

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**THIRTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Rarotonga, Cook Islands

9-17 August 2017

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| **HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING**  **PROVISIONAL AGENDA** |

**WCPFC-SC13-2017/07**

1. **General Announcements**
   * 1. SC13 registration will start at 08:00 on Wednesday, 9th of August.
     2. Meeting starts at 08:30 every day. Tea breaks are scheduled for 10:00-10:30 and 15:00-15:30, and lunch at 12:00-13:30
     3. Meeting schedule and functions

* Indicative meeting schedule is in Attachment 1.
* Welcome/Opening Function at National Auditorium, 6-9pm, Wednesday, 9th of August
* Small Closing Event at National Auditorium, 6-9pm, Thursday, 17th of August 2017.
  + 1. Opening Ceremony

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| 08:00-08:30 | Registration |
| 08:25-08:30 | MC: Participants to be seated |
| 08:30-09:00 | Welcome Remarks:  Opening Prayer  Honorable Minister Mark Brown, Cook Islands  SC Chair (Chair of the Scientific Committee)  Executive Director |
| 09:00-09:30 | Group Photo  Morning Refreshment Break |
| 09:40-12:00 | Agenda 1&2 |

* + 1. All delegates sitting at the delegation table, please use earphones connected to the microphones.
    2. Other issues?

1. **Review of Provisional Agenda**
   1. SC13 Provisional Agenda (Rev.01)
   2. Agenda Item 12 – Other Matters
      * Any minor issues for discussion under *Agenda Item 12 Other Matters?*
2. **SC Officers and Theme Conveners**
3. Current SC officers and theme conveners are listed below. Conveners are requested to indicate their availability to serve for next year.

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| Chair | Berry Muller (2); [bmuller@mimra.com](mailto:bmuller@mimra.com) |
| Vice Chair | Aisake Batibasaga (2); [abatibasaga@gmail.com](mailto:abatibasaga@gmail.com) |
| ST Theme | Valerie Post (1); [valerie.post@noaa.gov](mailto:valerie.post@noaa.gov) |
| SA Theme | Jon Brodziak (7); [jon.brodziak@noaa.gov](mailto:jon.brodziak@noaa.gov)  Hiroshi Nishida (3); [hnishi@affrc.go.jp](mailto:hnishi@affrc.go.jp) |
| MI Theme | Robert Campbell (8); [robert.campbell@csiro.au](mailto:robert.campbell@csiro.au) |
| EB Theme | Aisake Batibasaga (6); [abatibasaga@gmail.com](mailto:abatibasaga@gmail.com)  John Annala (4); [john.annala@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:john.annala@mpi.govt.nz) |

(*x*): *number of* *years of convenership*

1. **Reports**
2. Two lead rapporteurs:

* Melissa Idiens ([Melissa.Idiens@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:Melissa.Idiens@maritimenz.govt.nz))
* Lyn Goldsworthy ([lyngolds@icloud.com](mailto:lyngolds@icloud.com))

1. Submit all documents to Tony Beeching ([tony.beeching@wcpfc.int](mailto:tony.beeching@wcpfc.int))
2. SC13 Summary Report
3. Lead rapporteurs will produce a draft summary report;
4. Theme conveners will review the draft report;

iii) All recommendations will be adopted during SC13; and

1. Summary Report and Executive Summary will be adopted intersessionally.
2. SC recommendations
3. Theme conveners draft recommendations, and clear them at the end of each theme session (Lead rapporteurs will assist the clearing process); and
4. SC Chair adopts the recommendations.
5. **Side meetings**
   1. There will be two Steering Committee meetings:
      * + - Pacific Tuna Tagging Project (Plenary Room) at 5:30-7:00pm, on Thursday, 10 August; and
          - Japan Trust Fund (Breakout Room) at 5:30-6:30pm on Friday, 11 August.
   2. PROPOSED Informal Small Groups (ISGs) are listed below for the HOD’s review and finalization. Facilitators will lead their relevant ISG according to their schedules and approaches.

