

**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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WCPFC20 Provisional Agenda

Dear All,

I am pleased to announce availability of the Provisional Agenda for the 20th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC20), developed in consultation with the Commission Chair, Dr. Josie M Tamate. The Provisional Agenda is attached to this Circular and posted on the WCPFC20 meeting webpage: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/wcpfc20>.

In addition to the standing agenda items of the Commission's regular session as outlined in Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the Provisional Agenda seeks to reflect the Commission's prioritisation of climate change (Agenda Item 9) and harvest strategy development (Agenda Item 10) in its management focus. Further points to note include:

1. Agenda items 10, 11, and 12 on species management include consideration of information and data requirements to support relevant management decisions.
2. The work of each of the Commission's Intersessional Working Groups (IWG) is integrated into the relevant agenda item to support discussions by presenting all available information together.
3. The discussion on harvest strategy development in Agenda 10.2 for bigeye, yellowfin, skipjack, will be taken up separately from the discussion on a revised tropical tuna measure.
4. Reports from Subsidiary Bodies in Agenda Item 15 will cover any recommendations that are not taken up elsewhere in the agenda.

A Provisional Annotated Agenda will be posted shortly with further detail on each of the agenda items.

I wish to also remind proponents of new or amended measures to complete the [Audit Points Checklist](#) as well as a [CMM 2013-06 evaluation](#).

Under Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may request inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda at least thirty days before WCPFC20 starts on Monday 4 December 2023. Such requests shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the requested supplementary item and be submitted **no later than Saturday 04 November 2023**.

Please contact me at rhea.moss-christian@wcpfc.int with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RMC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**COMMISSION
Twentieth Regular Session
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Rarotonga, Cook Islands (Hybrid)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**WCPFC20-2023-01
5 October 2023**

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING

- 1.1 Adoption of agenda
 - Establishment of small working groups (CNMs, others)
- 1.2 Request for Observer status
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements
 - i. Hybrid meeting protocols
 - ii. Meeting logistics

AGENDA ITEM 2. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES

AGENDA ITEM 3. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AGENDA ITEM 4. MEMBERSHIP, OBSERVERS, AND COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS

- 4.1 Status of the Convention
- 4.2 Update on Observer status
- 4.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status
 - Participatory rights of CNMs

AGENDA ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 IUU VESSEL LIST

AGENDA ITEM 6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROPOSALS

**AGENDA ITEM 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 30 OF WCPFC CONVENTION AND CMM
2013-07 (SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES)**

- 7.1 Updated Strategic Investment Plan
- 7.2 Western Pacific East Asia – Improved Tuna Monitoring (WPEA- ITM) Project

AGENDA ITEM 8. STATUS OF STOCKS

AGENDA ITEM 9. INCORPORATING CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS INTO MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF WCPO FISHERIES AND ECOSYSTEMS

AGENDA ITEM 10. HARVEST STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FOR SP ALBACORE, SKIPJACK, YELLOWFIN, BIGEYE, NP ALBACORE, AND PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNAS

10.1 South Pacific Albacore

- a. Update on SPA-RM IWG
- b. TRP
- c. Management Procedure
- d. Management Strategy Evaluation
- e. Review of CMM 2015-02

10.2 Tropical Tunas

- a. Skipjack tuna
 - i. Implement Management Procedure
 - ii. Monitoring Strategy
- b. Bigeye tuna
 - i. TRP
 - ii. Develop management procedures
 - iii. Management strategy evaluation
- c. Yellowfin tuna
 - i. TRP
 - ii. Develop management procedures
 - iii. Management strategy evaluation
- d. Development of CMM 2023-01 (Consultative Draft)
 - i. Evaluation of CMM 2021-01
 - ii. Additional analyses requested at TTMW4
 - iii. Update on progress in FADMO-IWG
 - iv. Indonesia large-fish handline limit

10.3 Process to develop an Allocation Framework under CMM 2021-01

10.4 Update Harvest Strategy Work Plan

10.5 Information and data requirements to support management decisions

- a. At sea transshipment monitoring and management (consideration of revisions to CMM 2009-06 and activity codes including in Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission)
- b. Strengthening monitoring: observer coverage on LL fleets and development of electronic monitoring
- c. WPEA-ITM Project

10.6 North Pacific Albacore

- Recommendation on revised NP Alb Harvest Strategy (HS 2022-01)

- 10.7 Pacific bluefin tuna
 - a. Recommendation on revised CMM 2021-02
 - b. Recommendation on revised PBF Harvest Strategy (HS 2021-01)
 - c. Update on Development of Catch Documentation Scheme

AGENDA ITEM 11. BILLFISH STOCKS

Review of Billfish CMMs

- a. North Pacific swordfish (CMM 2022-02)
- b. South Pacific swordfish (CMM 2009-03)
- c. North Pacific striped marlin (CMM 2010-01)
- d. Southwest Pacific striped marlin (CMM 2006-04)
- e. Information and data requirements to support management decisions

AGENDA ITEM 12. MITIGATING IMPACTS OF FISHING ON NON-TARGET AND ASSOCIATED OR DEPENDENT SPECIES (NTADS) IN THE WCPO

Review of NTADS CMMs

- a. Sharks (CMM 2022-04)
- b. Seabirds (CMM 2018-03)
- c. Sea Turtles (CMM 2018-04)
- d. Cetaceans (CMM 2011-03)
- e. Information and data requirements to support management decisions

AGENDA ITEM 13. COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME

- 13.1 CMS-IWG Workplan
 - a. Finalise audit points
 - b. Develop corrective actions
- 13.2 Compliance Monitoring Report RY2021 and RY2022
- 13.3 Develop list of obligations to be reviewed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2024
- 13.4 Expiry of CMM 2021-03

AGENDA ITEM 14. PROGRESS TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A CMM ON CREW LABOUR STANDARDS

AGENDA ITEM 15. REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES

- 15.1 NC19
- 15.2 SC19
- 15.3 TCC19
- 15.4 Consideration of changes to scheduling of SC20 and TCC20

AGENDA ITEM 16. REPORT OF THE FAC17

- 16.1 Report of the Seventeenth Finance and Administration Committee
- 16.2 Budget for 2024 and Indicative Budgets for 2025 and 2026

AGENDA ITEM 17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17.1 Secretariat's Updated Corporate Plan 2024-2027

17.2 Relationships with Other Organizations

- a. MOU with NPFC
- b. MOU renewal with SPRFMO
- c. Relations with IATTC

17.3 Election of officers

- a. SC Chair and Vice Chair
- b. NC Vice Chair
- c. FAC Co-Chairs

17.4 Future Meetings

- a. NC20
- b. SC20
- c. TCC20
- d. WCPFC21

AGENDA ITEM 18. OTHER MATTERS

AGENDA ITEM 19. SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WCPFC20

AGENDA ITEM 20. CLOSE OF MEETING