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WCPFC FADMO-IWG Work Plan 2022 - 2023

1. The WCPFC19 supported the SC18 and TCC18 recommendations for the IATTC definition of biodegradable and categories of biodegradable FADs. The Commission further tasked the FADMO-IWG with assistance from the Secretariat and the Scientific Services Provider to review the effectiveness of paragraph 22 of CMM 2021-01 and other FAD-related issues and incorporate them into its 2023 work plan.
2. The FADMO-IWG Chair initiated identifying priority tasks of the FADMO-IWG and was informed through WCPFC Circular 2023/12 with an updated work plan for 2023 (refer to **Attachment A** below). Progress on the work plan can be found in [WCPFC20-2023-FADMOIWG: Progress of FADMO-IWG Priority Tasks for 2023 including SC19 and TCC19 Outcomes Related to FADMO-IWG Work](#).

FADMO-IWG Tentative Work Plan for 2023

Schedule	Activities	Responsibility	Action Needed / Remarks
April 2022	1. Identify priority tasks for 2022 and 2023	Led by the FADMO-IWG Chair	For information of FADMO IWG participants
May 2022	2. Commence the FADMO-IWG	Led by the FADMO-IWG Chair	Information through WCPFC Circular
	3. Priority Areas and Tasks		
	A. Biodegradable FADs		
June - October 2022	i. Review available reference materials related to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) use of biodegradable material on FADs b) definition of biodegradable FADs c) timeline for the stepwise introduction of biodegradable FADs d) potential gaps/needs and any other relevant information 	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	Review SC Papers, FADMO IWG Reports, IWG papers/documents shared by participants related to biodegradable FAD materials
October - November 2022	ii. Based on the available information from the IWG papers, discussions and recommendations from SC18 and/or TCC18, prepare a report that includes information on a-d listed above for consideration by WCPFC19 (<i>if necessary</i>)	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	The report should focus on available information, data gaps/needs and recommendations for review and endorsement by WCPFC19. This also includes research outcomes that will be delivered to SC19 (e.g., WCPFC-SC Project 110, etc.)
January - July 2023	iii. Review recommendations from SC18, TCC18 and WCPFC19 related to FADs	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a reference paper to include information on definition, timeline, potential gaps, needs and other specific recommendations related to biodegradable FADs (ii to v) based on the SC18 recommendations • IWG will review the reference paper and provide comments/suggestions/views on the reference paper through email communications or a Zoom meeting • The reference paper will be forwarded to SC19 and/or TCC19 for their review
August - November 2023	iv. Review and compile all information available and draft an IWG paper based on SC19 & TCC19 outcomes, which	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	The IWG paper will be finalized prior to WCPFC20 (early November 2023)

	includes specific recommendations on items a to d above for the Commission's consideration and further guidance		
December 2023	v. Adoption of measures related to the implementation of biodegradable material on FADs	WCPFC	Subject to Commission's decision at WCPFC20?
B. Instrumented Buoys			
January - July 2023	i. Review information related to the effectiveness of the limit on the number of FADs deployed as set out in paragraph 21 of CMM 2021-01 , including review of the current FAD limit of 350 or any other limits and any advice on FAD monitoring.	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	Review SC18 papers, FADMO IWG reports, and any other documents related to FAD numbers, and compile views shared among participants
	ii. review the effectiveness of paragraph 22 of CMM 2021-01		
	iii. Review recommendations from SC, TCC and WCPFC related to FAD limits and monitoring	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a paper based on SC/TCC recommendations related to the effectiveness of the limit of the number of FADs deployed as set out in paragraph 21 of CMM 2021-01 including review of the current FAD limit of 350 or any other limits and advice on FAD monitoring • Draft a paper based on SC/TCC recommendations related to the review the effectiveness of paragraph 22 of CMM 2021-01 • Participants' comments/suggestions/views on the draft paper will be compiled electronically (e.g., email communications or Zoom meeting) • The paper will be forwarded to SC19 and/or TCC19 for their review
August - November 2023	iv. Finalization of proposed measures related to FAD limits and monitoring	FADMO-IWG, SC, TCC	A paper will be prepared prior to WCPFC20 (early November 2023)
December 2023	v. Adopt measures on the limits and monitoring of FADs	WCPFC	Subject to Commission's decision at WCPFC20

Note: Please refer to the FADMO-IWG Progress Report for updates