5.2 Advice and recommendations related to TCC19's consideration of the Compliance Monitoring Report that assesses CCMs' compliance over the previous 2-year reporting period (RY2021 and RY2022) (WCPFC18 Summary Report, para 352 (v), CMM 2021-03)	
1.00– 3.00pm	5.3 Advice and recommendations related to the continued development of the Commission's Information Management System to support implementation of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme with the aim of making it more efficient and effective by streamlining processes (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task i)	
	(a) Update on enhancements to the online Compliance Case File System and 2022-2023 project to enhance Secretariat analytical capacity and associated integrated-IMS tools to support the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and MCS activities of members (*paper will be taken as read*)	

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1.00 – 3.00pm	5.4　　Provide advice on CMMs that need revision to improve compliance and monitoring, including those for which interpretation issues have been identified through the CMS process (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task g)	
	(a) Advice on the baseline period or limit for the Indonesia Large Fish Handline Fishery (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 144, CMM 2021-01 paragraph 47)	
	5.5　　Review and provide advice on improvements to the ROP data fields, including those in ROP pre-notifications, to allow for more useful consideration in the Compliance case file system and compliance review process (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task j)	
	(a) Advice on improvements to ROP minimum standard data fields for whale sharks and cetaceans to allow for a distinction between an interaction and a possible infraction in the compliance case file system	
	AGENDA ITEM 6　　TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS ARISING FROM COVID-19 RELATED INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS	
	6.1　　Review available information on the implementation of Intersessional Decisions taken in response to COVID-19 in 2021/22 (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 75 and WCPFC SS4) and provide recommendation and advice	
	Brief introduction of *selected* Technical Matters Proposals from **AGENDA ITEM 7 prior to IWG/SWGs on Thursday - Friday** *List will be confirmed at HOD*	

DAY 2: THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER from 10.00am Pohnpei time
(Wednesday 21 September from 23h00 UTC)
Online

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9.40am for 10.00am start		
10.00 am **CMS Future Work SWGs**	**CMS Future Work**– dedicated time for SWG discussions on CMS Future Work components (*Agenda 5.1*)	
12.00 – 1.00pm **break**	*Other IWG/SWGs may be scheduled during the break*	
3.00pm		

DAY 3: FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER from 10.00am Pohnpei time
(Thursday 22 September from 23h00 UTC)
Online

9.40am for 10.00am start		**Doc**
10.00 am **CMS Future Work SWGs** 12.00 – 1.00pm **break** 3.00pm	**CMS Future Work**– dedicated time for SWG discussions on CMS Future Work components (*Agenda 5.1*) *Other IWG/SWGs may be scheduled during the break*	

DAY 4: SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER from 10.00am Pohnpei time
(Friday 23 September from 23h00 UTC)
Online

9.40am for 10.00am start		**Doc**
10.00 am 12.30 – 1.00pm **break**	*Update from CNM SWG (and other SWGs?)* *Revisit* 5.2 Advice and recommendations related to TCC19's consideration of the Compliance Monitoring Report that assesses CCMs' compliance over the previous 2-year reporting period (RY2021 and RY2022) (WCPFC18 Summary Report, para 352 (v), CMM 2021-03) *Continue with Agenda Item 5 and 6 as needed*	
	AGENDA ITEM 7 TECHNICAL MATTERS REQUIRING TCC ADVICE, INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATIVE MCS AND ENFORCEMENT *will include update reports from the relevant IWG/TCC WGs that will be taken as read*	
	7.1 Review information about scientific data provision (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task b) *(paper will be taken as read)*	
	7.2 Enhance how CCM's and Secretariat's VMS practices integrate to facilitate ongoing monitoring and compliance with CMM 2014-02 (VMS) (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task m) (a) Advice on future work to enable direct/simultaneous VMS reporting by vessels/ALCs reporting to the WCPFC VMS	
	7.3 Review and provide advice on the trial CCFS messaging tool to track observer report requests and responses, as part of TCC task to develop improved mechanisms for the flow of observer information from ROP Providers to CCMs needing such information for their investigations (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task n)	

3.00pm	7.4 Advice and recommendations related to the continued development of the Commission's Information Management System to support MCS activities, including exploration of IMS data submission and extraction tools (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task i)	
	(a) Update on RFV upgrade (IT-related systems consolidation) (*paper will be taken as read*)	
	7.5 Provide advice on outputs from the ER and EM Working Group, including those related to existing obligations, data gaps and the prioritization of ER and EM and draft minimum standards for electronic monitoring (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task r)	
	7.6 Review the ongoing work of relevant IWG/TCC WGs related to reviews of existing CMMs (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 core business task h) or through work led by Members	
	(a) CMM 2009-06 Transhipment (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task q,WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 309)	
	(b) CMM 2015-02 South Pacific albacore (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task d, WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 322)	
	(c) CMM 2009-03 Southwest Pacific swordfish (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 229)	
	(d) CMM 2010-01 North Pacific striped marlin (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 242)	
	(e) CMM 2021-04 Charter Notification Scheme (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task c)	
	7.7 Provide advice on intersessional work to improve crew safety, including advice on the development of a draft CMM (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task e, WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 320)	
	AGENDA ITEM 8 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES	
	8.1 Monitor obligations relating to, and support building the capacity of, SIDS and territories – (TCC Workplan 2022-2024)	

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

	FREE DAY	

DAY 5: MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER from 3.00pm Pohnpei time
(Monday 26 September from 04h00 UTC)
Online

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2.40pm for 3.00pm start		
3.00 pm	*Continue with Agenda Items 5-8 as needed*	
5.00pm	***CMS Future Work SWGs** and other IWG/SWGs may be scheduled*	

DAY 6: TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER from 10.00am Pohnpei time

(Monday 26 September from 23h00 UTC)

Online

9.40am for 10.00am start		**Doc**
10.00 am 12.30 – 1.00pm **break** 3.00pm	*Updates from the small working groups* *Continue with Agenda Item 5 - 8 if needed*	
	AGENDA ITEM 9 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	
	9.1 Anticipated forecast of Secretariat work commitments for TCC	
	9.2 Update of TCC Workplan (*if needed*)	
	9.3 Update on WCPFC IT/VMS Security Audit	
	AGENDA ITEM 10 OTHER MATTERS FOR TCC ADVICE ARISING FROM THE TCC18 ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM *This agenda item is intended to provide a limited opportunity to consider outcomes on other topics from the TCC18 online discussion forum.*	
	9.4 Election of Officers	
	9.5 Next meeting	
	AGENDA 11 CLEARANCE OF TCC18 RECOMMENDATIONS *(As per usual practice full TCC18 report will be cleared intersessionally)*	
	AGENDA 12 CLOSE OF MEETING	