



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE  
FIFTH REGULAR SESSION**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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**WCPFC-SC5-2009/02 (rev1)**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- 1.1 Welcome address**
- 1.2 Adoption of agenda**
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements**
- 1.4 Reporting arrangements**
- 1.5 Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**

**AGENDA ITEM 2 REVIEW OF FISHERIES**

- 2.1 Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries\***
- 2.2 Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**
- 2.3 Annual Report (Part 1) from Members, Participating Territories and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs)**
- 2.4 Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**

**AGENDA ITEM 3 SPECIALIST WORKING GROUPS (SWG)s**

- 3.1 Adoption of the all SWG reports, including advice and recommendations**

**AGENDA ITEM 4 STATUS OF THE STOCKS AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE AND IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 WCPO bigeye tuna**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.2 WCPO yellowfin tuna**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.3 Requests from CMM-2008-01**
  - a. High Seas Vessel Day Scheme
  - b. FAD management plans
  - c. Fishing effort for bigeye and yellowfin tuna from other commercial tuna fisheries

- d. Review of CMM-2008-01
- e. Capacity measuring and monitoring (Paragraph 44 of CMM-2008-01)
- 4.4 WCPO skipjack tuna**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.5 South Pacific albacore**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.6 South Pacific swordfish**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
  - c. Requests from CMM-2008-05:
- 4.7 Southwest Pacific striped marlin**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.8 North Pacific striped marlin**
  - a. Status and trends\*
  - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.9 Northern stocks**
  - 4.9.1 North Pacific albacore (CMM-2005-03)
    - a. Status and trends\*
    - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
  - 4.9.2 Pacific bluefin tuna
    - a. Status and trends\*
    - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
  - 4.9.3 North Pacific swordfish
    - a. Status and trends\*
    - b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- 4.10 Biological parameters and management related issues**
  - a. Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide: A comprehensive review and study of bigeye tuna reproductive biology (Project 35)
  - b. Regional study of the stock structure and life history characteristics of South Pacific albacore (Project 39)
  - c. Technical workshop to consider suitability of MSY-based reference points as default limit reference points and how they may be operationalized (Project 57)
  - d. Revised stock assessment on southern swordfish (Project 26)

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 BYCATCH MITIGATION**

- 5.1 Fisheries impacts (Ecological Risk Assessment)**
  - a. Seabirds\*
  - b. Sharks\*
  - c. Sea turtles\*
- 5.2 Small tuna on floating objects (STFO)\***

## **AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Data gaps**
  - a. Data gaps and progress towards addressing gaps
  - b. Review of ‘A study to identify causes of data gaps in the work of the WCPFC’
  - c. Species composition of purse-seine catches

- d. Obtaining ISC data
- 6.2 Regional Observer Programme (ROP)**
- 6.3 Advice to Ad Hoc Task Group [Data]**
- 6.4 Indonesia and Philippines Data Collection Project (IPDCP) and GEF project**
- 6.5 Tagging initiatives**
- 6.6 Data verification**

**AGENDA ITEM 7 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

- 7.1 Review of existing MOUs and relations**
  - a. Cooperation with ISC
  - b. Three-year arrangement with SPC
- 7.2 Development of new MOUs\***
  - a. Develop a formal relationship with NPAFC

**AGENDA ITEM 8 CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**

- 8.1 Special Requirements Fund**
  - a. Review of 2008/2009 activities
  - b. Advice and recommendations to the Commission\*

**AGENDA ITEM 9 FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

- 9.1 Process of implementing the work programme of the Scientific Committee**
- 9.2 Strategic Research Plan of the Scientific Committee**
- 9.3 Progress of 2009 Work Programme, 2010 Work Programme and budget, and 2011-2012 provisional Work Programme and indicative budget\***

**AGENDA ITEM 10 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- 10.1 Rules of Procedure**
- 10.2 Peer review of stock assessments**
- 10.3 Future operation of the Scientific Committee**
  - a. Independent Review of the Science Structure and Function of the Commission
- 10.4 Next meeting\***

**AGENDA ITEM 11 OTHER MATTERS**

- 11.1 Meeting of the Five Tuna RFMOs: Science Issues**

**AGENDA ITEM 12 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 Adoption of the Summary Report and Executive Summary of the Fourth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee**

**AGENDA ITEM 13 CLOSE OF MEETING**