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Dear Dr Karnella,

FFA members' comments on the draft TCC Work Plan

AT TCC7 members were encouraged to provide Secretariat with comments on the TCC Workplan.

FFA members thank the secretariat for taking to initiative to ensure the TCC Workplan supports and works into the overarching WCPFC Strategic Plan. We are generally supportive of this revised format although it should be kept under close review at least for the next year. There are risks with structuring the tasks against the objectives of the Strategic Plan, as opposed to the functions of TCC; it may subvert the outcomes of TCC.

FFA members feel the workplan could be enhanced with the insertion of a statement of priorities to ensure that TCC remains focussed and delivers the desired outcomes in line with its core business and functions. These tasks may be broken into those considered "core business" and "project specific". Noting that some of the tasks classed as "project specific" may ultimately become core business.

Identifying priority tasks should be driven by the full implementation of measures that ensure the sustainable management of key tuna stocks in the Convention Area taking into account the special requirements of small island developing States. In this respect FFA members suggest the following priority tasks for TCC:

1. Priority core business tasks:
 - Assessment of IUU vessel nominations
 - Assessment of cooperating non-member applications
 - Review the effectiveness of WCPFC MCS tools
 - Technical reviews of existing and new measures as required
 - Monitoring the implementation of existing measures

2. Priority project specific tasks:
 - Develop a systematic analysis, prioritisation and response mechanism for non-compliance
 - Develop effective mechanisms to integrate SIDS developmental aspirations and special requirements into the work of the Commission.
 - Implement a Catch Documentation Scheme for key species
 - IT systems to enable CCM compliance monitoring and analysis
 - ROP accreditation of national observer providers.

It would be appreciated if you could circulate our comments to members, with a view to finalising the TCC workplan at WCPFC. Should you or others require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mark Young (mark.young@ffa.int).

Yours Sincerely



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