

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**SEVENTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Electronic Meeting

11 – 19 August 2021

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**WCPFC-SC17-2021/02 (Rev.02)**

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
	1. **Welcome address**
	2. **Meeting arrangements**
	3. **Adoption of agenda**
	4. **Reporting arrangements**
2. **DATA AND STATISTICS THEME**
	1. **Data gaps of the Commission**
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		2. Potential use of cannery data
	2. **Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna**
3. **STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME**
	1. **WCPO tunas**
		1. **South Pacific albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*)**
			1. Review of 2021 South Pacific albacore tuna stock assessment
			2. Provision of scientific information
4. Status and trends
5. Management advice and implications
	1. **WCPO sharks**
		1. **Southwest Pacific blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)**
			1. Review of 2021 Southwest Pacific blue shark stock assessment (Project 107)
			2. Provision of scientific information
6. Status and trends
7. Management advice and implications
	1. **WCPO billfishes**
		1. **Southwest Pacific swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)**
			1. Research and information
	2. Structural Uncertainty Grids and Projections
	3. Review of 2021 Southwest Pacific swordfish stock assessment
		* 1. Provision of scientific information
8. Status and trends
9. Management advice and implications
	* 1. **Pacific blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*)**
			1. Review of 2021 Pacific blue marlin stock assessment
			2. Provision of scientific information
10. Status and trends
11. Management advice and implications
	1. **Peer Review**
12. **MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME**
	1. **Development of the Harvest Strategy Framework for key tuna species**
		1. **Overview on the progress and updates to the harvest strategy workplan**
		2. **Target reference points (TRPs)**
			1. Bigeye and yellowfin tuna TRP analyses
			2. Skipjack tuna TRP analyses
		3. **Review of the overall harvest strategy work**
		4. **Skipjack MSE framework**
		5. **Mixed fisheries**
		6. **Review of future progress of the WCPFC Harvest Strategy Workplan**
	2. **Limit Reference Points for Species other than Tuna**
		1. **Limit reference points for elasmobranchs**
		2. **Review of appropriate LRPs for SWPO striped marlin and other billfish (Project 104)**
13. **ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME**
	1. **Review of potential mitigation measures to reduce fishing-related mortality on silky and oceanic whitetip sharks (Project 101)**
	2. **Best handling practices for the release of cetaceans**
	3. **Other issues**
		1. **Review of the ODF outputs on seabird mitigation measures**
14. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**
	1. **Development of the 2022 work programme and budget, and projection of 2023-2024 provisional work programme and indicative budget**
15. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
	1. **Election of Officers of the Scientific Committee**
	2. **Next meeting**
16. **OTHER MATTERS**
	1. **Review of Online Discussion Forum outputs**
	2. **Consideration of SC17-ST-IP-06 and SC17-ST-IP-10**
17. **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SEVENTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
18. **CLOSE OF MEETING**