



TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

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SC18 OUTCOMES RELEVANT TO TCC18 AGENDA 7.1

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List of SC18 Provisional Outcomes that may be relevant to TCC Workplan 2022 -2024 Priority Project (b) Review of information about scientific data provision (TCC Task)

(ref: [SC18 Provisional Outcomes Document](#))

SC18 Agenda 2.1 Data gaps of the Commission

- i SC18 recommended WCPFC support a project to improve the coverage and quality of purse seine processor data. *(SC18 Provisional Outcomes Document, paragraph 1)*
- ii SC18 recommended the inclusion of tables of the operational level catch and effort data fields for longline, purse seine and pole-and-line gears, as a guideline and without the column of “binding” and adding the title of “Annex 2, guidelines for data submission of operational level catch and effort data fields for fisheries”, as an additional ANNEX of the “Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission”, with an additional paragraph under Section 3. Operational level catch and effort data as follows:
“Annex 2 provides tables of the guidelines of operational level catch and effort data fields for longline, purse seine and pole-and-line gears in order to clarify and assist members in understanding the requirements of each data field and thereby facilitate the submission of data to the WCPFC.”
(SC18 Provisional Outcomes Document, paragraph 2)
- iii Noting the inconsistency in the data reporting requirements between the Scientific Data to be Provided by the Commission (SciData), and other WCPFC reporting obligations (e.g., in CMMs), and the need to improve the data available for stock assessments, SC18 recommended that the Scientific Services Provider undertake a review of the minimum data reporting requirements and report to SC19 in 2023. SC18 requested CCMs to submit proposals for additional or amended data field, with associated justification, before 30th March 2023. For example, the proposal for including FAD minimum data fields recorded by vessel operators in the SciData which was presented to SC18 should be forwarded to SC19 for consideration. *(SC18 Provisional Outcomes Document, paragraph 3)*

SC18 Agenda 9.2 Implications of low observer coverage on the upcoming bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna stock assessments

- iv SC18 noted the information provided by SPC regarding the impact of reduced observer coverage on purse seine species catch estimates and the resultant impact on its scientific work.
(SC18 Provisional Outcomes Document, paragraph 134)
