

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

5-13 August 2015

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| **HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING**  **PROVISIONAL AGENDA** |

**WCPFC-SC11-2015/07**

1. **General Announcements**
   * 1. SC11 registration will start at 08:00 on Wednesday, 5 August. Meeting starts at 08:30 every day. Tea breaks are scheduled for 10:00-10:30 and 15:00-15:30, and lunch at 12:00-13:30
     2. Functions

* Welcome dinner at the Secretariat at 6:30pm on Friday, 7 August 2015.
* Japan Embassy at Ambassador’s residence, 6:30 pm, Wednesday 12 August, 2015 (two people per delegation)
  + 1. Opening Ceremony

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| 08:00-08:30 | Registration |
| 08:25-08:30 | Participants to be seated |
| 08:30 | Ludwig Kumoru (Chair of the Scientific Committee) invites Prayer |
| 08:30-08:40 | Opening Prayer |
| 08:40-09:00 | Opening Remarks (Commission Chair and the Executive Director) |
| 09:00-09:40 | Group photo and Morning refreshment break |
| 09:40-12:00 | Agenda 1, 2 |

* + 1. Logistic arrangements; refer to the Registration Package
    2. Other issues?

1. **Review of Provisional Agenda**
   1. SC11 Provisional Agenda was revised on 30 July.
   2. Agenda Item 12 – Other Matters
      * Any minor issues for discussion under *Agenda Item 12 Other Matters?*
2. **SC Officers and Theme Conveners**
3. A Vice Chair position is vacant for three years. SC11 needs to nominate SC Vice Chair for approval by WCPFC12 in December.
4. Current SC officers and theme conveners are listed below. Conveners who have reached the end of a two-year term should indicate their availability to serve for another two-year term.
5. Need to select an EB-Theme co-convener.

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| Title | Conveners | Email address |
| Chair | Ludwig Kumoru (3) | lkumoru@gmail.com |
| Vice-Chair |  |  |
| EB Theme | John Annala (2) and  Aisake Batibasaga (4) | John.Annala@mpi.govt.nz abatibasaga@gmail.com |
| ST Theme | Ludwig Kumoru (3) | lkumoru@gmail.com |
| SA Theme | Jon Brodziak (5) and  Hiroshi Nishida (1) | Jon.Brodziak@noaa.gov  hnishi@affrc.go.jp |
| MI Theme | Robert Campbell (6) | Robert.Campbell@csiro.au |

1. **Reports**
   1. Rapporteurs
2. Lead Rapporteur: Dr Jane Broweleit
3. Theme Reports and support rapporteurs

According to the current *Guidelines for the Theme Convenors* (Attachment J, SC8 Report),

* + Conveners will enlist support rapporteurs to take notes on the discussion for each agenda item
  + Conveners will also work with the Head Rapporteur on the production of the final summary report for each Theme session.

1. Theme recommendations

Theme conveners will prepare their draft recommendations and clear them at the end of each theme session. SC Chair will adopt the recommendations and will not reopen when the SC11 Summary Report is adopted. Lead rapporteur will assist the clearing process of the recommendations.

1. All draft reports during the meeting (ISG reports, draft theme reports, CCM statements, draft theme recommendations, CCM’s comments on the draft plenary reports, etc.) will be provided to Tony Beeching.

* For comments on the draft plenary reports, each CCM should submit only ONE hard copy per delegation with CCM’s name on the cover page to Tony Beeching.
* Refer to **Attachment 1** for the detailed schedules for:
  1. Theme conveners submit draft theme reports to lead rapporteur
  2. Hard copy distribution for CCM’s comments;
  3. Submission of CCM’s comments to Secretariat.

1. Other matters?

* CCMs are advised that written comments for inclusion in the (main) report should be brief and be submitted to the Lead Rapporteur.
  1. After SC11, the Executive Summary will be prepared by the Secretariat and adopted after review by the CCMs.
  2. Secretariat will review the lead rapporteur’s final version and post the “adopted version” on the website within a week.
  3. The adopted SC11 Report will be professionally edited and posted as the final edited version in due course.

1. **Side meetings**
   1. There will be two Steering Committee meetings:
      * + - Pacific Tuna Tagging Project at 5:30pm, on Thursday, 6 August; and
          - Japan Trust Fund at 5:30pm on Friday, 7 August.
   2. Proposed Informal Small Groups to be confirmed. Facilitators will lead their relevant ISG according to their schedules and approaches.

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| **ISG** | **Proposed titles** | **Proposed Facilitators** |
| ISG-1 | **Shark Research Plan and Tuna SA schedule**  TOR: ISG will finalize SRP and develop stock assessment schedule for future years | James Larkin |
| ISG-2 | **WCPFC Tissue Bank Access Protocols**  TOR: ISG will review the draft protocol and provide recommendations and/or final protocols | Simon Nicol |
| ISG-3 | **Operational data for assessments from DWFNs**  TOR: Availability of operational data for conducting stock assessments | John Hampton |
| ISG-4 | **South Pacific albacore – selection of best model runs to capture uncertainty**  TOR: TBD | Graham Pilling |
| ISG-5 | **SC work plan and budget (Attachment 2)**  TOR: develop projects and propose budget | Ludwig Kumoru and Rob Campbell |
| ISG-6 | **Safe release of encircled animals…**  **Guidelines for the survival of sharks from longline and purse seine gear…**  TOR: finalize two guidelines | Hidetada Kiyofuji |

1. **Next meeting venue**

* SC12 is scheduled to be in Indonesia in 2016.
* Any offer for hosting SC13 in 2017?

