

**The Commission for the Conservation and Management of
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean**

**Scientific Committee
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**Port Vila, Vanuatu
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
FISHING TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST WORKING GROUP**

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- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Selection of rapporteurs**
- 3. Adoption of agenda**
- 4. Review of information and related studies**
 - 4.1. Gear effects and the influence of FADs and FAD design on target and non-target species
 - 4.2. Improvements in targeting and avoidance of STFO
 - 4.3. Catch characteristics of WCPO purse seine and longline fisheries
 - 4.3. Current status and recent developments in WCPO fishing gear, practices and capacity in relation to changes in fishing effort
 - 4.4. Technical assistance to port sampling and observer programmes
 - 4.5. The development of research projects with industry and observer and port sampling programmes
 - 4.6. Other studies
 - 4.7. Advice to the Scientific Committee
- 5. Research planning and coordination**
 - 5.1. Operational Research Plan for 2009/10
 - 5.2. Medium Term Research Plan
- 6. Other matters arising**
 - 6.1. Format, review and clearance procedures of the FT-SWG report
 - 6.2. Other matters
- 7. Adoption of Report**
- 8. Close of the meeting**