COMMISSION
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TCC WORK PLAN 2016 - 2018

TCC Priorities

1) Priority core business tasks (standing Agenda Items)

a. Monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission (Compliance Monitoring Scheme).

b. Assessment of IUU vessel nominations and review of vessels currently on the IUU list

c. Review of cooperating non-member applications.

d. Monitor obligations relating to Small Island Developing States and territories.

e. Review Annual report(s) of the WCPFC Secretariat, which should address relevant technical and compliance issues, which may include HSBI, ROP, VMS, RFV, Data Rules, and transshipment and note the Executive Director's report on these matters and other issues as appropriate.

f. Review the ongoing work of the Intercessional Working Groups (IWG) noted in Section 3.

g. Review information about technical and compliance matters arising under existing CMMs.

h. Make technical comments on proposed CMMs.

2) Priority project specific tasks

a. Develop responses to non-compliance. [TCC task]

b. Develop a multi-year program of obligations to be assessed under the CMS, which ensures that all obligations are assessed over time. [TCC task]

c. Provide advice on CMMs that need revision to improve compliance and monitoring, including those for which interpretation issues have been identified through the CMS process. [TCC task]

d. Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including through annual consideration of implementation plans. [TCC task] [$]

e. Support building the capacity of SIDS, which may include:

  i. implement observer programs, including training and data management

  ii. develop and implement the MCS Information Management System at a national level

  iii. improve bycatch reporting, in particular sharks

  iv. Assist SIDS with setting up a system or process for reports on transshipment activities and MTU inspections.

    · [WCPFC Secretariat, FFA/SPC, Other, TCC task] [$]

f. Independent audit or review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. [Secretariat] [$]

g. Technical and compliance-related advice to address BET overfishing. [TCC task]

h. Further develop port-based initiatives as part of the suite of MCS tools, including a summary of port state measures adopted by other RFMOs [Secretariat task] and a summary of port state measures undertaken by members. [TCC task]

i. Review information about scientific data provision. [TCC task, Secretariat task to prepare papers]

j. Develop guidelines for the elaboration of management plans for sharks caught in the WCPFC Convention area. [TCC task with assistance from SPC/Secretariat] [$]

k. Technical and compliance-related advice to support the development of harvest strategies, including consideration of the implications of harvest control rules. [TCC task]

l. Consider alternatives to current fins to carcass ratio to ensure effective monitoring of CMM 2010-07 [TCC task]

3) Intersessional working groups

Budgets and timeframes to be assessed separately

ROP IWG: Review ROP.

FAD IWG: Review and develop FAD measures.

CDS IWG: Develop and implement a Catch Documentation Scheme for WCPFC species.

EM and ER IWG: Continue the development of standards, specifications and procedures for e-technologies.

4) Priority Issues forwarded from the Commission (pending Commission meeting).

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Article 14(1)(a) Priority tasks with respect to the provision of information, technical advice and recommendations		
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Article 14(1)(b) Priority tasks with respect to the monitoring and review of compliance		
Develop a multi-year program of obligations to be assessed under the CMS, which ensures that all obligations are assessed over time.		
Develop responses to non-compliance	Develop responses to non-compliance	
Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including through annual	Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including	Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including through

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consideration of implementation plans. [$]	through annual consideration of implementation plans. [$]	annual consideration of implementation plans. [$]
Review information about scientific data provision	Review information about scientific data provision	Independent audit or review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme [Secretariat] [$]
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Article 14(1)(c) Priority tasks with respects to implementation of cooperative MCS & E		
Implement observer programs, including training and data management [$]		Implement observer programs, including training and data management [$]
	Develop and implement the MCS Information Management System at a national level [$]	Develop and implement the MCS Information Management System at a national level [$]
Assist SIDS with setting up a system or process for reports on transshipment activities and MTU inspections [$]	Assist SIDS with setting up a system or process for reports on transshipment activities and MTU inspections [$]	
Consider summary of port state measures adopted by other RFMOs [Secretariat]		
Consider summary of port state measures undertaken by members		