



Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TWENTIETH REGULAR SESSION

Manila, Philippines
14 – 21 August 2024

MEETING NOTICE AND INFORMATION

WCPFC-SC20-2024-01 ([Rev.02](#))

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The Twentieth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC-SC20) will be held in Manila, Philippines from 14 (Wednesday) to 21 (Wednesday) August 2024. Heads of Delegations (HODs) and Convenors Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 13 August 2024. The meeting venue is the Luxent Hotel, 51 Timog Avenue, Quezon City, 1103 Manila, Philippines.

This meeting notice, Provisional Agenda, and Provisional Annotated Agenda are now posted on the [SC20 website](#).

SC20 MEETING STRUCTURE

As decided at SC8, SC has four theme sessions during the plenary (Data and Statistics, Ecosystem and Bycatch, Management Issues, and Stock Assessment). During SC20, steering committee meetings will be held for the Japan Trust Fund, the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project, and the WCPFC Pacific Marine Specimen Bank. Informal small group meetings may be held in the margins of the plenary session.

SC20 will be a hybrid meeting, with participation in person and virtually through Zoom. CCMs¹ are only permitted to make their interventions virtually if the CCM HOD or alternative cannot attend the meeting physically. For any technical assistance regarding virtual participation, please contact the Secretariat's IT team (ITSupport@wcpfc.int).

SC20 meeting will be supplemented by the [SC20 website](#) and the [SC20 Online Discussion Forum](#) (ODF). The ODF will facilitate discussions on the 2024 SC projects and any other meeting papers as requested by the authors. The ODF will be accessible only to approved SC20 registered participants. The opening and duration of the ODF will be advised in due course. The results of the ODF will be provided to SC20 as a *Summary of the Online Discussion Forum* and considered as needed under the relevant agenda items.

REGISTRATION

Meeting registration is available at the SC20 meeting site, and all participants are requested to register

¹ WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-members and Participating Territories

through the site.

HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING AND CONVENOR'S MEETING

Two SC20 preparatory meetings will be held at the meeting venue on **Tuesday, 13 August 2024**:

- 1) The **Convener's Meeting** with the SC Chair and the SPC-OFP representatives will be held at 14:00 to finalize their theme session arrangements and meeting procedure and
- 2) The **Heads of Delegation Meeting** will be convened by the SC Chair at 16:00. All Theme Convenors are expected to attend.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING MEETING PAPERS

The procedure for submission of papers for SC20, as determined at SC2, is as follows. [When a meeting paper is submitted to the Secretariat for posting on the SC20 website, its agenda number should be assigned. Consult with relevant Theme Convenors or SC Chair to get the agenda number.](#)

1) Annual Report – Part 1

Following WCPFC20, an updated template for Annual Report Part 1 is available at [SC-01 under Guidelines](#). Completed Part 1 reports shall be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat (BOTH sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int and contact.ar@wcpfc.int) by **7 July 2024** (see paragraph 832, WCPFC20 Summary Record).

2) Meeting documents

Titles and preliminary abstracts of meeting documents **MUST be submitted to the relevant theme Convenor(s) as early as possible but no later than 10 July 2024** (five weeks before the start of SC20).

Authors who intend to present a Working Paper or submit an Information Paper (refer to Item 3 below) must contact the relevant Convenor(s) below as soon as possible after this SC20 Meeting Notice is posted. Authors and convenors should discuss the paper's suitability and under which specific agenda item it falls.

All full papers MUST be submitted by 27 July 2024 (18 days in advance of the start of SC20) to:

- i) SC Chair (Emily Crigler; emily.crigler@noaa.gov),
- ii) the Secretariat (SungKwon Soh; sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int), and
- iii) relevant Theme Convenors below.

