



14 – 15 July 2025  
Toyama, Japan (Hybrid)

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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

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**WCPFC-NC21-2025/01**

**Secretariat**

The Twenty-First Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC21) of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) will be held at WOHLFAHRT TOYAMA, Toyama prefecture of Japan, from 14 (Monday) to 15 (Tuesday) July 2025. NC21, chaired by Mr Masanori Miyahara (Japan), will start at 9:00 am daily, with registration beginning at 8:00 am.

Before NC21, the 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Working Group on Catch Documentation Scheme (JWG-CDS) Technical Meeting and the 10<sup>th</sup> Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (JWG-10) will be held at the same venue from Wednesday, 9 July, to Saturday, 12 July. All participants in NC21 are invited to attend these two meetings.

July 9 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) – 12 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	JWG10 (4 days)
(July 9 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday))	CDS Technical Meeting)
July 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Rest Day (1 day)
July 14 <sup>th</sup> (Monday) – 15 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	NC21 (2 days)

**Registration**

Online meeting registration is available at the [NC21 meeting site](#). All participants are requested to register using the "[Registration](#)" on the meeting site as early as possible.

**Hybrid Meeting**

NC21 will be a physical meeting, but participants can attend virtually through Zoom. Virtual interventions by a Member of the Northern Committee will only be permitted if the Member's HOD cannot participate in the meeting physically. If a Member cannot attend the meeting physically, please contact the Secretariat ([sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int)) to make further arrangements if needed.

## NC21 Meeting Documents

The provisional agenda and other relevant documents will be available on the WCPFC [NC21 Meeting pages](#). All meeting documents are requested to be submitted to the Secretariat ([sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int)) **by Wednesday, 25 June 2025**, for posting on the website two weeks before the start of the meeting. All participants will be individually responsible for downloading their meeting documents and printing them as needed.

## Meeting Venue

The meeting venue will be:

[WOHLFARHRT TOYAMA \(ボルフアートとやま\)](#)

Address: Okudashinmachi 8-1, Toyama, 930-0857, Japan.

TEL:+81-76-431-1113, FAX:+81-76-432-4691

## Visas for Japan

Please access the webpage of Japan consular services from the link below to see if you are subject to visa exemption arrangement.

- For diplomatic and official passports:  
[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e\\_000692.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e_000692.html)
- For ordinary passports:  
[https://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html)

Unless your visa is exempt, you will need to apply for a visa well in advance of your travel. The following website offers comprehensive information on visa application; however, due to the complex nature of visa requirements, it is highly recommended that you contact the Consular Section of the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan nearest you for more information.

[VISA | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan \(mofa.go.jp\)](#)

Each delegation that applies for a Japanese visa is kindly requested to send (a) the information listed in **Attachment 1** and (b) a copy of your passport to the meeting coordinator, Mr. Masahide KANNOU ([masahide\\_kanno210@maff.go.jp](mailto:masahide_kanno210@maff.go.jp)) and Japanese meeting arrangement team address ([kokusai\\_kikaku@maff.go.jp](mailto:kokusai_kikaku@maff.go.jp)), via e-mail by 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The Fisheries Agency of Japan will use them to communicate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan so that it can send formal instructions to the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan for a smooth issuance of your visa.

Should you need a letter of invitation, letter of guarantee, list of visa applicants, etc., from the host country, please inform us too when you send the aforementioned email to the meeting coordinator.

## Climate

In Toyama, July is typically hot, humid, and occasionally rainy, as it marks the peak of summer with lingering effects of the rainy season (tsuyu) in early July. Average temperatures range from 22–32°C (72–90°F), with high humidity levels around 70–80%, making it feel even warmer. While the month sees a mix of sunny and cloudy days, occasional rain showers or thunderstorms can occur. Light coastal breezes may offer some relief, but the heat and humidity can be intense, so staying hydrated and using sun protection is recommended.

## Funding for Developing Countries and Territories

According to the decision made by WCPFC9, funding will be provided for travel to the NC21 meeting, including the JWG-10 meeting (9–12 July 2025), for six small island developing States. Priority will be given to RMI, FSM, and Palau, in addition to the Cook Islands, Fiji, and Vanuatu, who are already Members of the Northern Committee.