1. **Other Matters**

**Attachment 1. SC11 Indicative schedule / Publication of draft Summary Report**

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| **Time** | **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue, 4 August** | **Wed, 5** | **Thu, 6** | **Fri, 7** | **Sat, 8** |
| **0830-1000** |  |  |  | **Agenda 1 and 2** | **4. Stock Status (1)** | **4. Stock Status (3)** | **4. Stock Status (5)** |
| **1000-1030** |  |  | Morning Break | | | |
| **1030-1200** |  |  | **Agenda 1 and 2** | **4. Stock Status (2)** | **4. Stock Status (4)** | **4. Stock Status (6)** |
| **1200-1330** |  |  | 2pm: Conveners’ meeting  4pm: HOD meeting | Lunch Break | | | |
| **1330-1500** |  |  | **3. Data (1)** | **3. Data (3)** | **6. EB theme (2)** | **5. MI theme (1)** |
| **1500-1530** |  |  | Afternoon Break | | | |
| **1530-1730** |  |  | **3. Data (2)** | **6. EB theme (1)** | **6. EB theme (3)** | **5. MI theme (2)** |
| **1730-1830** |  |  |  |  | **PTTP** |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Theme conveners submit draft theme reports to lead rapporteur** |  |  |  | Noon: ST report |
|  |  |  | **Hard copy distribution for CCM’s comments** |  |  |  | 2pm: Agenda 1-2, ST report |
|  |  |  | **Submission of CCM’s comments to Secretariat** |  |  |  |  |

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| **Time** | **Sun, 9** | **Mon, 10** | **Tue, 11** | **Wed, 12** | **Thu, 13** |  |  |
| **0830-1000** |  | **4. Stock Status (7)** | **5. MI theme (3) - Recommendations** | **4. Stock Status (11) – Recom.** | **13. Adoption** |  |  |
| **1000-1030** |  | Morning Break | | | |  |  |
| **1030-1200** |  | **4. Stock Status (8)** | **4. Stock Status (9) – Recom.** | **4. Stock Status (12) – Recom.** | **13. Adoption** |  |  |
| **1200-1330** |  | Lunch Break | | | |  |  |
| **1330-1500** |  | **3. Data – Recom. (4)** | **4. Stock Status (10) – Recom.** | **Outstanding issues** | **13. Adoption** |  |  |
| **1500-1530** |  | Afternoon Break | | | |  |  |
| **1530-1730** |  | **6. EB theme (4) - Recommendations** | **Agenda 7-12** | **Outstanding issues** | **13. Adoption**  **14. Close** |  |  |
| **1730-1830** |  | **JTF** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Theme conveners submit draft theme reports to lead rapporteur** | Noon: SA report, 6-8 Aug  Noon: EB report | Noon: MI report | Noon: SA 10 Aug. | Noon: Agenda 7-12 | Adoption of Report |  |  |
| **Hard copy distribution for CCM’s comments** | 2pm: SA report, 6-8 Aug  2pm: EB report | 2pm: MI report | 2pm: SA 10 Aug. | 2pm: Agenda 7-12 |  |  |
| **Submission of CCM’s comments to Secretariat** | Noon: Agenda 1-2, ST report | Noon: SA report, 6-8 Aug  Noon: EB report | Noon: MI report | Noon: SA 10 Aug.  8pm: Agenda 7-12 |  |  |

**Attachment 2. [DRAFT]** List of SC work programme titles and budget for 2016, and indicative budget for 2017–2018, which require funding from the Commission’s core budget (in USD)

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| **Research activity / Project with priority** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| Project 14. West Pacific East Asia (WPEA) Project   * Scope: port sampling and capacity building of WPEA countries | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Project 35. Refinement of bigeye tuna parameters   * Scope: 2015 is the last year of the project; sampling data and analysis of otoliths/gonads for assessment | 75,000 | 50,000 |  |  |
| Project 42. Pacific-wide tagging project | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Project 57. Limit reference points (LRPs): Expert panel work on the identification of appropriate life history parameters for use in developing shark LRPs | 25,000 |  |  |  |
| Project 66. Target reference points |  |  |  |  |
| Project 63. Harvest control rules |  |  |  |  |
| Project 70. Additional resourcing SPC for the improvement of stock assessment along with 2011 bigeye tuna peer review recommendations | 160,000 |  |  |  |
| Project 74. Pacific-wide bigeye tuna stock assessment (additional cost)   * Travel and associated costs for two workshops (USD 52,600) * MULTIFAN-CL software development (USD 26,300) * Computer hardware (USD 13,100) | ~~92,000~~ |  |  |  |
| Project 54 – Monte Carlo simulation of mitigation options for longline shark bycatch   * See SC10-EB-WP-01 for details | 25,000 |  |  |  |
| Project 67 – Review of impacts of recent high catches of skipjack tuna on fisheries on the margins of the WCPFC Convention Area | 40,000 |  |  |  |
| Technical support for the MOW4/HSW1 | 30,000 | 190,000 | 160,000 |  |
| Unobligated Budget | 0 | 83,000 | 83,000 | 83,000 |
| SPC Oceanic Fisheries Programme Budget  (This includes USD 130,000 for shark research.) | 871,200 | 1,031,200 | 1031,200 | 1031,200 |
| GRAND TOTAL |  |  |  |  |