ST Theme	Valerie Post: <u>valerie.post@noaa.gov</u>
SA Theme	Hidetada Kiyofuji: <u>hkiyofuj@affrc.go.jp</u> Berry Muller: <u>bmuller@mimra.com</u> Michelle Sculley: <u>michelle.sculley@noaa.gov</u>
MI Theme	<u>Emily Crigler; emily.crigler@noaa.gov</u> (Acting convenor for Laura Tremblay-Boyer: <u>laura.tremblay-boyer@csiro.au</u>)
EB Theme	Yonat Swimmer: <u>yonat.swimmer@noaa.gov</u> Leyla Knittweis: <u>Leyla.Knittweis@mpi.govt.nz</u>

All papers received will be posted on the SC20 website by **31 July 2024** (two weeks before the

start of SC20). All participants will be responsible for downloading and printing their papers, where desired. Limited printing and photocopying services will be available at the meeting venue.

3) Working Papers and Information Papers

The SC Chair and Theme Convenors will be responsible for accepting or rejecting a paper and, if accepted, directing the Secretariat to post the paper as either a Working Paper or an Information Paper.

Working Papers (WP): Papers considered by the relevant Theme Convenors and the Chair as a working paper for presentation to the SC should be directly relevant to a specific agenda item and will support substantive discussion. Relevant Convenors will attach a cover page, assign a unique number, and send it to the Secretariat for posting (e.g., WCPFC-SC20-2024/ST-WP-XX).

Information Papers (IP): Papers considered by the relevant Theme Convenors and the Chair as an information paper should be of general interest – i.e., a supplementary paper circulated for information only and not for presentation –but may be referred to in discussion. Relevant Theme Convenors will attach a cover page, assign a unique number, and send it to the Secretariat for posting (e.g., WCPFC-SC20-2024/SA-IP-XX).

FUNDING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct economical airfare) of one representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat (Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int) by **15 July 2024** under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for eligible developing countries and participating territories.

The latest travel arrangement for funded nominees is to be finalized two weeks before commencing travel.

VISA TO VISIT THE PHILIPPINES

Most participants visiting the Philippines do not require a visa for stays up to 30 days; however, visitors must hold a valid ticket for the return journey to their country of origin or next country of destination and a passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the stay in the Philippines. You can also simplify your arrival to the Philippines by registering and completing the eTravel information (<https://etravel.gov.ph/>). This must be completed 72 hours before or upon arrival and is free.

For further information on visa requirements, please refer to:
<https://www.visa.gov.ph/>

CURRENCY IN THE PHILIPPINES

The currency used in the Philippines is the Philippine peso. Various banks and money changers provide currency exchange services for the Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, Japanese yen, Hong Kong dollar, Korean won, US dollar, Chinese yuan, Singaporean dollar, British pound, Swiss franc, and Euros.

POWER OUTLET REQUIREMENTS

In the Philippines, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of types A, B, and C are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 60 Hz.



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Please contact your hotels for transportation from NAIA Airport to your respective hotels. Refer to **Table 1** for additional options.

Table 1. Car Rentals

Company	Sedans	SUV	Van	Additional Information
Autokot Contact Number: +63 2 246 9082 Email: support@autokot.com Website: https://autokot.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Full price comparison of the best car rental companies' deals in your location *Full information about car rental agencies, car groups and locations where you can pick up a chosen car.
Hertz Philippines Contact Number: +63 925 486 9713 Booking Hotline: +63 (2) 8396-7551, +63 925 486 9716 Rescue Hotline: (02) 8832-5043 Email: sales@hertzphilippines.com reservations@hertzphilippines.com Website: https://www.hertzphilippines.com/metro-manila	Yes	Yes		*For Self-Drive: Requirements for foreign guests: -Payment -Security Deposit (via credit card, debit card, or cash) -Passport (for identity verification) -Driver's License https://www.hertzphilippines.com/terms
8DRIVE Car Rental Contact Number: +63 945 253 4097, +63 968 326 2761, +63 927 310 7531 Email: fb@8drivecars.com Website: https://8drivecars.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	*UNLIMITED Mileage. *Same rate for OUTSIDE Metro Manila. *Weekly and Monthly rates available. *RFID Ready.
Avis Car Rental Contact Number: +63 956 921 7461 Hotlines (Viber & Call): +63 995 662 1538	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://avis.com.ph/rental-terms-and-conditions/

