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Work areas	5-year objectives	1-year tasks				
	2011-2015	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
. Northern stocks a. Monitor status; consider management action	Review status and take action as needed for: ¹ North Pacific albacore	Obtain and review a full assessment and consider management action		Consider other management options than the existing management measures, if appropriate. Review interim management objective in light of ISC advice		

¹ In the event that the Commission, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Annex I of the Commission Rules of Procedure, adds additional stocks, such as the northern stock of striped marlin, to the list of stocks understood to be “northern stocks”, this work programme will be revised to include periodic status reviews and consideration of management action for such stocks.

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b. Data	Pacific bluefin tuna	Review reports from CCMs on their domestic management measures and advice of ISC and consider appropriate management action	Obtain and review a full assessment and consider appropriate management action.			
	Swordfish	Consider and set up interim management objective and reference points in light of ISC.				
	Striped marlin (if agreed by the Scientific Committee and Commission).		Obtain and review a full assessment and consider appropriate management action.			
c. Scientific support	Achieve timely submission of complete data needed for assessments, formulation of measures, and review of Commission decisions	CCMs participating in the NC submit complete data on fisheries for northern stocks to the Commission	CCMs participating in the NC submit complete data on fisheries for northern stocks to the Commission			
	Consider systems to validate catch data	Encourage submission to Commission of PBF, NPALB and NPSM data from all CCMs and make available to ISC	Encourage submission to Commission of PBF, NPALB and NPSM data from all CCMs and make available to ISC			
2. Non-target, associated, dependent species	Provide support for scientific studies	Encourage voluntary contribution for NC's list of priority scientific projects				
a. Seabirds	Consider appropriate implementation of methods to	Review implementation of CMM-2007-04 in the northern	Review implementation of CMM-2007-04 in the northern			

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	minimize catch and mortality.	area.	area			
b. Sea turtles	Consider appropriate implementation of methods to minimize catch and mortality.	Review mitigation research results and consider management action.	Review mitigation research results and consider management action			
c. Sharks	Consider appropriate implementation for CMM-2010-07 in the northern area.	Review implementation for CMM-2010-07 in the northern area.	Review scientific advice from ISC, if any, and consider management options on two shark species (blue shark and mako shark).			
3. Review effectiveness of decisions	Annually review effectiveness of conservation and management measures and resolutions applicable to fisheries for northern stocks	Review effectiveness of NP albacore measure (CMM 2005-03), including member's reports on their interpretation and implementation of fishing effort control. Review effectiveness of Pacific bluefin tuna measure.				
5. ROP(Paragraph 9, Attachment C of CMM2007-01)		Submit a revised recommended CMM on implementation of the ROP for fresh-fish fishing vessels north of 20N to TCC7 for consideration				
4. Cooperation with other organisations						
a. ISC		Consider action to support ISC.				
b. IATTC	Following Article 22.4, consult to facilitate consistent management measures	Have consultation to maintain consistent measures for NP albacore and northern Pacific	Have consultation to maintain consistent measures for NP albacore and northern			

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	throughout the respective ranges of the northern stocks	bluefin tuna	Pacific bluefin tuna			