

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

**Scientific Committee  
Fifth Regular Session**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE  
ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH SPECIALIST WORKING GROUP**

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**SC5-2009-EB-SWG-01**

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Selection of rapporteurs**
- 3. Adoption of agenda**
- 4. Ecosystem effects of fishing**
  - a. Progress of SPC's Productivity and Susceptibility Assessment
  - b. Ecological Risk Assessments conducted by CCMs
  - c. Biology of high risk species
  - d. Fishery impacts on ecosystem
- 5. Sharks**
  - a. Shark catch reporting and mitigation
  - b. Shark stock assessments
  - c. Catches and catch rates of non-target species
  - d. Shark fin to body weight ratios
  - e. Update of CMM-2008-06
- 6. Seabirds**
  - a. Technical specifications of seabird mitigation measures
    - i) Tori line design
    - ii) Other technical measures
  - b. Seabird identification guides
  - c. Review of CMM-2007-04 and CCM estimates of seabird mortality presented in Part 1 of Annual Report

- d. Review of research on seabird interactions and mitigation measures

**7. Sea Turtles**

- a. Safe FAD designs to reduce sea turtle entanglement
- b. CCM turtle mitigation plans or activity for review by SC & TCC
- c. Shallow set longline fisheries with minimal seas turtle interaction rates as determined by SC
- d. Review of circle hook trials
- e. WCPFC sea turtle safe handling guidelines
- f. Review of CMM-2008-03

**8. Future research plan**

- a. Detailed operational research plan for 2009/10 with budget
- b. Work programme for 2010-2012 with indicative budget

**9. Other matters**

**10. Adoption of Report (including a one-page summary)**

**11. Close of the meeting**