



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE  
FIFTH REGULAR SESSION**

**Port Vila, Vanuatu  
10-21 August 2009**

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**MEETING NOTICE AND INFORMATION**

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**WCPFC-SC5-2009/01**

In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, the fifth regular session of the Scientific Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC-SC5) will be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu, from 10 to 21 August, 2009. The venue of the meeting will be Le Lagon Resort Vanuatu, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

The following documents are being circulated in association with this Notice:

- Provisional agenda for the meeting (WPCFC-SC5-2009/02);
- Provisional annotated agenda for the meeting (WPCFC-SC5-2009/03);
- Indicative schedule for the meeting (WPCFC-SC5-2009/04); and
- Registration form (WPCFC-SC5-2009/05).

All meeting documents will be posted on the Commission's website ([www.wcpfc.int](http://www.wcpfc.int)) as they become available.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Commission, CCMs and observers desiring to participate are requested to advise the Secretariat of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers by Friday, 17 July 2009.

**Accommodation**

Accommodations for the meetings have been reserved at Le Lagon Resort Vanuatu. Please make reservations directly with the hotel. Additional hotels, motels and apartments near the meeting venue hotel are listed in the table below.

(The currency in Vanuatu is vatu (VUV), 1 US Dollar is around 118Vanuatu Vatu.)

Property	Classification	Features
Le Lagon	4 star- waterfront	Website: <a href="http://www.lelagonvanuatu.vu">www.lelagonvanuatu.vu</a> Phone: +678 22313 Fax: +678 22665 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:groupsales.lelagon@vanuatu.com.vu">groupsales.lelagon@vanuatu.com.vu</a> <a href="mailto:sales.lelagon@warwickhotels.com">sales.lelagon@warwickhotels.com</a> <a href="mailto:reservations.lelagon@warwickhotels.com">reservations.lelagon@warwickhotels.com</a> <a href="mailto:sreynolds@warwickhotels.com">sreynolds@warwickhotels.com</a> Room rate: N/A
Le Meridien	4 star – water front	Website: <a href="http://www.vanuatu.lemeridien.com">www.vanuatu.lemeridien.com</a> Phone: +678 22040 Fax: +678 22461 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:reservations@meridien.com.vu">reservations@meridien.com.vu</a> Room rate: Vt.13,500+tax
The Sebel	3.5+ star – water front in CBD	Website: <a href="http://www.mirvachotels.com">www.mirvachotels.com</a> Phone: +678 28882 Fax: +678 28883 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:reservations@tsv.mirvac.vu">reservations@tsv.mirvac.vu</a> Room to Penthouse rate: Vt.17,550~61,200
Chantilly's	3 star self contained – water front	Website: <a href="http://www.chantillysonthebay.com">www.chantillysonthebay.com</a> Phone: +678 27079 Fax: 678 28111 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:Chantillys@vanuatu.com.vu">Chantillys@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Apartment rate: Vt.14,000 ~ 17,000
Poppy's on the Lagoon	3 star, water front, suites/villas	Website: <a href="http://www.poppys.com.vu">www.poppys.com.vu</a> Phone: +678 23425 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:poppys@vanuatu.com.vu">poppys@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Villa and bungalow rate: AUD195~495/night
Breakas Beach Resort	3 star – water front, no children	Website: <a href="http://www.breakas.com">www.breakas.com</a> Phone: +678 25844 Mobile: +678 55 66 662 Fax: +678 24710 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:cattia@breakas.com">cattia@breakas.com</a> Villa rate: Vt. 22,320-76,500
The Melanesian	2.5 star	Website: <a href="http://www.melanesianportvila.com">www.melanesianportvila.com</a> Phone: +678 22150 Fax: +678 22678 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:reservations@melanesian.com.vu">reservations@melanesian.com.vu</a> Room to Apartment rate: Vt.11,300~Vt.18,600
Moorings	2.5 star – water front/night club	Website: <a href="http://www.mooringsvanuatu.com">www.mooringsvanuatu.com</a> Tel +678 26800 Fax +678 22172 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:reservations@mooringsvanuatu.com">reservations@mooringsvanuatu.com</a> Room rate: Vt.12,325~15,340
Pacific Lagoon Apartments	Budget–(next door to venue)	Website: <a href="http://www.pacificlagoonapts.com">www.pacificlagoonapts.com</a> Phone: +678 23860 or 25316 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:pla@vanuatu.com.vu">pla@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Apartment rate: Vt.12,000~18,600

