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TCC Workplan 2025 - 2027

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Submitted by the TCC Chair and Secretariat

Purpose

1. This paper presents a draft updated TCC Workplan (2025-2027) for consideration by the Commission.

TCC20 Outcomes

TCC20	2. TCC20 tasked the TCC Chair, TCC Vice-Chair and the Secretariat to develop an updated TCC Workplan (2025-2027) for consideration at WCPFC21. (ref: TCC20 Outcomes, paragraph 5)
	3. TCC20 tasked the TCC Chair, TCC Vice-Chair and Secretariat in developing the TCC work plan to include items that will require future work over several years in an appropriate sequence for further discussion and consideration at WCPFC21. (ref: TCC20 Outcomes, paragraph 22)

Notes on proposed changes

4. The updated TCC workplan 2025 – 2027 has been prepared taking into consideration the recent standing tasks for TCC, current CMMs, IWG workplans and the TCC20 Outcomes.
5. Where changes in the TCC Workplan were editorial, the text remains in black. The new or changed workplan text is colored **red**.

Next steps

6. Written feedback on the draft workplan ahead of WCPFC21 and can be directed to the TCC Chair (mat.kertesz@aff.gov.au), CC Compliance Manager (lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int).
7. If necessary, a small working group may be convened in the margins of WCPFC21 to finalise the draft workplan

Recommendation

8. The Commission is invited to approve the TCC workplan 2025 – 2027.



TCC Workplan 2025 - 2027

1. TCC core business tasks (annual)

Article 14(1)(a) provide the Commission with information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures;

- a. Provide technical and compliance-related advice to support the development of harvest strategies, including consideration of the implications of harvest control rules.
 - i. **Review and provide input into skipjack monitoring strategy.**
- b. Review information about technical and compliance matters arising under existing CMMs.
- c. Make technical and compliance related comments on proposed CMMs.
- d. Review of Cooperating Non-Member applications.

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Article 14(1)(b) monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary

- e. Monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures and other obligations stemming from the Convention.
- f. Assessment of IUU fishing vessel nominations and review of fishing vessels currently on the IUU list.
- g. Monitor obligations relating to Small Island Developing States and territories and review requests for capacity development assistance from developing states and territories, that have been identified through annual reporting and the CMS, for inclusion into the [WCPFC Strategic Investment Plan](#).
- h. **Review and assess the Commission's implementation of, and compliance with, CMM 2013-06 Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals for the previous calendar year.**
- i. **Review aggregated information on progress to address alleged violations vessels in the**

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CCFS, to identify potential anomalies in the implementation of obligations by a CCM, implementation challenges and/or system failures to take flag state action.

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j. Review progress on addressing/closing CCFS cases older than 24 months.

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k. Prepare a provisional list of obligations to be assessed in the following year's CMS, using a risk-based approach as a possible guidance.

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l. Review analysis of obligations that have been assessed over time including compliance rating.

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m. Review and provide advice on availability and use of independent data for compliance verification.

Article 14(1)(c) review the implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary

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o. Review Annual report(s) of the WCPFC Secretariat, which should address relevant technical and compliance issues, which may include HSBI, ROP, VMS, RFV, Data Rules, transshipment, port State measures, and note the Executive Director's report on these matters, the Secretariats anticipated forecast of work commitments for TCC, and other issues as appropriate.

p. Review information about scientific data provision.

q. Support building the capacity of SIDS, which may include:

i. implement observer programs, including training and data management

ii. develop and implement MCS information management system (IMS) at a national level

iii. improve bycatch reporting

iv. set up a system or process for reports on transshipment activities and MTU inspections

v. implement minimum standards for Port State measures

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1. TCC Priority project specific tasks

Task	2025	2026	2027	Draft workplan comments:
Article 14(1)(a) information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures				
South Pacific albacore CMM	Provide advice on key components of a new south Pacific albacore CMM			Rolled over from previous TCC workplan, noting advice from SPA-IWG that review of CMM to take place in 2025
Striped Marlin (NW and SW)	Provide advice on clarification of terms “fishing for” /”targeting” as they relate to management of striped marlin.			TCC20 Outcomes para 29
FAD Management Options Working Group	Review FADMOWG advice related to vessels permitted to deploy/service FADs			TCC20 Outcomes para 34 Possibly other tasks 2025-27 based on FADMOWG workplan
Tropical tuna CMM	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2023-01, including for implementation of footnotes in Att 1 Table 3	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2023-01, including for implementation of footnotes in Att 1 Table 3		Included based on expiry data of CMM 2023-01, and noting there is an annual review requirement.
Sharks CMM		Provide advice to inform review of CMM 2022-04	Provide advice to inform review of CMM 2022-04	Included based on SC20 recommended review of CMM 2022-04 in 2027

Task	2025	2026	2027	Draft workplan comments:
Charter notification measure			Review CMM and provide advice on any necessary modifications to [CMM 2021-04]	Date contingent on WCPFC21 decision on extension period "Analyze framework for the management and control of chartered vessels to promote compliance with CMMs, clarify flag and chartering CCM's control of chartered vessels, and clarify attribution of catch and effort"
Article 14(1)(b) monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures				
Use of ROP data in the Compliance Monitoring Scheme	Further develop and implement sampling methodology			TCC20 Outcomes para 13
Review of "Implementation" obligations	Consider reporting on review of implementation obligations.			TCC20 Outcomes para 18
Review and assess Commission's implementation of CMM 2013-06	Discuss approach to review Commission implementation of CMM 2013-06			TCC20 Outcomes para 73
Observer participation in the CMS		Review status of data used in the CMS	Develop guidelines for the participation of observers in the Compliance Review Process	TCC Chair proposed approach
Corrective Actions			Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non-compliance is identified.	

Task	2025	2026	2027	Draft workplan comments:
Article 14(1)(c) implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement				
High Seas Boarding and Inspections	Consider and provide advice to Commission on voluntary regional guidelines and best practices for the use of tools in conducting HSBI			TCC20 Outcomes para 67 – intersessional work to be led by Australia.
Port States Minimum Standards CMM 2017-02	Review CMM 2017-02			TCC20 Outcomes para 61 and 63 – intersessional work to be led by Fiji
Data Exchange	Review progress on establishment/implementation of data exchange arrangements with other RFMOs			TCC20 Outcomes para 62
Electronic Monitoring	Review progress of EREMWG Workplan including: EM Program reporting, changes to interim EM Standards, EM data requirements, assurance and audit process, EM for transshipment			TCC20 Outcomes para 55
Transshipment verification				[Tasking contingent on outcomes of TS-IWG discussions at WCPFC21]
IWG-ROP	Consider work of the IWG-ROP, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of ROP minimum data fields - Review of prenotification process, streamlining the inclusion of ROP data in the CCFS - Standardised process for use of ROP data in CCFS 			TCC20 Outcomes para 50 and 16