



2ND WCPFC-IATTC CONSULTATIVE MEETING

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POTENTIAL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR IATTC-WCPFC COLLABORATION

TASKS	REQUIREMENTS	REMARKS
DATA AND INFORMATION		
Exchange of data and information consistent with the information-sharing policies of each Commission		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for the exchange of scientific and fisheries data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish WCPFC-IATTC Agreement on Exchange of Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariats develop a draft Agreement, based on the data security and management procedures of each Commission for presentation to Commission members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for regular exchange of vessel data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review information-sharing policies Establish mechanism for preliminary information exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuna organizations global list is established mechanism for authorized vessels. Mechanism required for information about other vessels.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for sharing of information during the development of IUU lists. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Secretariat will copy the other on correspondence to members concerning the development of their IUU list, and will provide any information they have on vessels that are being discussed. Note that Kobe POA calls for combined IUU list.
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH		
Collaboration on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including Pacific-wide stock assessments		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide: A comprehensive review and study of bigeye tuna reproductive biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify required data fields and research Design implementation methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate electronic discussions among Secretariat and Member government scientific expertise; develop draft proposals for consideration by the appropriate scientific body of each Commission; WCPFC Science Manager to lead.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific-wide bigeye assessments, including model development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data and model availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work between IATTC staff and WCPFC's data manager and scientific services provider, the Oceanic Fisheries Programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Pacific-wide tagging project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for tagging project • Coordination arrangements for collaborative tagging efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design the scope and outline of pan-Pacific tagging project • Initiate discussions before and during Third Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee (SC3) on scope and design • Promote information sharing and ideas development during the IATTC tagging workshop. • Commission a proposal on pan-Pacific Tagging Project for review by the two Commissions by December 2007 and June 2008 for consideration. • Funding options explored by the two Commissions • Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (PTTP) Steering Committee to design program.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider collaborative research for other tuna and tuna-like species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data and model availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider collaborative research at IATTC Stock Assessment Working Group (SAWG) and WCPFC Scientific Committee (SC).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharks: stock assessment of oceanic whitetip and silky sharks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection • Model development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider joint assessments at IATTC SAWG and WCPFC SC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological risk analysis (ERA) for bycatch species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and model development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue discussions initiated at ERA Research Plan Development Workshop, Hawaii, August 2007 • Identify ongoing collaborative partnerships and support mechanisms.

CONSERVATION		
Conservation and management measures for stocks and species of mutual interest		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support processes to promote harmonization and compatibility of conservation and management measures, per the MOU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop mechanisms to promote consultation on measures affecting stocks and species of mutual interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulate to the other Commission draft proposals or resolutions that affect conservation of stocks that occur in its Agreement area. Invite views of other Commission as part of process; Opportunistic and informal meetings between the Secretariats to exchange information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop protocols for integration of port sampling and observer programmes, and identification of sources of bias in species composition data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial informal exchanges involving relevant staff of the two secretariats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going consultation as processes in the two Commissions evolve.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In designing the WCPFC's Regional Observer Programme, examine the potential for harmonizing its objectives, coverage rates and data collection standards with those of the IATTC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal exchanges between relevant staff of the two secretariats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going informal consultation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine possibilities for expansion of observer data collection and data sharing (taking into account the information security policies of the respective Commissions). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a report on the existing or planned observer programmes for the WCPFC and IATTC for discussion at the WCPFC-IATTC Consultative Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide copy of WCPFC IWG-ROP report to IATTC Secretariat.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In designing the WCPFC's Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), investigate the potential for developing compatibility between the VMS of both Commissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Secretariats to collaborate to prepare a report of the similarities and differences between the two systems for discussion at the WCPFC-IATTC Consultative Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCPFC VMS implementation plan to be aware of VMS systems in the EPO (e.g. IATTC Resolution C-04-06)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues relating to overlap area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the effect of measures (at least capacity) in overlap area. Consider data issues. 	