Kaiviti Motel	Budget	Website: <a href="http://www.kaivitimotel.com">www.kaivitimotel.com</a> Phone: +678 24684 Fax: +678 24685 Mobile: +678 774 4684 Free call: 1 800 450 558 (Australia only) Contact email address: <a href="mailto:kaiviti@vanuatu.com.vu">kaiviti@vanuatu.com.vu</a> , <a href="mailto:reservations@melanesian.com.vu">reservations@melanesian.com.vu</a> Room rate: Vt.7,600, Apartment rate: Vt.12,250
Tradewinds	Budget	Website: <a href="http://www.tradewinds.com.vu">www.tradewinds.com.vu</a> Phone: +678 27018 Mobile: +678 774 3424 Fax: +678 28100 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:tradewinds@vanuatu.com.vu">tradewinds@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Room rate: Townhouse (Vt.20,000), Studios (Vt.9,000), 2- bedroom houses (Vt.14,000)
Vanuatu Holiday Hotel	Budget	Website: <a href="http://www.hotel-vanuatu-holiday.com">www.hotel-vanuatu-holiday.com</a> Phone: +678 29930 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:hotelformuleholiday@vanuatu.com.vu">hotelformuleholiday@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Room to Apartment rate: Vt.5,500~11,000
City Lodge	Very budget	Website: <a href="mailto:citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu">citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Phone/Fax: +678 26826 Contact email address: <a href="mailto:citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu">citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu</a> Room rate: Vt.3,800~5,700

If problems are encountered in making hotel reservations, please contact William Naviti at the Fisheries Department (email: [wnaviti@gmail.com](mailto:wnaviti@gmail.com) , phone: 678-23119, fax: 678-23641).

### Registration

Participants are encouraged to use web registration (See [www.wcpfc.int/Meetings/SC5](http://www.wcpfc.int/Meetings/SC5) meeting site). In the event web access is not available, the completed registration form may be submitted to the Secretariat by email (preferred - [wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int)) or fax (+691 320 1108) by Friday, 17 July 2009. For those delegations with more than one member we would prefer registrations to be submitted in batches by a key contact for each Member/Observer.

### Airport Transfers

Transportation will be provided for drop off at the hotel or motels. Please send your itinerary to William Naviti at the Fisheries Department (email: [wnaviti@gmail.com](mailto:wnaviti@gmail.com) , phone: 678-23119, fax: 678-23641).

### Visa for Vanuatu

Participants are required to ask their governments on the status of visa requirements to Vanuatu. There are many websites for the Vanuatu visa information and one example is [http://www.vanuatutourism.com/vanuatu/cms/en/resources/visa\\_info.html](http://www.vanuatutourism.com/vanuatu/cms/en/resources/visa_info.html) for entry requirements and general information. *Arrangements can also be made for visa to be issued on arrival.* For those that require this assistance contact William Naviti at the Fisheries Department (email: [wnaviti@gmail.com](mailto:wnaviti@gmail.com) , phone: 678-23119, fax: 678-23641).

## Preparatory Meeting for Head of Delegation

A Preparatory Meeting, for Heads of Delegation only, will be held at the Le Lagon Hotel on Sunday, 9 August, at 16:00 h, convened by the SC Chair Naozumi Miyabe. Participants are invited to consider organization of the meeting including the selection of a new convener for BI-SWG and co-conveners for EB-SWG and SA-SWG.

## Specialist Working Groups (SWG)

The Scientific Committee will comprise six Specialist Working Groups (SWGs) which will meet consecutively during the first week of WCPFC-SC5.

The SWG and their Conveners are as follows:

SWG	Convener	Email
Biology SWG	Miki Ogura (on behalf of Hitoshi Honda)	ogura@fra.affrc.go.jp
Ecosystem and Bycatch SWG	Paul Dalzell	Paul.Dalzell@noaa.gov
Fishing Technology SWG	David Itano	dgi@hawaii.edu
Methods SWG	Robert Campbell	Robert.Campbell@csiro.au
Statistics SWG	Kim Duckworth	Kim.Duckworth@fish.govt.nz
Stock Assessment SWG	Keith Bigelow	Keith.Bigelow@noaa.gov

## Submission of Papers

The procedure for submission of papers will be as follows:

- 1) Annual Report to the Commission – Part 1 (Attachment N of the SC4 Summary Report), must be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat by Friday, 10 July 2009. A two to three paragraph abstract should accompany the submission of their Annual Report (Part 1) so that it can be inserted into the SC5 Summary Report of the meeting.
- 2) The title of a paper proposed for presentation to the meeting, including an abstract, should be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat, relevant SWG conveners and the Chair of the Scientific Committee (Naozumi Miyabe, [miyabe@fra.affrc.go.jp](mailto:miyabe@fra.affrc.go.jp)) as early as possible but no later than 3 July 2009 (five weeks in advance of the start of WCPFC-SC5). SWG conveners, in consultation with the author(s) and the Chair, will have the final say on which SWG will consider each paper, which papers are presented (i.e. Working Papers), and which are simply provided for information (Information Papers). Document numbers will be allocated at this time.
- 3) All papers, including an abstract that specifically addresses the agenda item under consideration, must be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat and to the relevant conveners in electronic form by 22 July 2009. Papers that are not available in the advance of the meeting will not be discussed at the meeting.
- 4) All papers will be posted on the SC5 website by 24 July 2009. All participants will be responsible for downloading their papers and printing them out, should that be desired. Limited printing and photocopying services will be available at the meeting venue.

### **Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories**

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct economical airfare) of one representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for qualifying developing country and participating territory Members by Friday, 10 July 2009.

Any enquiries about the SC5 meeting should be directed to the Chair of the Scientific Committee, preferably with a copy to the WCPFC Secretariat's Science Manager, SungKwon Soh ([sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int)).