JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA TENTH SESSION (JWG-10)

9 – 12 July 2025 Toyama, Japan (Hybrid)

NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

IATTC-NC-JWG10-2025/01

The Tenth Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (JWG-10) will be held at WOHLFAHRT TOYAMA, Toyama prefecture of Japan, from 9 (Wednesday) to 12 (Saturday) July 2025. The JWG-10 includes the 6^{th} Joint Working Group on Catch Documentation Scheme Technical Meeting (JWG-CDS-06), starting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, 9 July. Registration for both meetings will start at 8:15 am. The JWG-10 plenary meeting will begin at 9:00 am on 10-12 July, chaired by Co-Chairs Josh Madeira (USA) and Masanori Miyahara (Japan). Please note that the NC21 meeting will follow the JWG-10 meeting on 14 July (Mon).

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{July 9$^{th} (Wednesday) - 12$^{th} (Saturday)} & \mbox{JWG10 (4 days)} \\ \mbox{July 9$^{th} (Wednesday)} & \mbox{CDS Technical Meeting)} \\ \mbox{July 13$^{th} (Sunday)} & \mbox{Rest Day (1 day)} \\ \mbox{July 14$^{th} (Monday) - 15$^{th} (Tuesday)} & \mbox{NC21 (2 days)} \end{array}$

Registration

On-line meeting registration is available at the <u>JWG-10 meeting</u> site. All participants are requested to register using the "<u>Registration</u>" on the meeting site as early as possible.

Hybrid Meeting

JWG-10 will be a physical meeting, but participants can attend virtually through Zoom. Virtual interventions by a Member of the JWG 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) to make further arrangements if needed.

JWG-10 Meeting Documents

The provisional agenda and all meeting documents for JWG-CDS and JWG-10 will be available on the JWG-10 meeting page: <u>Tenth Joint IATTC-NC Working Group Meeting on PBF Management | WCPFC Meetings</u>.

All meeting documents are requested to be submitted to the Secretariat

(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 (ボルファートとやま)

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 arrangements.

- For diplomatic and official passports:
 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

Unless your visa is exempt, you will need to apply for a visa well before 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 (i) the information listed in **Attachment 1** and (ii) a copy of your passport to the meeting coordinator, Mr. Masahide KANNOU (masahide kanno210@maff.go.jp) and Japanese meeting arrangement team address (kokusai kikaku@maff.go.jp), via e-mail by 13th 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 (<u>Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int</u>) by 1 June 2025. The WCPFC Official Contact must sign submissions 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

Many 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

<u>WCPFC Circular 2025/09</u> 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):	