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TS-IWG CO-CHAIRS' REPORT TO WCPFC19

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**Submitted by the TS-IWG co-Chairs from
Vanuatu and the United States of America**

At the request of the Commission ([WCPFC18 provisional outcomes document](#), paragraphs 81-83), the Transshipment Intersessional Working Group (TS-IWG) continued its review of CMM 2009-06. The group was inactive until TCC18, when it was called upon to facilitate discussion and draft recommendations adopted by TCC18 to WCPFC19 (TCC18 draft summary report, paragraphs 193-198).

Recognizing the priority of this work within the Commission, and seeking to facilitate a path toward adoption and successful implementation, the Secretariat and SPC submitted an analysis to the Commission of how TCC18's transshipment recommendations could be implemented to achieve CCMs' desired outcomes ([WCPFC19-2022-32](#)). For example, WCPFC19-2022-32 highlights the need to modify the first of the TCC18 transshipment recommendations to clarify reporting obligations within the ROP and the data fields in the transshipment forms (FC-1 and FC-2). There are also additional recommendations in WCPFC19-2022-32 (paragraph 24) that your co-chairs found potentially helpful to bolstering progress of the TS-IWG in 2023. Accordingly, your TS-IWG co-Chairs reconciled and combined the TCC18 recommendations with those of the Secretariat and SPC, and **would appreciate the TS-IWG's consideration of, and input on, draft TS-IWG recommendations to WCPFC19 (Attachment A)**. The objective of the draft TS-IWG recommendations are to facilitate adoption by WCPFC19 and implementation by the Secretariat and SPC, of TCC18's transshipment-related outcomes.

In addition to specific implementation recommendations, the Secretariat and SPC also provided future considerations (paragraph 9). Separately, the Commission received a Delegation Paper from the United States seeking an expeditious approach for the TS-IWG in 2023 ([WCPFC19-2022-DP02](#)) - with some perspectives for future TS-IWG work that overlap the Secretariat's and SPC's future work considerations. In recognition of the outdated work plan for the TS-IWG, and the papers submitted to WCPFC19, **the TS-IWG co-Chairs would welcome members' consideration of, and input on, a draft TS-IWG 2023 Work Plan (Attachment B) for adoption by the TS-IWG during WCPFC19.**

While the draft recommendations to WCPFC19 (Attachment A) would be presented to the Commission by the TS-IWG, the draft work plan (Attachment B) could be adopted by the TS-IWG itself, and would be based on the TS-IWG Scope of Work, while also drawing from the papers referenced in this document, and input among members during WCPFC19. The draft TS-IWG 2023 Work Plan, if adopted, would help the TS-IWG stay on track towards a potential WCPFC19 tasking for the TS-IWG to submit a draft revised transshipment CMM for consideration by WCPFC20.

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TS-IWG Recommendation to WCPFC19

The TS-IWG, in an effort to reconcile TCC18's transshipment recommendations with potential implementation issues identified and analyzed by the Secretariat and SPC, recommends the following outcome language for consideration by WCPFC19:

1. *WCPFC19 adopted the Draft minimum data fields for Observer transshipment monitoring as listed in Attachment 2 of WCPFC19-2022-32 as data fields to be collected by transshipment observers during transshipment events, as of 1 January 2023;*
2. *WCPFC19 requested the Secretariat and Scientific Services Provider to provide a report to TCC19 and WCPFC20 on the outcomes of implementation of the short term implementation phase (WCPFC19-2022-32, paragraphs 11-22).*
3. *WCPFC19 requested TCC20 (after more than one year of implementation), and the IWG-ROP, consider the ROP data fields in FC-1 and FC-2 data fields and whether any revisions are necessary to the minimum data fields for Observer transshipment monitoring.*
4. *The TS-IWG and the IWG-ROP should consider FC-3 and its data fields for inclusion in the WCPFC ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields or as minimum data fields for observer transshipment monitoring.*
5. *WCPFC19 agreed to amend the 'Data fields' item of the Agreed Minimum Standards and Guidelines of the Regional Observer Programme to read as follows:*

“For transshipment on the high seas, transshipment ROP providers shall send the agreed ROP minimum standards data in forms FC-1 and FC-2 to the Commission Secretariat within 90 days of the disembarkation of the observer from the carrier.”

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TS-IWG 2023 Work Plan

This 2023 work plan succeeds the work plan in the [TS-IWG Terms of Reference](#) (TOR). Congruent to the agreed objectives in the TS-IWG TOR, in 2023 the TS-IWG will also consider the following factors:

- existing processes and systems for the collection and management of ROP data to the Commission and whether these could be used for observer transshipment data;
- the application of the three sets of [WCPFC ER reporting standards](#);
- the philosophy of the WCPFC Project 93;
- the progress made through recent field work aimed at enhancing the data collection of observers monitoring and electronic monitoring systems during at sea longline transshipment;
- considerations around cooperation between WCPFC and other Pacific-basin based RFMOs in respect of transshipment monitoring e.g. possible expansion of cross endorsement arrangement for purse seine observers with IATTC and operationalizing the existing transshipment observer MOC with CCSBT;
- and consideration of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment.

2023	TS-IWG Objective	TS-IWG Outcome	Format of Work
February	Assess CMM 2009-06 and FAO Guidelines.	Draft revisions to CMM 2009-06 for further discussion.	Honolulu, HI (hybrid) <i>8 hours</i>
April	Review the SPC & Secretariat information analysis.	Questions for SPC & Secretariat for follow-up. Identify data for further analysis.	Online (Zoom) <i>6 hours</i>
June	Assess & analyze SPC & Secretariat responses, and data (identified by TS-IWG in April) against CMM 2009-06	Draft revisions to CMM 2009-06 for further discussion.	TBD (hybrid) <i>16 hours</i>
July/August	Merge draft revisions (from February & June) into a single revised and coherent draft CMM.	Draft revised CMM 2009-06 for discussion on margins of TCC19	Email correspondence
September	Reconcile CCMs' concerns and interests towards a final draft revised CMM 2009-06	TCC19 and TS-IWG recommend draft revised CMM 2009-06 to WCPFC20	TCC18 (in-person) <i>4-8 hours</i>
December	Finalize draft revisions to CMM 2009-06	Adopt a revised CMM 2009-06 (CMM 2023-XX)	WCPFC20 (in-person) <i>TBD</i>