



TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Nineteenth Regular Session

20 – 26 September 2023

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

WCPFC-TCC19-2023-02A

7 August 2023

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting will commence at 8:30am on Wednesday 20 September 2023.

1.1 Welcome

The TCC Chair, Mr Mat Kertesz (Australia) will open the Nineteenth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC19) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and welcome delegations of the WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The Chair will present the Provisional Agenda (TCC19-2023-02) for consideration and adoption. The Rules of Procedure provide that Members may propose supplementary agenda items until 30 days before the meeting (Rule 3). The agenda, as modified, will need to be adopted by the meeting (Rule 5).

1.3 Meeting arrangements

TCC19 will review the Indicative Schedule and consider logistical arrangements to support the meeting, including proposed meeting times and any social events.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON
TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS**

The Executive Director will provide a report on relevant technical and compliance issues, as well as key strategic issues for discussion at WCPFC20.

AGENDA ITEM 3 IUU VESSEL LIST

In accordance with [CMM 2019-07](#), TCC19 will review the current WCPFC IUU list and the draft IUU list, and any suitably documented information.

AGENDA ITEM 4 CNM REQUESTS

In accordance with [CMM 2019-01](#), TCC19 will consider the applications for CNM status in 2024 and provide recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. A small working group is expected to review the applications and report back to plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 5 COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME (CMS)

2023 marks the thirteenth year of implementation of the CMS. The WCPFC18 adopted [CMM 2021-03 Conservation and Management Measure for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme](#) for 2022-2023, and enhancement work is prioritized in accordance with the cover note to CMM 2021-03 and through the TCC Workplan 2022-2024.

5.1 Provisional CMR covering RY 2021 and RY 2022

TCC19 will review the assessment of the 2022 Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR) covering RY 2021 and the 2023 CMR covering RY 2022 using audit points adopted by WCPFC19. TCC19 will also review the aggregate tables summarizing information in the WCPFC online compliance case file system, and this will be guided by the approach adopted by WCPFC19.

TCC19 will develop a provisional CMR for the previous 2 year reporting period (RY2021 and RY2022), taking into account any Capacity Development Plans developed pursuant to paragraphs 14-16, and other information described in paragraph 26(ii), any additional information provided by CCMs, and, where appropriate, any additional information provided by non-government organizations or other organizations concerned with matters relevant to the implementation of the Convention. The provisional CMR will contain the following:

1. an executive summary,
2. a compliance status with respect to all applicable individual obligations as well as recommendations for any corrective action(s) needed by the CCM or action(s) to be taken by the Commission, based on potential compliance issues identified in respect of that CCM and using the agreed audit points adopted by WCPFC19,
3. tables including aggregated data (templates attached in Annex III to CMM 2021-03) relating to the information provided in paragraph 10 of CMM 2021-03, including recommendations or observations from TCC in accordance with CMM 2021-03, and
4. for the few obligations where audit points are not yet agreed, the interim criteria and considerations for assessing Compliance Status set out in Annex I of CMM 2021-03 may be applied.

5.2 Use of ROP data in the CMS

WCPFC19 endorsed the following TCC recommendation: -

TCC18 noted the imbalance between the information available for monitoring compliance between the longline and purse seine fisheries and recommended that the Commission recognise the need to address this imbalance. (WCPFC19 Summary Report para 351 (i)).

TCC19 is invited to discuss and as appropriate, provide advice and recommendations related to the use of ROP data in the CMS.

5.3 Progressing ongoing work of CMS-IWG

The Commission tasked the CMS-IWG and the TCC with progressing a multi-year workplan of tasks to enhance the CMS, with the aim of making the CMS more efficient and effective by streamlining processes. TCC19 will receive an update from the TCC Vice Chair, in the capacity of CMS-IWG Chair, overviewing the continuing CMS-IWG activities.

(a) Finalize audit points

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (f(i))

WCPFC19 adopted ninety-two (92) audit points for the WCPFC CMS and an [Audit Point Checklist](#) for proposed new or amended obligations. WCPFC19 also agreed to prioritize work on the remaining audit points in 2023. The CMS-IWG Lead on Audit Points, Mr. Viv Fernandes (Australia) will provide an update to TCC19 on intersessional work.

(b) Develop corrective actions

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (f(iv))

The CMS-IWG Lead on development of corrective actions, Ms. Elizabeth O’Sullivan (USA) will update TCC19 on intersessional work.

