



**WCPFC  
MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP**

Manila, Republic of the Philippines  
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**WORKSHOP INTRODUCTION**

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# Workshop purpose and origins

- WCPFC7 in 2010 directed the Secretariat to prepare TORs for the Management Objectives Workshop to be held in 2012
- *..... as an important necessary step towards the analysis of management strategies and adoption of reference points*
- *..... reflect the full range of considerations related to stock management provided for by the Convention*
- *..... essential that the work on management objectives should also reflect multi-species considerations*

# Workshop Objectives

1. To assist the Commission to understand the purpose and implications of management objectives in terms of biological, economic and social outcomes.
2. To assist the Commission to understand both the role of appropriate reference points and the process of evaluating potential management measures in the achievement of management objectives.
3. To develop a list of recommended management objectives (*and reference points if possible*) to guide the management of fisheries by the WCPFC, for presentation to the WCPFC annual and subsidiary body sessions during 2012.

## Workshop Objectives (2)

4. To identify a work program to progress the issues identified by the workshop including the respective roles of the WCPFC and its subsidiary bodies.

The workshop is very ambitious in its scope given the numbers of participants, variety of views, aspirations, interests and jurisdictions.

# Workshop Protocol

- The workshop is an informal meeting of stakeholders with an interest in WCPO tuna fisheries.
- The workshop will not have formal standing in the Commission and discussions will not preempt any future views or positions as part of WCPFC's future consideration of the issues to be discussed in the workshop.
- The workshop report will be generic in nature and views expressed will not be attributed to individuals of CCMs.

# Workshop arrangements

- Meeting times 0900 – 1800
- 30 minute coffee breaks with 1.25 hours for lunch – cafeteria and restaurant available on site

Facilitator

Ian Cartwright



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# Independent expertise

- ***Dr Robin Allen*** – former Director of IATTC, tuna specialist and fisheries consultant
- ***Dr James Ianelli*** – stock assessment scientist
- The workshop will make extensive use of the international experts' considerable background in fisheries management

# General procedures

- Frank discussion and an exchange of views will be essential to inform Commission debate and decision making
- The workshop will not take decisions but will hopefully make recommendations
- Views and opinions expressed will not be taken to represent particular CCM positions – an exchange of views rather than an exchange of positions

# The Task

- One of the greatest fisheries management challenges globally.
- Usually relatively easy to agree underlying principles and general objectives, especially at the species level; harder to develop operational frameworks that reconcile/optimize multi-species, multi-gear objectives across the diverse interests of CCMs
- Commission focus to date has been on achieving biological objectives relating to stock health with some preliminary analysis of options for economic analysis
- To date has provided easier to agree on measures (what to do) than objectives (what are we trying to do).

## **Key Issues associated with the development of objectives/management frameworks**

- Management inertia, caused by:
- Complexity of management frameworks across spatial/jurisdictional considerations (national, sub-regional Commission-wide)
- How to reconcile objectives from different interest groups or beneficiaries (e.g. PS vs LL)
- Compatibility - role of coastal states vs the Commission in considering management frameworks/harvest strategies

# Workshop structure

## *Session 1 – Introduction to management objectives and frameworks*

- A session to get common understanding of the management framework, its components and how they interact – mostly well known and understood. Will draw on experience of experts and participants

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## *Session 2 – Management Frameworks in Practice*

Some short talks on practical applications of management frameworks and how they work - in both single and multi-species contexts.

Consideration of the challenges associated with translating objectives into effective management frameworks and harvest strategies and the lessons learned that could be applied in the Pacific.

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## *Session 3 – Scenario workshops*

Consideration of two management scenarios:

1. **The southern albacore fishery** which is heavily CPUE driven - with a higher value yellowfin and bigeye component.
2. **The purse seine/longline fishery** with skipjack/bigeye trade-offs between the surface and LL fisheries and consideration of the management objectives that lie behind the latest draft CMM on bigeye, yellowfin and **skipjack (2012-01)**.



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## *Session 4 – Developing a candidate list of management objectives for WCPFC*

- Drawing on the presentations, participant input, scenarios and independent experts, a list of management objectives will be drawn up and discussed by the workshop

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## *Session 5 – Conclusions and road map for future action*

- Based on workshop discussions, independent expert and the SPC and WCPFC Secretariats will present a draft future workplan for the further development and testing of a management frameworks, including objectives, reference points, indicators and harvest strategies. This workplan will be discussed by the workshop.
- A brief summary of the workshop outcomes will be presented

# And finally.....

- The purpose of the workshop is to consider management objectives.
- Participants are asked to use the sheet provided to list objectives which will be collected at morning tea on Thursday
- These will be collated and used to inform discussions in Session 4 of the workshop
- Please complete by the end of the day and place in the box at the back of the room or hand to Secretariat staff