

**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**