



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
NINETEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Koror, Palau
16 – 24 August 2023

PROVISIONAL ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM TOPICS

WCPFC-SC19-2023/04 (Rev.03)

BACKGROUND

The Secretariat introduced the online discussion forum (ODF, <https://forum.wcpfc.int>) webpage in 2020, and SC16 was the first meeting to use the ODF platform. The purpose of using SC-ODF is to facilitate discussions on SC-related projects and other topics as requested by the authors. This paper provides a list of Topics for consideration on the ODF platform for SC19.

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF ODF IN 2023

The following guidelines are generally proposed for the use of the ODF for SC19:

- 1) This website is accessible by any approved SC19 participants;
- 2) The Commission-funded SC projects that are not be presented at the plenary will be considered for discussion on the ODF. Resulting outputs may be briefly reviewed under Agenda Item *SC Work Programme and Budget* to help finalize the projects;
- 3) Other information papers can be posted on the ODF if requested by the authors, noting that authors are fully responsible for providing responses to questions or comments as needed; and
- 4) Once the ODF is closed for comments by Saturday, 19 August 2023, a *Summary of the SC19 Online Discussion Forum* will be prepared and noted under the Agenda Item “Other Matters.” If needed, appropriate action will be taken under the relevant agenda item.

For an efficient Q&A process, all participants are requested to prefix “COMMENT” or “QUESTION” when providing input on the ODF as shown below:

- COMMENT: My comment on section 3.5 of the paper SC19-GN-IP-01 is ...
- QUESTION: My question on section 3.5 of the paper SC19-GN-IP-01 is ...

LIST OF SC19 ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM TOPICS

TOPIC 1. Future Operations of the Scientific Committee

- Responsibility: Secretariat
- Related papers:

SC19-GN-WP-06	Secretariat. Future Operations of the Scientific Committee
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TOPIC 2. Project 60 – Progress report – Improving purse seine species composition

- Responsibility: SPC-OFP
- Related papers:

SC19-ST-IP-03	T. Peatman, P. Williams, S. Nicol. Project 60: Progress report – Improving purse seine species composition
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TOPIC 3. Project 90 update – Better data on fish weights and lengths for scientific analyses

- Responsibility: SPC-OFP
- Related papers:

SC19-ST-IP-04	J. Macdonald et.al. Project 90 update: Better data on fish weights and lengths for scientific analyses
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TOPIC 4. Independent review of recent WCPO yellowfin tuna assessment

- Responsibility: SPC-OFP and Review Panel
- Related papers:

SC19-SA-WP-01	André E. Punt, Mark N. Maunder, and James N. Ianelli. Independent review of recent WCPO yellowfin tuna assessment
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TOPIC 5. Project 109 – Training observers for elasmobranch biological sampling

- Responsibility: SPC-OFP
- Related papers:

SC19-ST-IP-05	Tim Park. Training observers for elasmobranch biological sampling (Project 109)
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TOPIC 6. Progress in improving coverage of cannery receipts data for WCPFC scientific work (Project 114)

- Responsibility: SPC-OFP
- Related papers:

SC19-ST-IP-06	P Williams. Progress in improving coverage of cannery receipt data for WCPFC scientific work (Project 114)
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TOPIC 7. Concept note for a new EU supported study on the reproductive biology of yellowfin tuna

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related papers:**

SC19-SA-WP-17	SPC-OFP. Concept note for a new EU supported study on the reproductive biology of yellowfin tuna
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TOPIC 8. Trends in the South Pacific albacore longline and troll fisheries

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related papers:**

SC19-SA-IP-04	S. McKechnie, P. Williams, G. Pilling, and WCPFC Secretariat. Trends in the South Pacific albacore longline and troll fisheries
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TOPIC 9. Factors contributing to recent and projected declines in south Pacific albacore stock status

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related papers:**

SC19-SA-IP-10	Scott, R., Yao, N., Scott, F., Pilling, G., Hamer, P., Natadra, R., Casitllo-Jordan, C., Hampton, J. and Hoyle, S. Factors contributing to recent and projected declines in south Pacific albacore stock status
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TOPIC 10. Evaluations of skipjack management procedures for the robustness set

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related papers:**

SC19-MI-IP-01	F. Scott, R. Scott, N. Yao and R. Natadra. Evaluations of skipjack management procedures for the robustness set
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TOPIC 11. CPUE analyses for South Pacific albacore

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related papers:**

SC19-MI-IP-04	N Yao CPUE analyses for South Pacific albacore
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TOPIC 12. Examining Indicators of Effort Creep in the WCPO Purse Seine Fishery

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP and the PNAO
- **Related papers:**

SC19-MI-IP-07	P. Hamer, T. Tears and the PNAO. Examining Indicators of Effort Creep in the WCPO Purse Seine Fishery
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TOPIC 13. Progress of FADMO-IWG Priority Tasks for 2023

- **Responsibility:** FADMO-IWG
- **Related papers:**

SC19-EB-WP -13	FADMO-IWG. Progress of the FADMO-IWG Priority Tasks for 2023
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TOPIC 14. West Pacific East Asia Project (WPEA)

- **Responsibility:** Lars Olsen
- **Related Papers:**

SC19-RP-WPEA-01	Lars Olsen. WPEA-ITM Project Update
SC19-RP-WPEA-02	Barbara Hanchard. WPEA-ITM: End of Project Gap Analysis Report

TOPIC 15. Testing and developing estimation models for South Pacific albacore

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related Papers:**

SC19-MI-IP-02	F. Scott, R. Scott, N. Yao and R. Natadra. Testing and developing estimation models for South Pacific albacore
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TOPIC 16. Progress report of Project 110: Non-entangling and biodegradable FAD trial in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related Papers:**

SC19-EB-WP-02	L. Escalle, G. Moreno, J. Wichman, D. David, and P. Hamer. Progress report of Project 110: Non-entangling and biodegradable FAD trial in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
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TOPIC 17. Terms of Reference for a project to support additional work on trialing non-entangling and biodegradable FADs in the WCPO

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related Papers:**

SC19-EB-WP-07	SPC-OFP. Terms of Reference for a project to support additional work on trialing non-entangling and biodegradable FADs in the WCPO
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TOPIC 18. Follow-up work on 2022 skipjack assessment recommendations

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related Papers:**

SC19-SA-WP-07	SPC-OFP. Follow-up work on 2022 skipjack assessment recommendations
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TOPIC 19. Review and analyses to inform conceptual models of population structure and spatial stratification of bigeye and yellowfin tuna assessments in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

- **Responsibility:** SPC-OFP
- **Related Papers:**

SC19-SA-WP-02	SPC-OFP. Review and analyses to inform conceptual models of population structure and spatial stratification of bigeye and yellowfin tuna assessments in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
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