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Proposed ROP-IWG Workplan

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Submitted by the ROP-IWG Chair

Proposed workplan for the ROP-IWG in 2026

1. Progress the proposals to WCPFC22 that require additional work in 2026:
 - Revised CCFS process flow;
 - Scope of monitoring for potential infringements for CCFS; and
 - ROP non-catch transfer reporting.
2. Progressing remaining workplan taskings:
 - Progressing Priority tasking 4: Consideration related to emerging technologies – work closely with ER/EM - IWG for common understanding on the usage of MSDF;
 - Review of interim Transhipment Observer Monitoring Minimum Data Fields;
 - Consideration of joint IWG work resulting from ERandEM-IWG and ROP-IWG;
 - SC21 recommendation to ROP-IWG to assess and identify specific data gaps for enhancement needed to improve the operation and consistency of shark species identification and reporting, noting low reporting rates of oceanic whitetip sharks by observers relative to logbooks in some regions and diminishing levels of length records since the implementation of CMM 2011-04. (SC21 Outcomes Document, paragraph 103); and
 - Possible additional reporting requirements for Sea Turtles (CMM 2018-04).
3. Others taskings and priorities as agreed through WCPFC22 if required.

Indicative Workplan Timetable for 2026

Timeline	Planned Activities
Early March	First virtual meeting: Focus on 1. above and introducing new taskings for 2026
August	Second virtual meeting in advance of SC22
September	Third virtual or in-person meeting in advance of TCC22
December (WCPFC23)	Adoption of recommendations

¹ Focuses on a 2026 workplan and adds an indicative workplan timetable.