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Purpose

1. To define the responsibilities of the SPA Roadmap Inter Sessional Working Group (IWG) in progressing key issues on the management of the South Pacific albacore.

Terms of Reference

1. The terms of reference for the workgroup shall include consideration of the management issues:
 - a) Elements necessary for a pathway to support the development of the SPA management procedure, including the revision of the management objective and the iTRP.
 - b) Elements necessary for establishing an allocation framework.
 - c) Elements for developing a new conservation and management measure.
2. The roadmap will also contain(s) three main components:
 - a) Development of the SPA Management Procedure.
 - b) Allocation Framework: Develop recommendations for a framework on how the Commission allocates the overall limit for South Pacific Albacore, taking into consideration all fisheries, the interests and aspirations of SIDs and Participating Territories and the impacts of Climate Change and the actions required to achieve the biological and economic objectives of the fishery.
 - c) Development of a new CMM.

Workplan:

This workplan addresses the main components identified through the TOR above. It is intended to be a working document that will be revised by the IWG as work progresses. *Considering the margins of the SC and/or TCC meetings for the IWG to meet; and the SMD type meeting to be a virtual meeting.

	Support the development and adoption of the Management Procedure	Establishing a framework for the allocation of the SPA TAC	Development of a new implementing CMM
Objectives	- The IWG will progress the discussions on a management objective and the revision of the	- The IWG to identify and develop recommendations on key components and	- To develop a new measure that incorporates the allocation framework, as well as any other issues

	<p>iTRP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress the discussions and make recommendations on a management procedure for the SPA for the Commission to consider 	<p>a process for establishing an allocation framework.</p>	<p>identified by the IWG, that will function as an implementing mechanism for the management procedure.</p>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consider the South Pacific albacore (SPA) objectives and a revised interim TRP and recommendations for WCPFC20 to consider. - Ongoing development of the SPA management procedure and testing for the IWG to progress the discussions on the SPA MP development and provide guidance in the margins of the SC19 and/or TCC19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consider key issues, principles and developments, required to be considered in the development of the allocation framework for the Commission to consider, in particular Article 10.3 of the Convention. - Report to the Commission on the progress of the work by the IWG. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take note of discussions/progress from the MP and the SPA Allocation framework developments, as well as other relevant considerations (including guidance from SC and TCC) to identify management measure implications to be addressed.
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing SPA Management Procedure development and testing and 'dry run' of MP application. - A Science management dialogue dedicated to SPA focused on selecting candidate MPs for potential adoption). - Recommend to the Commission to adopt a SPA management procedure. - Development of a CMM for a Management Procedure for SPA for adoption by WCPFC21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depending on outcomes from 2023, the IWG to consider recommending the start of the allocation process discussion. Potential physical workshop for allocation to be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take note of discussions/progress from the MP and the SPA allocation framework development, as well as other relevant considerations (including guidance from SC and TCC) to identify key elements for a revised CMM for the SPA

2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of a Management Procedure CMM for the SPA by WCPFC22. - Adopted management procedure is <u>run</u> for the first time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Commission will hold a workshop, or workshops, dedicated to the management procedure, implementing arrangements, mixed fisheries issues as well as allocation of SPA if appropriate. - Advice provided by SC21 and TCC21 on implementing CMM as appropriate. - Take note of discussions/progress on the MP, as well as other relevant considerations (including guidance from SC and TCC) to identify key elements for a new implementing CMM for SPA.
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of the Management Procedure would commence in 2026 and run in a three-year cycle (2026-2028) 	