Development of a Revised Tropical Tuna Measure Workshop 4
29 to 30 September 2023
Pohnpei, FSM, and online

Workshop Objectives

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1.   The purpose of this paper is to provide a reference to guide discussions on agenda item 2 of the September 2023 4th workshop on the development of a revised Tropical Tuna measure (TTMW4).

2.   The objectives for the workshop were conveyed in Circular 2023/66 of 22 August 2023. To confirm:

   a.   The main objective will be to review the results of the analysis requested of the Scientific Services Provider at TTMW3, contained in Attachment 3 of the Chair's Report of TTMW3, and take account of the advice and recommendations from the 19th Scientific Committee relevant to the revision of the TTM.

   b.   The Workshop will draw on this scientific advice and analysis in order to make progress on the review and revisions of relevant TTM provisions, including on relevant hard limits and allocation frameworks.

   c.   WCPFC19 agreed that any new tropical tuna measure would be based on the current measure (CMM 2021-01) as far as possible, particularly in maintaining the balance between fisheries, but that there was room for strengthening certain elements of CMM 2021-01 including the development of allocation frameworks for high seas purse-seine fisheries and tropical longline bigeye fisheries.

   d.   TTMW4 will provide an opportunity for more targeted discussions on how WCPFC can best make progress on hard limits and allocation frameworks these issues, taking into account the various views of CCMs stated at TTMW3.

   e.   The Workshop will review proposed revisions to CMM 2021-01, both proposals from CCMs, and those emanating from exchanges during the Workshop. Previous discussions, including those held at the Third Tropical Tuna Workshop in June 2023 (https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/ttmw3) and at the Second Tropical Tuna Workshop in September 2021 (https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/ttmw2) may provide a useful reference.