Formal nominations for participants requesting this support must be submitted to the Secretariat ([Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int](mailto:Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int)) by **1 June 2025**. Submissions must be signed by the WCPFC Official Contact for eligible developing countries and participating territories.

The latest travel arrangements for nominees should be finalized two weeks before commencing travel.

## Accommodation and Tour Options

A number of accommodation options with reasonable access to the meeting venue are available. Please refer to the following link.

<https://www.toyamashi-kankoukyoukai.jp/en/accommdation/>

Further tourist information on Toyama City is available in the link below.

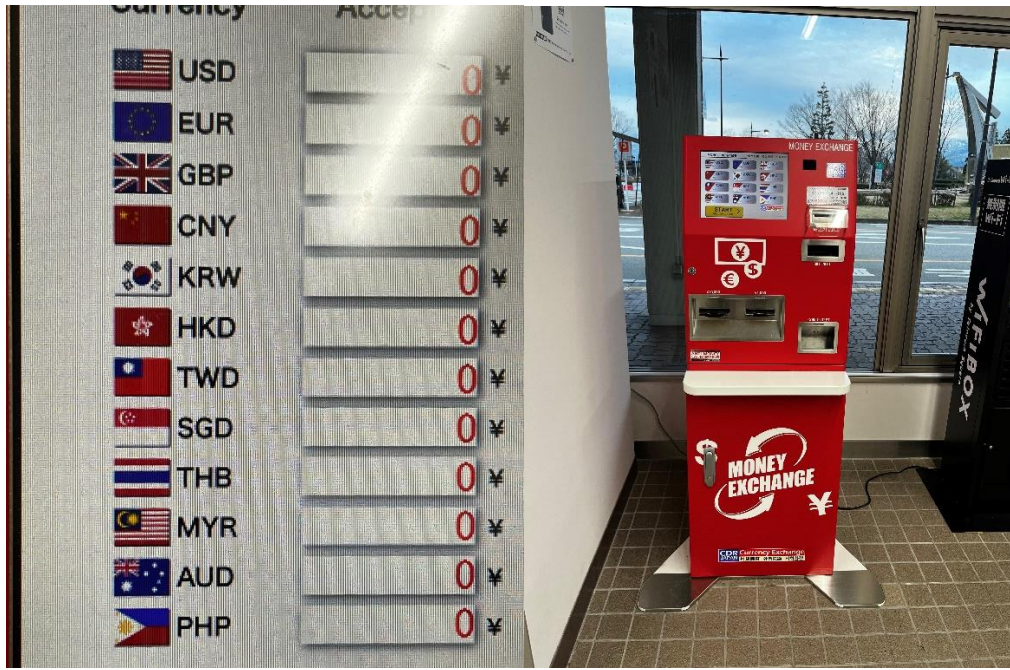
[ABOUT TOYAMA | Official Toyama City Travel Guide | Toyama City Tourism Association](#)

## “Cash Only” Airport Bus between Toyama Airport and downtown Toyama

[WCPFC Circular 2025/09](#) contained other travel information, including the availability of airport buses between Toyama Airport and downtown Toyama.

[Access | Toyama Kitokito Airport](#)

Please note that **the airport bus accepts CASH ONLY (no credit card)**. As of February 2025, **one money exchange ATM at Toyama Airport can exchange foreign currencies into yen**. However, only the following currencies are exchangeable. Please consider using a money exchange counter or ATM cash dispenser at Tokyo Narita/Haneda Airport or any other international airport where you will make a transit as appropriate.



## Attachment 1

Please provide a list which includes the following information for each participant. * Please provide the name as it appears on your passport.	
First Name:	
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	
Sex (F/M):	
Nationality:	
Organization:	
Title:	
Passport Number:	
Passport type (diplomatic, official or general):	
VISA type (official visa or short-term visa):	
Date of Birth:	
Nationality:	
Date of Issue:	
Date of Expiry:	
Passport Issuing Authority:	
Period of Stay in Japan:	
Place of Applying for visas (Embassy or Consulate of Japan):	
Arrival Airport:	
Departure Airport:	
Hotel Name:	
Phone Number (in your home country):	