

# **PROJECT 42: REPORT OF THE PACIFIC TUNA TAGGING PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE**

**WCPFC-SC21-2025/RP-PTTP-02**

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# PTTP STEERING COMMITTEE



- PMSB Steering Committee was held via video conference on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The report of the Steering Committee was posted on the SC21 website on 1 August 2025. No revision to the report were received.

## 2024-2025 Highlights

- Integration of expanded tissue sampling into the PMSB to allow for CKMR and Population Genetic Analyses.
- Refresher and base training of observers and port samplers in all sampling procedures.
- Supporting curation of samples from ecosystem and ocean science cruise.
- Numerous analyses derived from PMSB samples by WCPFC and global collaborators.

# 2026 WORKPLAN

- Update and improve training materials for biological sampling.
- Development and enhancement of electronic recording ER apps and associated trainings.
- Development of a WCPO-wide sampler network for the collection of tuna genetics samples.
- Development and implementation of our Quality Management System to meet international standards.
- Development of the PMSB website to better highlight the use of the PMSB samples and associated outputs.
- Trial and implement more systematic approach to biological sample collection.

# 2026 BUDGET AND OUTLOOK

Budget	2026	2027	2028
WCPFC	<b>111,710</b>	113,945	116,223

# SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ADVICE



- Continue to support initiatives to increase rates of biological sampling, especially by fisheries observers at sea, noting that this contribution is essential to the ongoing success of the WCPFC's work.
- Endorse the proposed 2026 budget and the 2027-28 indicative budgets,
- Endorse that the 2026 work plan
- Endorse request from the WCPFC Secretariat that a Working Paper should be presented at SC22 on isotope, mercury, and other pollutant studies that have used PMSB samples.