(c) Refine the aggregate tables review process

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (f(ii))

WCPFC19 endorsed the proposed approach from the TCC Chair for the process to review aggregate tables in 2023. The TCC Chair will provide an update to TCC19 on the work to refine the aggregate tables review process.

5.4 Expiry of CMM 2021-03

TCC19 will consider whether to recommend the continuation of CMM 2021-03 to the Commission, noting that CMM 2021-03 will lapse at the end of 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 6 STATUS OF FISHERIES PRESENTATION AND UPDATES ON THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

TCC19 will receive brief updates from the Scientific Services Provider (SSP) on the status of the WCPO tuna and billfish stocks and climate change impacts. WCPFC19 agreed Climate Change as a new standing agenda item for the Commission. TCC19 will discuss how best to incorporate climate change information and analyses in the work of TCC.

AGENDA ITEM 7 COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION

TCC19 will consider the following issues relating to the need for more balanced, robust compliance review:

1. Imbalance in information available for monitoring compliance between the longline and purse seine fisheries (See also *Agenda Item 5.2*)
2. Lack of independently verifiable data to support review of compliance with some obligations. The Secretariat will present a paper that identifies which obligations do not have independently verifiable data to support compliance review. The paper will also include potential data sources that could support independent verification of compliance.
3. Prioritizing the development of additional data collection mechanisms for some obligations to support more timely and verifiable data in the CMR process, particularly the ongoing work on ER&EM and transshipment reporting.

AGENDA ITEM 8 IWG UPDATES AND TCC ADVICE ON EXISTING CMMs

TCC19 will review ongoing work of Intersessional Working Groups and will provide advice on existing CMMs, per the TCC Workplan 2022-2024:

8.1 TS-IWG

Update to be provided by the TS-IWG Co-Chairs, Dr Alex Kahl (USA) and Mr Felix Ngwango (Vanuatu).

8.2 IWG-ROP

Update to be provided by the IWG-ROP Chair, Mr Harold Vilia (Solomon Islands)

8.3 ER and EM IWG

Update to be provided by the ER and EM IWG Chair, Dr Shelton Harley (NZ).

8.4 SPA Roadmap IWG

Update to be provided by the SPA Roadmap IWG Chair, Ms Neomai Ravitu (Fiji).

8.5 Tropical Tuna CMM and FAD Management Options IWG

TCC19 will receive a brief update from the Chair of the Commission Dr Josie Tamate (Niue) on the process to develop a revised Tropical Tuna Measure. TCC19 will also receive a brief update from the Chair of the FAD Management Options IWG, Mr Jamel James (FSM).

8.6 Labour Standards IWG

Update to be provided by the Co-Chairs, Ms Putuh Suadela (Indonesia) and Ms Sarah McAvinchy (NZ).

8.7 CMM 2017-02 Port State Minimum Standards

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (k)

[CMM 2017-02](#) is to be reviewed every two years since its effective date of February 2018. The measure sets out some elements to be included in the review. TCC19 will consider how best to further develop port-based initiatives as part of the suite of cooperative MCS tools.

8.8 CMM 2014-02 Commission VMS

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (m)

Update from the Secretariat on progress with the remaining future work tasks from the VMS SWG and as set out in the TCC Workplan. TCC19 will consider how to enhance CCM's and Secretariat's practices to integrate and facilitate ongoing monitoring and compliance with [CMM 2014-02](#).

8.9 Other CMMs with interpretation issues identified through the CMS

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (g)

TCC19 will provide advice to the Commission related to CMMs that need revision to improve compliance and monitoring, including those where interpretation issues have been identified from the CMS process.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ANALYTICAL INTERPRETATION OF DATA AND COMMUNICATION OF TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS
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The Secretariat continues to progress work that aims to simplify the delivery of required reports to TCC including annual reports, and to set a foundation for improved and expanded analytical capacity within the Secretariat. Using funds approved by WCPFC19 for a short-term consultancy in 2023, the Secretariat secured a Compliance and Monitoring Analyst to support the streamlining and enhancement of the Secretariat's routine and ad-hoc analyses, and reports that support the work of the Commission. The Secretariat will report to TCC19 on its experience with the additional consultancy in 2023 to inform further consideration as appropriate at FAC17 on future arrangements. TCC19 will consider necessary advice and develop recommendations to the Commission on continuation of this work.