24/7 SMART: +63 963 629 9870 GLOBE:+63 977 352 0129 Website: https://avis.com.ph/				
Budget G/F Manila Airport Hotel, Naia, Terminal 1 Complex, Vitalez, Paranaque City, 1702, Philippines (+63) 917 143 6694 Website: https://www.budget.com/en/home	Yes	Yes	Yes	Operating hours: Sun - Sat 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Europcar NAIA Terminal 1 Desk In Rental Counter Arrival Hall: +63 917 304 2366 Website: https://www.europcar.com/en-ph	Yes	Yes	Yes	Operating hours: Mon - Sun 00:00 AM - 11:59 PM
Philippine Rent A Car Contact Number : +63999 888 6666 +63917 100 6000 +63 (02) 8880 4000 Email : info@philippinerentacar.com Website : https://www.philippinerentacar.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Unlimited mileage *Insurance included *We deliver & collect *Accepts cash & credit/debit card

ACCOMMODATION

Those participants needing accommodation should book directly with the hotel of their choice in **Table 2** below as soon as possible.

Table 2. Accommodation in Quezon City, Philippines

Hotel	Room Rates (in USD)	Amenities	Distance to the Meeting Venue			No. of Rooms/ Units
			Distance	Walk	Drive	
Luxent Hotel 51 Timog Avenue, Quezon City, 1103 Manila, Philippines Phone: +(632) 8863-7777 or +639173155561 reservations@luxenthotel.com https://luxenthotel.com/	Single: \$66	2 Swimming pools Free WiFi Spa Free breakfast Electric kettle Flat-screen TV	0	0	0	200
	Double: \$66					
	Triple: \$98					
Sequoia Hotels 91-93, Mother Ignacia corner Timog Ave., Quezon City https://seuoiaquezoncity.com	Deluxe twin: \$56-\$82	Free WiFi In-room spa/massage	0.6 km	8 min	3 min	137
	Deluxe King: \$56-\$82					

Telephone number: (+63 2) 8921-7469 to 71 Fax number: (+63 2) 8351-0590 Email address: reservations@sequoiahotel.net	Deluxe Queen: \$63-\$96	Six separate function rooms Additional \$10 for breakfast				
Cocoon Boutique Hotel #61 Scout Tobias corner Scout Rallos Streets, Bgy. Laging Handa, Quezon City 1103, https://www.thecocoonhotel.com/ (+632) 8 921 2706 Mobile: (+63) 917 706 8759 Email: info@thecocoonhotel.com	Deluxe twin: \$61	Free breakfast Free WiFi Exercise room Spa and wellness centre Swimming pool Free parking Airport shuttle	0.5 km	6 min	3 min	39
	Triple: \$58					
The B Hotel Quezon City 14 Sct. Rallos St., Brgy, Laging Handa, Quezon City, 1103 https://www.bhotelqc.com/ (+632) 8990 5000 info@thebhotelqc.com	Superior room: \$66	Free WiFi Free breakfast Airport shuttle Fitness centre Swimming pool	0.6 km	8 min	3 min	111
	One bedroom suites: \$105					
	Two bedroom suite: \$175 good for 4 persons					
Privato Quezon City 82 Scout Castor, Tomas Morato, Quezon City https://privatohotels.com/privato-quezon-city/ Email: reservations.quezoncity@privatohotels.com (+632) 8376 6340 to 42, +63917 716 9554	Executive Twin: \$68	Free WiFi Swimming pool Free breakfast	1.1 km	12 min	4 min	59
	Deluxe King: \$96					
	Triple: \$61					
Go Hotels Timog 63 Timog Avenue, South Triangle, Quezon City, 1103 Metro Manila +63 (2) 8 366 3469 +63 917 828 5939 +63 917 862 0847 https://www.gohotels.ph	Twin Bedroom: \$26	Room only accommodation	0.3 km	4 min	1 min	219
	Queen Bed: \$30					

