

Commission's Climate Change Work Plan and Terms of Reference for the Assessment of CMMs Susceptible to Climate Change Impacts

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WCPFC20 Outcomes

Paragraphs 218-225 outline tasks decided on by WCPFC20 regarding climate change including:

- The Commission recommended co-leads develop a Commission workplan for addressing climate change on WCPFC fisheries in the Convention Area.
- The co-leads would use the WCPFC Convention and Resolution 2019-01 as guides for that work.
- The draft workplan would be discussed and considered by each subsidiary body in 2024, with a view to taking it to WCPFC21 for consideration.

Summary of Work by Co-Leads

To date, The Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United States co-leads have:

- Developed a draft *Workplan for addressing climate change on WCPFC fisheries in the Convention Area* (NC20-WP-04);
- Developed a draft *Terms of Reference for the CMM Climate Assessment* (NC20-WP-04);
- Met with WCPFC Secretariat and the SSP to discuss both draft documents and the process for introducing them at each subsidiary body to seek input; and
- Met with the NC Chair to discuss the process for introducing and discussing the documents during NC20.

Draft WCPFC Climate Change Workplan

The draft WCPFC climate change workplan under consideration at NC20:

- Sets out the tasks and responsibilities to organise and monitor WCPFC work on climate change across the Commission; and
- Will be reviewed by subsidiary bodies and CCMs and is open for input; and
- Is a starting point and a living document;

Draft Workplan–NC20 Input Needed

The draft workplan currently identifies the following potential actions for NC to address climate change impacts on WCPFC fisheries:

- Coordinate with ISC as it considers how to incorporate climate change advice into management recommendations to NC
- [Additional tasks and objectives developed through discussion with the NC Chair]
- [Additional tasks developed through NC]

Draft TORs for Assessment of CMM Susceptibility to Climate Change Impacts

Per Paragraphs 222-223 in the Summary Record of WCPFC20:

- A scope and feasibility study of undertaking an assessment of active CMMs to determine CMM provisions that may be susceptible to climate change was requested is addressed by the Secretariat and SSP's Working Paper ***A Review of the Scope and Feasibility of an Assessment of CMM Susceptibility to Climate Change Impacts*** (NC20-WP-05).
- The Draft TORs are intended to support discussion pertaining to NC20-WP-05.

Action Requested from NC

Input is sought from the NC on both the Draft Workplan and the Draft Terms of Reference for an assessment of CMM susceptibility to climate change impacts

Thank you