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**WCPFC SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE MONITORING STRATEGY\_TABLE UPDATE**

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# South Pacific albacore monitoring strategy Table 1

Proposed new text shown in yellow highlight.

| 1. Review of MP Performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
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| Scientific Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Technical and Compliance Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Commission            |
| a. Evaluation of predicted performance indicators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>Regularly review/check the performance and outputs of the MP, including the indicators set out in Table 6 of CMM 2025-01 and provide advice to the Commission on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The performance of the MP in managing South Pacific albacore to achieve defined objectives including relative to the TRP.</li> <li>b) The robustness of the MP to changes in the fishery and any exceptional circumstances consistent with Annex IV of CMM 2025-01,</li> <li>c) The application of the MP outputs to CMM 2025-01.</li> </ul> | <p>Regularly review/check the performance and outputs of the MP, including the indicators set out in Table 6 of CMM 2025-01 and provide advice to the Commission on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Catch and effort levels for all fisheries subject to the MP relative to maximum levels specified under the most recent output of the MP.</li> <li>b) Allocation of catch and effort through the implementing measure.</li> <li>c) Identify quality of information and gaps in available data that would affect ability to monitor the implementation of the MP relative to the MP outputs.</li> </ul> | No input anticipated. |
| b. Data availability to run the MP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| Check availability, quantity and quality of data necessary to run the MP (e.g. the estimation method).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Identify quality of information and gaps in available data that would affect ability to monitor the implementation of the MP relative to the MP outputs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No input anticipated. |
| c. Additional data to inform MP performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| Identify any other data, as available, that might not be included in the MSE framework, that can inform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Identify any other data, as available, that might not be included in the MSE framework, that can inform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No input anticipated. |

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| on performance indicators (economic, social, ecosystem, etc.).           | on performance indicators (economic, social, ecosystem, etc.). |                       |
| d. Performance of the estimation method                                  |                                                                |                       |
| Confirm the EM is performing well and not subject to estimation failure. | No input anticipated.                                          | No input anticipated. |

*Table 1: Table of responsibilities (review of MP performance)*

| 2. Review of MP Design                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Scientific Committee                                                                                                                                                          | Technical and Compliance Committee                                                                                                                                            | Commission                                                                                                                                                                |
| a. Management objectives                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| No input anticipated.                                                                                                                                                         | No input anticipated.                                                                                                                                                         | Review CMM 2025-01, taking account of the outputs of the SPA MP. Check that overall objectives of the MP remain appropriate. Revise catch and effort limits as necessary. |
| b. Scope of the MP                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Confirm the fisheries controlled by the MP, and the method of control, remains appropriate.                                                                                   | Confirm the fisheries controlled by the MP, and the method of control, remains appropriate.                                                                                   | Confirm the fisheries controlled by the MP, and the method of control, remains appropriate.                                                                               |
| c. Exceptional circumstances                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Provide technical advice to identify the occurrence of exceptional circumstances (see CMM 2025-01 Annex IV (WCPFC 2025)) and review, modify or replace the MP as appropriate. | Provide technical advice to identify the occurrence of exceptional circumstances (see CMM 2025-01 Annex IV (WCPFC 2025)) and review, modify or replace the MP as appropriate. | Identify the occurrence of exceptional circumstances (see CMM 2025-01 Annex IV (WCPFC 2025)) and review, modify, or replace the MP as appropriate.                        |

*Table 2: Table of responsibilities (review of MP design)*

| 3. Review of MSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                    |                       |
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| Scientific Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Technical and Compliance Committee                                                                 | Commission            |
| a. Operating model grid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>Ensure the most important sources of uncertainty are included in the OM grid.</p> <p>SC22: Additional robustness analyses are required to determine expected MP performance under conditions of persistent stock increase or decrease.</p> <p>SC22: Climate change scenarios should be advanced and integrated into the MSE framework.</p> | No input anticipated.                                                                              | No input anticipated. |
| b. Calculation of performance indicators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>Check that performance indicators adequately represent management objectives.</p> <p>SC22: Further development of performance indicators required for economic conditions in the fishery</p>                                                                                                                                               | No input anticipated.                                                                              | No input anticipated. |
| c. Modelling assumptions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>Consider the technical details of the simulation and testing framework.</p> <p>Review the catches in regions outside MP control relative to the levels assumed during MP testing.</p>                                                                                                                                                      | Review the catches in regions outside MP control relative to the levels assumed during MP testing. | No input anticipated. |
| d. Data availability to support MSE framework                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>Identify any improvements in data collection to either enhance the OM framework or reduce uncertainty included in the OM grid.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No input anticipated.                                                                              | No input anticipated. |

Table 3: Table of responsibilities (review of MSE)

| <b>Year</b>                      | <b>Scientific Services Provider</b>                                      | <b>Scientific Committee</b>                                                                                                   | <b>Commission</b>                                                                           |
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| 2026                             | Run the MP (using data to 2024) for application to the period 2027-2029. | Provide advice to the Commission on the MP outputs for the period 2027-2029.                                                  | Apply the output of the MP to the SPA Management Arrangements CMM for 2027-2029.            |
| 2027                             | Perform full stock assessment ( $y_{last} = 2025$ ).                     | Monitor and review the performance of the MP, including potential exceptional circumstances, and advise Commission.           | Apply the SPA Management Arrangements CMM. Consider SC advice on the performance of the MP. |
| 2028                             | Monitor performance of the MP.                                           | Monitor performance of the MP.                                                                                                | Apply the SPA Management Arrangements CMM.                                                  |
| 2029                             | Run the MP (using data to 2027) for application to the period 2030-2032. | Monitor the performance of the MP. Provide advice to Commission on the MP outputs for the next management period (2030-2032). | Apply the output of the MP to the SPA Management Arrangements CMM for 2030-2032.            |
| 2030                             | Perform full stock assessment ( $y_{last} = 2028$ ).                     | Monitor and review the performance of the MP, including potential exceptional circumstances, and advise Commission.           | Apply the SPA Management Arrangements CMM. Consider SC advice on the performance of the MP. |
| 2031                             | Monitor performance of the MP.                                           | Monitor performance of the MP.                                                                                                | Apply the SPA Management Arrangements CMM.                                                  |
| 2032                             | Run the MP (using data to 2030) for application to the period 2033-2035. | Monitor the performance of the MP. Provide advice to Commission on the MP outputs for the next management period (2033-2035)  | Apply the output of the MP to the SPA Management Arrangements CMM for 2033-2035.            |
| etc. in a repeating 3-year cycle |                                                                          |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |

*Table 4: Schedule for the implementation and review of the SPA MP (CMM 2025-0*