AGENDA ITEM 10 SUPPORTING CCMs WITH TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS

10.1 WCPFC19 tasks to assist CCMs with annual reporting

The Commission tasked the CMS-IWG and the TCC with progressing a multi-year workplan of tasks to enhance the CMS which includes the development of guidelines and operating procedures to support CMS implementation. TCC19 is to consider relevant information and updates and make recommendations to the Commission.

10.2 Ongoing development of guidelines, training resources and learning aids, update of documentation to support CCMs implementation of CMMs that support cooperative MCS activities

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, priority project specific task (p)

TCC has previously identified that a priority task is the continued development of training resources and learning aids for the IMS, and the Secretariat has been tasked to explore the development of training videos. Recent upgrades of key IT-related systems and associated guidelines and training resources have focused on supporting CCMs reporting. Noting these systems also support cooperative MCS activities of CCMs, TCC19 will consider and provide advice about additional support aids that the Secretariat should explore to better support CCMs cooperative MCS activities.

AGENDA ITEM 11 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

Consideration of the Special Requirements of Developing States pursuant to Part VIII of the Convention is a standing agenda item on the provisional agenda (see Rule 2(h) of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure)

11.1 Monitor obligations relating to, and support building the capacity of, SIDS and territories

The TCC Workplan 2022-2024 contains a list of possible areas of support to build capacity of SIDS:

- i. implement observer programs, including training and data management;*
- ii. develop and implement MCS information management system (IMS) at a national level;*
- iii. improve bycatch reporting;*
- iv. set up a system or process for reports on transshipment activities and MTU inspections;*
- v. implement minimum standards for Port State measures.*

TCC19 will consider relevant information and make recommendations to the Commission.

11.2 Capacity assistance needs identified through the Annual Reporting and the CMS

TCC19 will review requests for capacity development assistance from developing states and territories, that have been identified through annual reporting and the CMS, for inclusion into the [WCPFC Strategic Investment Plan](#).

AGENDA ITEM 12 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

12.1 IT-related system upgrades

TCC Workplan 2022-2024, (f(ii), i, o and p) and WCPFC19 Summary Report, paragraph 351 (iv, vii)

The Secretariat will update TCC19 on its progress with upgrading IT-related systems to support CCM reporting and implementation of obligations. The update will include progress on necessary IT-related system consolidation work, delivery of Commission mandated IT-related tasks and consideration of requested enhancements to improve CCMs ease of use of online systems.

12.2 WCPFC IT/VMS Security Audit

Paragraph 6.10 of the [WCPFC VMS SSPs](#) and WCPFC19 Summary Report paragraph 449

WCPFC19 approved the TCC18 recommendations to expand the annual VMS Security Audit, to include a more dynamic and continual assessment of the WCPFC information systems and annual penetration testing of the WCPFC information systems. The Secretariat will update TCC19 on the progress of this year's WCPFC IT/VMS Security Audit.

AGENDA ITEM 13 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13.1 Proposed MOU with NPFC

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation between WCPFC and the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) was considered by the NPFC Commission in March 2023. TCC19 is invited to consider the draft MOU and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission.

13.2 Required resources

TCC19 is invited to discuss and provide advice and recommendations to FAC17 and the Commission on the resources required to support TCC19 outcomes, including tasks set out in the TCC Workplan for 2024 and subsequent years, taking into consideration the views of the Secretariat.

13.3 Process to update TCC Workplan

TCC19 will consider the process for updating the [TCC Workplan 2022-2024](#).

13.4 Next meeting

TCC19 is invited to recommend that TCC20 be held on Wednesday 25th September – Tuesday 1st October 2024, and to confirm the venue is in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

AGENDA ITEM 14 OTHER MATTERS FOR TCC ADVICE FROM THE TCC19 ODF

This agenda item is intended to provide a limited opportunity for TCC19 to consider outcomes on other topics from the TCC19 online discussion forum (ODF). TCC19 may also consider, as appropriate, advice and recommendations related to SC19 and NC19 outcomes.

AGENDA ITEM 15 CLEARANCE OF TCC19 RECOMMENDATIONS

TCC19 will adopt an Outcomes Document that reflects decisions and recommendations with the full summary report to be cleared intersessionally.

AGENDA ITEM 16 CLOSE OF MEETING

Members and the Chair may wish to provide closing remarks, after which the Chair will close the meeting.