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WCPFC SPA-RM-IWG Work Plan 2023 -2026

1. The Fourth South Pacific Albacore Roadmap Intersessional Working Group Meeting was held electronically on 5th May 2023. The summary report of this IWG meeting was compiled by the IWG Chair (Fiji). Key issues to be covered in the future meetings include SP albacore management procedure, allocation framework, and development of a new CMM. The Work Plan for these three issues is in Annex C of the [Chair's Summary Report](#) as follows.

	Support the development and adoption of the Management Procedure	Establishing a framework for the allocation of the SPA TAC	Development of a new CMM
Objectives	<p>The IWG will progress the discussions on a management objective and the revision of the ITRP to recommend to WCPFC20.</p> <p>Progress the discussions and make recommendations on a management procedure for the SPA for the Commission to consider</p>	<p>The IWG to identify and develop recommendations on key components and a process for establishing an allocation framework for the Commission to consider.</p>	<p>To develop a new measure that incorporates the allocation framework, as well as any other issues identified by the IWG, that will function as an implementing mechanism for the management procedure.</p>
2023	<p>To consider the South Pacific albacore objectives and a revised TRP and recommendations for the WCPFC20.</p> <p>On the ongoing Management Procedure development and testing for the IWG to progress the discussions on the SPA MP development and provide guidance in the margins of the SC19 and TCC19.</p>	<p>To consider key issues [principles and developments] required to be considered in the development [work] of the allocation [framework for the Commission to consider], in particular Article 10.3 of the Convention.</p> <p>Report to the Commission on the progress of the work by the IWG.</p>	<p>Take note of discussions/progress from the MP and the SPA Allocation framework developments, as well as other relevant considerations (including guidance from SC and TCC) to identify management measure implications to be addressed.</p>

<p>2024</p>	<p>Ongoing SPA Management Procedure development and testing and “dry run” of MP application.</p> <p>A Science management dialogue dedicated to SPA (focused on selecting candidate MPs for potential adoption).</p> <p>Recommend to the Commission to adopt a SPA management procedure.</p> <p>Development of a CMM for a Management Procedure for SPA for adoption by WCPFC21</p>	<p>Depending on outcomes from 2023</p> <p>to consider recommending the start of the allocation process discussion. Potential physical workshop for allocation.</p>	<p>Take note of discussions/progress from the MP and the SPA Allocation framework developments, as well as other relevant considerations (including guidance from SC and TCC) to identify key elements for a revised CMM for SPA.</p> <p>Commence development of a revised CMM for SPA.</p>
<p>2025</p>	<p>The adopted management procedure is run for the first time in 2025 (the year after the stock assessment which is desirable).</p>	<p>Progress with guidance from the Commission.</p>	<p>Continue development of the implementation CMM</p> <p>Consideration of a draft CMM by SC21, TCC21</p> <p>Adoption of a revised CMM for the management of SPA by WCPFC22</p>
<p>2026</p>	<p>Implementation of the Management Procedure would commence in 2026 and run in a three-year cycle (2026-2028).</p>		