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**ROP TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP – DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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A Technical and Operational Advisory Group (TOAG) will be formed to assist the Observer Programme Coordinator (OPC) in harmonizing technical issues to the extent practical, e.g. data collection, forms, etc. across the national and sub-regional programs authorized under the Regional Observer Programme (ROP). Additionally, the group can assist the OPC in resolving the many technical and operational issues that are likely to arise, particularly in the early stages of the ROP.

The members of the TOAG shall consist of a representative from the WCPFC Secretariat, the Data Service Provider, FFA Secretariat, and a representative of the Scientific Committee, plus 8-10 members and providers who have a record of broad experience in all aspects of observer programs.

In providing advice, the TOAG should take into account the need for cost-effectiveness and should, where applicable, identify costs associated with the various mechanisms and processes identified.

Upon the OPC receiving advice from the TOAG s/he will distribute such advice to the designated ROP National Coordinators for each of the authorized observer programs.

The OPC shall report annually on the TOAG's activities to the Technical and Compliance Committee, and Scientific Committee.