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UPDATE OF TCC WORKPLAN

Paper by the TCC Vice-Chair

Purpose

1. This paper presents for the consideration of the Commission an updated draft of the TCC workplan (2019 – 2021).

Background

2. Over the last three years, the current TCC Workplan 2016 – 2018 has guided the setting of the Annual TCC meeting agenda and intersessional work by the Secretariat and Members in support of the Commission's Technical and Compliance programme.

3. TCC14 noting that the current TCC Workplan is effective until the end of 2018, established an informal small working group to provide input into the development of an updated TCC workplan.   The outcome from TCC14 was

> *"TCC14 noted that additional time is needed to complete the draft TCC workplan. CCMs are encouraged to provide additional comments on the draft TCC workplan (Attachment H) to the TCC Vice-Chair by 15 October and the TCC Vice-Chair will collate those comments and submit the draft TCC workplan for the consideration of WCPFC15."*

4. Following TCC14 comments were received in reference to the above-mentioned subject matter from the following CCMs and Observers: Australia, Canada, European Union, Japan, United States of America, FFA and ISSF.   I am pleased to announce that all comments were well received by the due date.

Issues for the Commission

5. The draft TCC workplan has been updated considering all comments received from interested CCMs and Observers.

Recommendation

6. WCPFC15 is invited to consider the draft TCC Workplan 2019 - 2021.

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TCC WORK PLAN 2019 - 2021

TCC Priorities

1) Priority core business tasks (standing Agenda Items)

  a. Monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures and other obligations stemming from the Convention.

  b. Assessment of IUU fishing vessel nominations and review of fishing 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 the implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary.

  f. 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, transshipment, port State inspections, and note the Executive Director's report on these matters and other issues as appropriate.

  g. Technical and compliance-related advice to support the development of harvest strategies, including consideration of the implications of harvest control rules.

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

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

  j. Make technical and compliance related comments on proposed CMMs.

2) Priority project specific tasks

  a. Review Commission reporting requirements and provide advice to the Commission on removing duplicative reporting while ensuring the Commission's data needs are met.

      i. Consider and provide advice to the Commission on the outcomes of the review of the Commission's data needs and collection programmes (Project 93).

  b. Develop audit points to clarify the assessment of existing Commission obligations, and

develop a new proposal checklist to ensure that new proposals adopted by the Commission include clear audit points for assessment.

c. Develop responses to non-compliance / develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non-compliance is identified.   [TCC task]

d. Develop a multi-year program of obligations to be assessed under the CMS, which ensures that all obligations are assessed over time / Develop a risk-based assessment framework to inform compliance assessments and ensure obligations are meeting the objectives of the Commission. [TCC task]

e. 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]

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

g. 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. set up a system or process for reports on transhipment activities and MTU inspections
    v. implement minimum standards for Port State measure

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. Provide technical and compliance advice to ensure the effective monitoring of CMMs related to sharks, including developing alternatives to the current fins-to-carcass ratio [TCC task]

k. Development, improvement and implementation of the Commission's measures for observer safety and related issues [TCC task]

l. Further development of protocols, observer data fields/forms including electronic data fields and databases, as needed, to better monitor transshipments at sea, [TCC task, Secretariat task] $

m. Enhance how CCM's and Secretariat's practices integrate to facilitate ongoing monitoring and compliance with CMM 2014-02 (VMS) [TCC task with assistance from Secretariat] $

n. Analyze framework for the management and control of chartered vessels to promote compliance with CMMs, clarify flag and chartering CCM's control of chartered vessels, and clarify attribution of catch and effort. [TCC task]

o. Develop information and advice to promote compliance with the south Pacific albacore CMM (2015-02 and successor measures) and improve its effectiveness, including providing technical and compliance advice for the development and implementation of the south Pacific albacore roadmap. [TCC task, with support from SPC]

p. Develop improved mechanisms for the flow of observer information from ROP Providers to CCMs needing such information for their investigations. [TCC task]

q. Develop a mechanism to facilitate observer participation in the compliance review process. [TCC task]

r. Continued development of the Commission's IMS to support implementation of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and support MCS activities, including exploration of IMS data submission and extraction tools. [TCC task, Secretariat task] $

s. Continued development of training resources and learning aids for the IMS [Secretariat task] $?

t. Consider options to mitigate the impacts of an unscheduled disruption to Secretariat services on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme [TCC task, Secretariat task]

u. Review and consider updates to improve the effectiveness of CMMs related to transshipment at sea and compliance with their provisions

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.

CMS IWG:

Develop a multi-year workplan to enhance the CMS and undertake compatible efforts to enhance implementation of the CMS, as may be identified in a revised CMM for the CMS or as otherwise tasked by the Commission.

4) Priority Issues forwarded from the Commission (pending Commission meeting) TCC Score Board

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Article 14(1)(a) Priority tasks with respect to the provision of information, technical advice and recommendations		
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.	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.	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.
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Advice related to the [development]/[implementation] of a consolidated sharks measure.		
Review Commission reporting requirements and provide advice to the Commission on removing duplicative reporting while ensuring the Commission's data needs are met, including: • Consideration of the outcomes of the review of the Commission's data needs and collection programmes (Project 93).		
Provide advice related to technical and compliance aspects of strengthened management of south Pacific albacore under the Roadmap process.	Provide advice related to technical and compliance aspects of strengthened management of south Pacific albacore under the Roadmap process.	

2019	2020	2021
	Provide advice related to control of and attribution of catch/effort related to chartered vessels.	
Article 14(1)(b) Priority tasks with respect to the monitoring and review of compliance		
Develop audit points for Commission obligations and develop a new proposal checklist to ensure identification of audit points for new proposals.	Develop audit points for Commission obligations.	
Develop a risk-based framework for prioritizing obligations for assessment.	Develop a risk-based framework for prioritizing obligations for assessment.	
	Develop responses to non-compliance / Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations.	Develop responses to non-compliance / Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations.
Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including through annual consideration of implementation plans. $	Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including through annual consideration of implementation plans. $	Respond to capacity assistance needs identified through the CMS process, including through annual consideration of implementation plans. $
Review information about scientific data provision	Review information about scientific data provision	Review information about scientific data provision
Develop a mechanism to facilitate observer participation in the co mpliance review process.		
Consider options to mitigate the impacts of an unscheduled disruption to Secretariat services on the CMS.		

2019	2020	2021
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 [$]
Support efforts by CCMs and the Secretariat to continue technical work intersessionally to optimize TCC's efficiency evaluating CCM's VMS compliance.	Develop and implement the MCS Information Management System at a national level $	Develop and implement the MCS Information Management System at a national level $
Develop improved mechanisms for the flow of observer information from ROP providers to CCMs needing such information for their investigations.		
IMS development $	IMS development $	IMS development $