SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION (SSSC01)
27-28 November 2026
Port Vila, Vanuatu (Hybrid)

Meeting Notice and Information

WCPFC-SSSC01-2026-01
20 October 2026

The First Special Session of the Scientific Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC-SSSC01) will be held at the Le Lagon Warwick Resort in Port Vila, Vanuatu, on 27 (Friday) and 28 (Saturday) November 2026. The SC Chair, Ms Emily Crigler (USA), will chair the SSSC01.

The Provisional Annotated Agenda and meeting documents will be posted on the SSSC01 webpage in due course.

SSSC01 MEETING STRUCTURE

SSSC01 will be held as a hybrid meeting, allowing for both in-person and virtual participation via Zoom. CCM[1] representatives may participate virtually only if their Head of Delegation (HOD), or an officially designated alternate, is unable to attend the meeting in person. For technical assistance with virtual participation, please contact the Secretariat's IT team at ITSupport@wcpfc.int.

REGISTRATION

Online registration is available through the SSSC01 webpage. All participants are requested to register through the online registration system. Early registration is strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for HODs to approve their delegation members' participation and to ensure that participants receive timely notifications when meeting documents are uploaded.

For registration-related technical assistance, please contact ITSupport@wcpfc.int.

SUBMISSION OF MEETING PAPERS

CCMs are requested to submit meeting papers for consideration by SSSC01 at least 14 days before the Special Session, **no later than Thursday, 12 November 2026**. Submissions should be sent to the WCPFC Science Manager, Dr SungKwon Soh (sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int), and the Assistant Science Manager, Ms Elaine Garvilles (elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int).

FUNDING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES

In accordance with the agreement reached at SC22, participants eligible for funding to attend SSSC01 will be the same as those eligible for funding to attend the Commission meeting.

FURTHER MEETING INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS

Please refer to Circular 2026-94 for further information on meeting arrangements.

[1] WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-members, and Participating Territories.