

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION**

Busan, Republic of Korea

7-15 August 2012

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**WCPFC-SC8-2012/02 Rev 1**

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
   1. **Welcome address**
   2. **Meeting arrangements**
   3. **Issues arising from the Commission**
   4. **Adoption of agenda**
   5. **Reporting arrangements**
   6. **Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**
2. **REVIEW OF FISHERIES**
   1. **Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries\***
   2. **Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**
   3. **Annual Report (Part 1) from Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and Participating Territories (CCMs)**
   4. **Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**
3. **DATA AND STATISTICS THEME**
   1. **Data gaps**
      1. Data gaps of the Commission
      2. Species composition of purse-seine catches
      3. Data issues with the ISC
   2. **Requests from CMM 2008-01**
      1. Fishing effort for bigeye and yellowfin tuna from other commercial tuna fisheries\*
   3. **Regional Observer Programme**
4. **STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME** 
   1. **WCPO bigeye tuna**
      1. Review of research and information
      2. Peer review of 2011 bigeye tuna stock assessment
      3. Indicator analysis
      4. Progress report on Project 35 (Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide)
      5. Provision of scientific information
5. Status and trends\*
6. Management advice and implications\*
   1. **WCPO yellowfin tuna**
      1. Review of research and information
      2. Provision of scientific information
7. Status and trends\*
8. Management advice and implications\*
   1. **WCPO skipjack tuna**
      1. Review of research and information
      2. Provision of scientific information
9. Status and trends\*
10. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **South Pacific albacore tuna**
       1. Review of research and information
11. Review of Project 39 (Stock structure and life-history characteristics of SP albacore)
12. Review of 2012 stock assessment
13. Review of CMM 2010-05
    * 1. Provision of scientific information
14. Status and trends\*
15. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **South Pacific swordfish**
       1. Review of research and information
       2. Provision of scientific information
16. Status and trends\*
17. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **Southwest Pacific striped marlin**
       1. Review of research and information
18. Review of Project 64 (Collation of SP striped marlin)
19. Review of 2012 stock assessment
    * 1. Provision of scientific information
20. Status and trends\*
21. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **North Pacific striped marlin**
       1. Review of research and information
22. Review of 2012 stock assessment
    * 1. Provision of scientific information
23. Status and trends\*
24. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **Northern stocks**
       1. **North Pacific albacore tuna** 
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
25. Status and trends\*
26. Management advice and implications\*
    * 1. **Pacific bluefin tuna** 
         1. Review of research and information
27. Review of 2012 stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
28. Status and trends\*
29. Management advice and implications\*
    * 1. **North Pacific swordfish**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
30. Status and trends\*
31. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **WCPO sharks**
       1. **Oceanic whitetip shark**
          1. Review of research and information
32. Review of 2012 stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
33. Status and trends\*
34. Management advice and implications\*
    * 1. **Silky shark**
         1. Review of research and information
35. Review of 2012 stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
36. Status and trends\*
37. Management advice and implications\*
    1. **Stock Assessment Methods**

4.10.1 Review of research and information

1. **MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME\***
   1. **Terms of Reference**
   2. **Reference Points for the WCPFC**
      1. Limit reference points
      2. Target reference points
      3. Harvest Control Rules
   3. **Requests from CMM 2008-01**
      1. Review of the effectiveness of CMM 2008-01\*

**5.4 Management Objectives Workshop**

1. **ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME**
   1. **Ecosystem effects of fishing**

6.1.1 Review of Research and Information

* 1. **Sharks\*** 
     1. Shark Research Plan

1. Assessment of whale sharks against the key shark species criteria
   * 1. Review of CMM for Sharks
2. CMM 2010-07 (CMM for Sharks)
3. CMM 2011-04 (CMM for oceanic whitetip shark)
4. Development of CMMs on other shark species
5. Guidelines for safe release of encircled animals
   * 1. International cooperation on shark issues
   1. **Seabirds\***

6.3.1 Review of Research and Information

* 1. **Sea turtles\***
  2. **Other species and issues**
     1. FAD bycatch mitigation
     2. Food security issues with bycatch

1. Management advice and implications\*
2. **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS**
   1. **West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project\***
   2. **Pacific Tuna Tagging Project\***
3. **COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**
   1. **The status of cooperation and relations**
4. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**
   1. **Consideration of the special requirements of developing States pursuant to Part VIII of the Convention**
5. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**
   1. **Review of the Scientific Committee Work Programme**
   2. **Development of the 2013 Work Programme and budget, and projection of 2014-2015 provisional Work Programme and indicative budget\***
6. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
   1. **Rules of Procedure**
   2. **Peer review of stock assessments\***
   3. **Future operation of the Scientific Committee** 
      1. Future structure of the SC
      2. Review of SC agenda
      3. Guidelines for the theme conveners and SC chair
   4. **Election of the Chairman of the Scientific Committee\***
   5. **Next meeting\***
7. **OTHER MATTERS**
8. **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
9. **CLOSE OF MEETING**