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| **ISG-ID** | **Title/TOR** | **Agenda** | **Proposed Facilitator** |
| **ISG-01** | **Guidelines for submission of economic data**   * Review/Refine the proposed *Guidelines for the Voluntary Submission of Economic data to the Commission* | 3.5 |  |
| **ISG-02** | **FAD data fields**   * Review of FAD data fields to be provided by [vessel operators] / [observers] | 3.2.1; 3.3.2 |  |
| **ISG-03** | **Shark LRPs Project**   * Review the scope of work and budget and for shark limit reference points project | 5.1.1 |  |
| **ISG-04** | **TRP for SP albacore tuna** | 5.1.1 |  |
| **ISG-05** | **FAD Research Plan** | 6.1.3.2 |  |
| **ISG-06** | **Shark Research Plan and future work plan** | 6.2.4 | James Larcombe |
| **ISG-07** | **Safe release guidelines for manta and mobula rays** | 6.2.3 | Melanie Hutchinson |
| **ISG-08** | **Guidelines for the survival of sharks (other than whale sharks) to be released from longline or purse-seine gear** | 6.2.3 | Hidetada Kiyofuji |
| **ISG-09** | **Comprehensive shark and ray measure** | 6.2.2 | Shelley Clarke |
| **ISG-10** | **SC Budget for 2018 – 2020** | 10.2 | Berry Muller |
| **ISG-11** | **Performance Indicators and Monitoring Strategies** | 5.1.2 |  |

1. **Next meeting venue**

* SC14 in 2018 (Busan, Korea)
* Any offer for hosting SC15 in 2019?

1. **Other Matters**

**Attachment 1. SC13 Indicative schedule**

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| **Time** | **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue, 8 August** | **Wed, 9** | **Thu, 10** | **Fri, 11** | **Sat, 12** |
| **0830-1000** |  |  |  | **Agenda 1 and A2** | **A4. Stock Status (1)** | **A4. Stock Status (3)** | **A4. Stock Status (5)** |
| **1000-1030** | Morning Break | | | |
| **1030-1200** | **A1 and A2** | **A4. Stock Status (2)** | **A4. Stock Status (4)** | **A4. Stock Status (6)** |
| **1200-1330** | **14:00- 15:30**  Conveners Meeting  **16:00 –**  HOD Meeting | **Seminar[[1]](#footnote-1)** | Lunch Break | | |
| **1330-1500** | **A3. Data (1)** | **A6. EB theme (1)** | **A6. EB theme (3)** | **A5. MI theme (2)** |
| **1500-1530** | Afternoon Break | | | |
| **1530-1730** | **A3. Data (2)** | **A6. EB theme (2)** | **A5. MI theme (1)** | **A5. MI theme (3)** |
| **1730-1830** |  | **Opening Fn.**  **6-9pm** | **PTTP (1730-1900)** | **JTF (1730-1830)** |  |
| **1900-2100** |  |  |  |

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| **Time** | **Sun, 13** | **Mon, 14** | **Tue, 15** | **Wed, 16** | **Thu, 17** |  |  |
| **0830-1000** |  | **A4. Stock Status (7)** | **A4. Stock Status (9) – Recom.** | **A4. Stock Status (11) – Recom.** | **Outstanding issues** |  |  |
| **1000-1030** | Morning Break | | | |
| **1030-1200** | **A4. Stock Status (8)** | **A4. Stock Status (10) – Recom.** | **A4. Stock Status (12) – Recom.** | **Outstanding issues** |
| **1200-1330** | Lunch Break | | | |
| **1330-1500** | **A3. Data – Recom. (3)** | **A5. MI theme (4) – Recom.** | **Agenda 7-12** | **Agenda 7-12** |
| **1500-1530** | Afternoon Break | | | |
| **1530-1730** | **A6. EB theme (4)** | **A6. EB theme (5) – Recom.** | **A6. EB theme (6) – Recom.** | **13. Adoption**  **14. Close** |
| **1800-2100** |  |  |  | **Closing Event**  **6-9pm** |

1. **Lunch-time Seminar** by The Nature Conservancy (Wednesday, 9 August): Briefing on a cooperative longline EM project with Palau, FSM, RMI, and Solomon Islands. Lunch provided. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)