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<p>Arden hills Suites No. 1 Scout Albano Avenue Brgy. South Triangle Quezon City +63 917 305 8218 reservations@ardenhillssuites.com https://www.ardenhillssuites.com/</p>	<p>Deluxe Twin/King: \$61 Junior suite: \$96 Additional \$26 for an extra bed</p>	<p>Free WiFi Free breakfast Swimming pool Gym and spa Kid playroom Function room Tea/coffee maker in all rooms</p>	0.8 km	11 min	4 min	100
<p>Harolds Evotel No. 16 Timog Avenue, Brgy. Laging Handa, Quezon City, 1103 Philippines +63 28 251 8888 +63 917 125 9792 +63 917 110 8913 book.qc@haroldsevotel.com https://www.haroldsevotel.com/quezon/</p>	<p>Deluxe Queen Room - \$39</p>	<p>Free WiFi Free breakfast Gym Infinity pool Free parking</p>	0.5 km	7 min	3 min	145
<p>Hive Hotel 68 Scout Tuazon corner Scout Madrinan Street, Barangay South Triangle, Quezon City 1103 (+632) 8 951 4483 Mobile Phone (+63) 917 581 3189 Email: info@hivehotel.com https://www.hivehotel.com/</p>	<p>Deluxe twin: \$52 Standard room: \$52</p>	<p>Free WiFi Breakfast Airport Transfer Spa Car park Luggage storage Library</p>	0.2 km	3 min	1 min	50
<p>Prime Hotel 70 Sgt. Esguerra Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines (+632) 8962 8000 https://primehotel.hotels-manila.com/en/</p>	<p>standard room: \$50 deluxe room: \$71 premier suite: \$91</p>	<p>Free WiFi Gym Bar on the rooftop</p>	1.2 km	15 min	5 min	39
<p>Camelot Hotel # 35 Mother Ignacia Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City Telephone: +632 373-2101 to 10 / +632 414-4651 / +632 415-9099 Fax: +632 372-4523 Mobile: +639052372101 +639475097440</p>	<p>Deluxe Double room: \$38 Deluxe twin room: \$44</p>	<p>WiFi KTV Bar Dungeon Bar Free on-site parking Laundry</p>	0.7 km	9 min	3 min	53

https://camelot.hotel-manila.com/						
Seda Hotel Vertis North Sola corner Lux Drives, Vertis North Quezon City, 1105 Philippines +632 7739 8888 +632 8981 4100 vertis@sedahotels.com https://www.sedahotels.com/hotel/view/9/seda-vertis-north	Single/Twin: \$68	Free WiFi Free breakfast Infinity pool Spa Gym Meeting room	3.6 km	11 min	36 min	438
	Triple sharing: \$103					
Park Inn by Radisson North Edsa SM North EDSA Complex, EDSA cor North Avenue, Brgy. Bagong Pagasa, Quezon City Tel:+63 2 79441888 reservations.northedsa@parkinn.com https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/	Standard room: \$83	Lobby bar Pool area Cafe area Free WiFi Free breakfast	5 km	12 min	43 min	67
	Superior Room: \$86					
	Deluxe Room: \$93					
	Junior Suite: \$143					
Novotel Manila Araneta City Hotel General Aguinaldo Avenue, Araneta City 0810 Quezon City Philippines Tel: + 632 8 990 7888 Email: H7090@accor.com https://www.novotelmanilaarantacity.com/	Superior room: \$79.69	Spa Fitness centre Steam room Adults pool area Kids pool area Kids Club	3.7 km	15 min	47 min	401
	Deluxe room: \$108					
	Executive room: \$179					
Hop Inn Hotel Tomas Morato Quezon City 312 Tomas Morato Avenue, South Triangle, Quezon City, 1103 +63 2 8990 0720 reservation.morato@hopinnhotel.com https://www.hopinnhotel.com/our-hotels/hop-inn-tomas-morato	Twin/double 1600	Room only accommodation	0.3 km	4 min	1 min	167