

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

5-13 August 2015

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**WCPFC-SC11-2015/02 (Rev.01-30July2015)**

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
   1. **Welcome address**
   2. **Meeting arrangements**
   3. **Issues arising from the Commission**
   4. **Adoption of agenda**
   5. **Reporting arrangements**
   6. **Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**
2. **REVIEW OF FISHERIES**
   1. **Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries**
   2. **Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**
   3. **Annual Report – Part 1 from Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and Participating Territories**
   4. **Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**
3. **DATA AND STATISTICS THEME**
   1. **Data gaps**
      1. Data gaps of the Commission
      2. Species composition of purse-seine catches
   2. **Regional Observer Programme (ROP)**

      2. Submission of ROP-defined observer data
      3. ROP longline coverage
      4. Marine pollution data collected by observers
   3. **Electronic monitoring and electronic reporting**
   4. **WCPFC-funded Port Coordinators**
   5. **Others**
      1. Fiji’s membership to the Northern Committee
4. **STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME** 
   1. **WCPO tunas**
      1. **WCPO bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*)**
         1. Review of research and information
      2. Progress report on Project 35 (Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide)
      3. Progress on Project 69 and 70 (Improvement of MultiFan-CL and stock assessments)
      4. Update of WCPO bigeye stock assessment
      5. Pacific-wide bigeye tuna stock assessment
         1. Provision of scientific information
5. Stock status and trends
6. Management advice and implications
   * 1. **WCPO yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*)**
        1. Review of research and information
7. Update of WCPO yellowfin stock assessment
   * + 1. Provision of scientific information
8. Status and trends
9. Management advice and implications
   * 1. **WCPO skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)**
        1. Review of research and information
10. Update of WCPO skipjack stock assessment
11. Project 67 (Skipjack fishery impacts on the margins of the Convention Area)
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
12. Status and trends
13. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **South Pacific albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*)**
         1. Review of research and information
14. Review of South Pacific albacore tuna stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
15. Status and trends
16. Management advice and implications
    1. **Northern stocks** 
       1. **North Pacific albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*)** 
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
17. Status and trends
18. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Pacific bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*)** 
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
19. Status and trends
20. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
21. Status and trends
22. Management advice and implications
    1. **WCPO sharks**
       1. **Stock status indicators for key shark species**
       2. **Oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)**
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
23. Status and trends
24. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*)**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
25. Status and trends
26. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **South Pacific blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
27. Status and trends
28. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)**
         1. Review of research and information
29. Evaluation of North Pacific blue shark as a northern stock
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
30. Status and trends
31. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Other sharks**
         1. **North Pacific shortfin mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*)**
    1. **WCPO billfishes**
       1. **South Pacific swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)**
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
32. Status and trends
33. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Southwest Pacific striped marlin (*Kajikia audax*)**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
34. Status and trends
35. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific striped marlin (*Kajikia audax*)**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
36. Status and trends
37. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Pacific blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*)** 
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
38. Status and trends
39. Management advice and implications
40. **MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME**
    1. **Limit reference points for the WCPFC**
       1. Implications of alternative levels of acceptable risk
       2. Identifying appropriate LRPs for elasmobranchs within the WCPFC
    2. **Development of target reference points (TRPs) and harvest control rules (HCRs) for the WCPFC**
41. Development of WCPFC Harvest Strategies
42. Skipjack target reference point
43. Albacore tuna target reference point
    1. **Implementation of CMM 2014-01**
       1. Evaluation of impacts of the purse-seine fishery
       2. WCPFC FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group
       3. Yellowfin tuna catch limit
       4. Other issues related to CMM 2014-01
44. **ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME**
    1. **Ecosystem effects of fishing**
       1. Review of research and information
          1. SEAPODYM
    2. **Sharks** 
       1. Review of potential mitigation measures to reduce fishing-related mortality on silky and oceanic whitetip sharks
       2. Review of conservation and management measures for sharks
45. CMM 2010-07 (CMM for Sharks)
46. CMM 2011-04 (CMM for oceanic whitetip shark)
47. CMM 2012-04 (CMM for protection of whale sharks from purse seine fishing operations)
48. CMM 2013-08 (CMM for silky sharks)
49. CMM 2014-05 (CMM for sharks)
50. Safe release guidelines
    1. **Seabirds**
    2. **Sea turtles**
    3. **Bycatch mitigation for other species**
51. **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS**
    1. **West Pacific East Asia Project**
    2. **Pacific Tuna Tagging Project**
    3. **GEF ABNJ Shark and BMIS project**
52. **COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**
53. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**
54. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**
    1. **Review of the Scientific Committee Work Programme**
    2. **Development of the 2016 Work Programme and budget, and projection of 2017-2018 provisional Work Programme and indicative budget**
55. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
    1. **Future operation of the Scientific Committee**
    2. **Election of Officers of the Scientific Committee**
    3. **Next meeting**
56. **OTHER MATTERS**
57. **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
58. **CLOSE OF MEETING**