



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
SEVENTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Electronic Meeting
11 – 19 August 2021

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

WCPFC-SC17-2021/02 [\(Rev.02\)](#)

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 Welcome address**
- 1.2 Meeting arrangements**
- 1.3 Adoption of agenda**
- 1.4 Reporting arrangements**

AGENDA ITEM 2 DATA AND STATISTICS THEME

- 2.1 Data gaps of the Commission**
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 - 2.1.2 Potential use of cannery data
- 2.2 Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna**

AGENDA ITEM 3 STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME

- 3.1 WCPO tunas**
 - 3.1.1 South Pacific albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*)**
 - 3.1.1.1 Review of 2021 South Pacific albacore tuna stock assessment
 - 3.1.1.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends
 - b. Management advice and implications
 - 3.2 WCPO sharks**
 - 3.2.1 Southwest Pacific blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)**
 - 3.2.1.1 Review of 2021 Southwest Pacific blue shark stock assessment (Project 107)
 - 3.2.1.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends
 - b. Management advice and implications
 - ~~3.2.2—Oceania whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)~~
 - ~~3.2.2.1 Population projections for oceanic whitetip shark (Project 102)~~
 - ~~3.2.2.2 Provision of scientific information~~
 - ~~a.—Status and trends~~
 - ~~b.—Management advice and implications~~

- 3.3 WCPO billfishes**
- 3.3.1 Southwest Pacific swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)**
- 3.3.1.1 Research and information
 - a. Structural Uncertainty Grids and Projections
 - b. Review of 2021 Southwest Pacific swordfish stock assessment
- 3.3.1.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends
 - b. Management advice and implications
- 3.3.2 Pacific blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*)**
- 3.3.2.1 Review of 2021 Pacific blue marlin stock assessment
- 3.3.2.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends
 - b. Management advice and implications
- 3.4 Peer Review**

AGENDA ITEM 4 MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME

- 4.1 Development of the Harvest Strategy Framework for key tuna species**
- 4.1.1 Overview on the progress and updates to the harvest strategy workplan**
- 4.1.2 Target reference points (TRPs)**
- 4.1.2.1 Bigeye and yellowfin tuna TRP analyses
- 4.1.2.2 Skipjack tuna TRP analyses
- 4.1.3 Review of the overall harvest strategy work**
- 4.1.4 Skipjack MSE framework**
- 4.1.5 Mixed fisheries**
- 4.1.6 Review of future progress of the WCPFC Harvest Strategy Workplan**
- 4.2 Limit Reference Points for Species other than Tuna**
- 4.2.1 Limit reference points for elasmobranchs**
- 4.2.2 Review of appropriate LRPs for SWPO striped marlin and other billfish (Project 104)**

AGENDA ITEM 5 ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME

- 5.1 Review of potential mitigation measures to reduce fishing-related mortality on silky and oceanic whitetip sharks (Project 101)**
- 5.2 Best handling practices for the release of cetaceans**
- 5.3 [Other issues](#)**
- 5.3.1 [Review of the ODF outputs on seabird mitigation measures](#)**

AGENDA ITEM 6 FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

- 6.1 Development of the 2022 work programme and budget, and projection of 2023-2024 provisional work programme and indicative budget**

AGENDA ITEM 7 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 7.1 Election of Officers of the Scientific Committee**
- 7.2 Next meeting**

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER MATTERS

- 8.1 Review of Online Discussion Forum outputs**

8.2 [Consideration of SC17-ST-IP-06 and SC17-ST-IP-10](#)

**AGENDA ITEM 9 ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SEVENTEENTH
REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

AGENDA ITEM 10 CLOSE OF MEETING