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SC22 outcomes related to TCC22

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to support TCC's consideration of matters referred to it by SC22, where input from TCC22 is expected or anticipated to support the Commission's consideration at WCPFC23.

TCC22 Agenda Item 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 - Provide advice on data collection and monitoring in support of management procedures and implementing CMMs

- i. Noting that the mixed fishery monitoring strategy (BET and YFT) is to be developed and adopted in 2027, SC22 recommended to the Commission that the monitoring strategy process be a standing agenda item on Commission and subsidiary body meeting agendas. SC22 also supported the proposal to consolidate the regular papers provided to meetings into a format designed to specifically inform monitoring strategies once all the MPs are adopted, as well as to consider an online approach dedicated to delivering the monitoring strategy. (*ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 110*)

TCC22 Agenda Item 4.3.1 - Advice to support CMMs under review — Marine Pollution CMM 2017-04

- i. SC22 recommended that the TCC and Commission consider strengthening observer monitoring of abandoned, lost, or discarded pelagic fishing gear (ALDFG) across relevant WCPFC longline observer programmes, as appropriate and practicable, including through electronic reporting systems and associated observer training. (*ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 156*)
- ii. SC22 recommended that the TCC and Commission encourage CCMs to expand monitoring of longline ALDFG beyond the 13 CCMs with current monitoring and also encourage CCMs to expand monitoring of additional WCPFC fleets. (*ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 158*)

- iii. SC22 advised that the scientific value of additional ALDFG reporting will remain limited while observer coverage in longline fisheries remains low, and supported increasing independent monitoring, whether human or electronic, of longline fishing operations. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 159)*
- iv. SC22 noted that several CCMs considered that further scientific discussion is required before underwater noise and greenhouse gas emissions could be included in the measure, and that the proposed amendments have management implications more appropriately considered by TCC. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 160)*
- v. SC22 recommended that the Commission consider scheduling a three-year review period following the adoption of the new marine pollution measure, which aligns with the SC's workplan. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 161)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 4.3.3 - Advice to support CMMs under review — Sea Turtles CMM 2018-04

- i. SC22 recommended further work to explore ways to collect information regarding the amount of remaining gear when a sea turtle is released in the water after an interaction with longline gear (ie., not limited to when an animal is brought on board). *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 154)*
- ii. SC22 noted that similar information on the amount of gear remaining on an animal released to sea (alive) may have potential relevance to understand post release survival to other species. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 155)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 4.4.2 - Review of FAD Management (FADMO IWG Update)

- i. SC22 encouraged continued refinement of the satellite buoy data transmission requirements and limited technical refinement of the FAD logbook through the FADMO IWG. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 11)*
- ii. SC22 supported focusing the satellite buoy data transmission fields to those that can be automatically reported from buoy providers and suggested the FADMO IWG consider a separate reporting system for manually and/or automatically reported events. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 11)*
- iii. SC22 agreed, in relation to paragraph 19 of the Tropical Tuna Measure (CMM 2025-02), that a stepwise introduction of biodegradable dFADs is technically feasible, and recommended it be accompanied by continued scientific monitoring and the development of standards and a monitoring framework. SC22 recommended the SSP continue to report to the FADMO-IWG and SC23, particularly regarding a framework to monitor the transition to biodegradable materials and designs, a review of definitions and international standards, and further assessment of bioFAD performance. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 132)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 4.4.6 – Tropical Tuna CMM

- i. Noting that TCC21 requested the SSP to continue monitoring the trends between effort and catch in the purse seine fishery, including effort creep, and to report those trends to TCC22, SC22 agreed to forward WCPFC-SC22-2026-MI-IP01 and WCPFC-SC22-2026-MI-IP05 to TCC22. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 119)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 4.5 - Scientific Data Provided to the Commission

- i. SC22 recommended that TCC22 review and that WCPFC23 revise the “Scientific Data to be Provided by the Commission (SciData)” as detailed in Attachment A of the Summary Report of ISG02 on Scientific Data Provisions to provide greater alignment with the standardized data templates. SC22 requested the SSP to identify additional fields for revision for TCC22’s consideration. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 9)*
- ii. SC22 requested the SSP incorporate feedback from SC22 and submit a revised paper on unloading data to TCC22. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 10)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 5.2, 5.7 and 7.4 - CCFS cases; availability and use of ROP data; ROP Improvements (ROP IWG Update)

- i. SC22 recommended the ROP IWG consider observer workload when discussing modifications to the ROP minimum standard data fields. SC22 suggested the ROP IWG consider further review of the unresolved proposed fields relating to marine pollution, seabirds, SSI fields, and shark monitoring, taking into account their consistency with relevant CMM obligations, their applicability to relevant fisheries and fishing gears, the sufficiency and verifiability of supporting information, the safety, practicability, and objectivity of observer data collection, the appropriate roles of other monitoring and inspection mechanisms, and the distinction between inclusion of a field in the MSDF and evidentiary bias required for a CCFS case, improvements to FAD fields in the minimum standard data fields, and guidance on classifying purse seine activity. SC22 supported continued focus of the ROP IWG to review the minimum standard data fields for monitoring transshipments. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 12)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 7.3 - Development of WCPFC EM programme (ER/EM IWG update)

- i. SC22 recommended that TCC and the Commission progress the work on electronic monitoring, including a draft CMM for the development of a WCPFC Electronic Monitoring Program, noting that a number of CCMs may choose to implement EM as a way of meeting the increased coverage requirements associated with increased longline bigeye tuna limit

under the current CMM 2025-02. This work shall take into account the priorities identified in the ER&EM IWG adopted workplan. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 14)*

- ii. SC22 recommended that the TCC and Commission consider options to expand monitoring coverage on longline vessels through human and electronic approaches in the WCPO to improve reporting and so that SC can provide better estimates of bycatch levels and other metrics from these fleets. SC22 noted that coverage of at least 10% of effort would allow for reasonably good estimates of bycatch for frequently caught species, and that higher levels would be necessary for reasonably good estimates for less frequently caught species, especially sea turtles and cetaceans. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 13)*

TCC22 Agenda Item 8 – Administrative Matters

- i. Timing of meetings. SC22 advised the Commission that swapping the timing of Commission and Scientific Committee meetings may be one approach to support timely completion of assessments for Scientific Committee review. SC22 requested the Secretariat to provide information to WCPFC23 to support the Commission’s consideration of this issue. *(ref: SC22 Outcomes, paragraph 181)*