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Indicative plan of the SPC-OFP Science Services for 2013-2015

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¹ SC8 Informal Small Group 5

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Species	Stock	Last assessment	Comments	Proposed assessment		
				2013	2014	2015
Bigeye tuna	WCPO	2011	Review recommendations to implement with priority on <u>analysis of tagging and longline CPUE data</u> . Not all recommendations will be complete by 2013. Good to do tropical tunas together for the purpose of examining management options.	Analysis of tagging data and longline CPUE data and complete the model Within the services budget	Stock assessment 2014	No
	Pacific-wide		Suggested that this not be conducted until the WCPO stock assessment updated.	N/A	N/A	2015 following completion of changes and conduct of WCPO assessment
Skipjack tuna	WCPO	2011	Will benefit most from the PTPP data for which more data is now available. Good to do tropical tunas together for the purpose of examining management options.	1) Analysis of tagging data and complete the model.	Stock assessment 2014 but start earlier in 2013	No
Yellowfin tuna	WCPO	2011	Many BET recommendations will also benefit YFT. Good to do tropical tunas together for the purpose of examining management options.	Analysis of tagging data and longline CPUE data and complete the model	Stock assessment 2014	No
Albacore	South Pacific	2012	Next assessment would benefit from the implementation of sex-structure in MULTIFAN-CL. Recent fishery developments suggest closer monitoring.			Stock assessment 2015

Striped marlin	SW-Pacific	2012	Just updated after several years. Next assessment 2017			
	NW-Pacific	2011-12	Just updated after several years. Next assessment 2017			
Blue marlin	Pacific-wide	2002	Would appropriately be conducted collaboratively; SC noted this is a pacific wide stock and request ISC to present assessment to SC in advance. SC requested assurance that ISC assessment would be submitted to WCPFC	ISC 2013		
Swordfish	SW-Pacific	2012/13	Update underway	SA be finish by SC9 2013		
Silky shark	WCPO	2012	SC8 request for an updated assessment to address some input data issues	Stock Assessment 2013		
	Pacific-wide		Collaboration with IATTC. Not to be conducted until after the revised assessment for the WCPO stock.	Following WCPO Assessment		
Oceanic whitetip shark	WCPO	2012	First assessment conducted this year			Next assessment 2015
Blue shark	South Pacific		Currently scheduled for 2012/13	2013 Pacific wide assessment		
	North Pacific		Currently scheduled for 2012/13. The ISC have initiated some work on this stock. It is not an official northern stock.			
Mako shark	South Pacific		Currently scheduled under the SRP for 2012/13	No decision pending agreement on future funding		
	North Pacific		Currently scheduled under the SRP for 2012/13.			