

Updated Harvest Strategy Workplan | WCPFC22 Summary Report, Attachment 24

Bigeye Tuna Harvest Strategy Workplan & Commission Decisions

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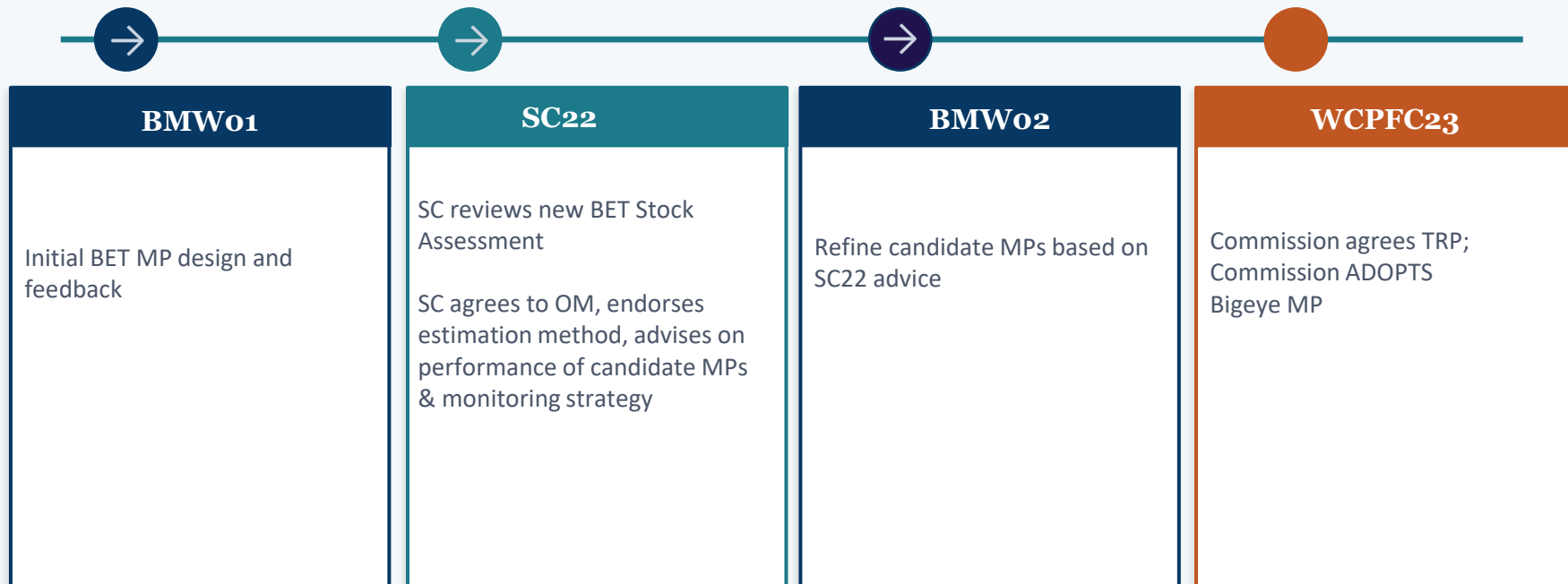
Workplan Timeline: All Four Stocks (2026–2028)

Year	SPA	Skipjack	Bigeye	Yellowfin
2026	Run MP for first time; Adopt monitoring strategy & implementing arrangements		Stock assessment; SC agrees OMs; SC endorses estimation method; SC advises on candidate MPs; Commission agrees TRP; Commission ADOPTS MP	Stock assessment; SC agrees OMs; SC advises mixed fishery approach; Commission agrees TRP; Commission adopts mixed fishery management
2027	Stock assessment	Run MP (2nd time); Commission reviews tropical tuna measure implementing arrangements	Run MP for first time; Commission reviews tropical tuna measure implementing arrangements; Commission adopts monitoring strategy	SC advises on monitoring strategy; Commission reviews tropical tuna measure; Commission adopts monitoring strategy
2028	—	Stock assessment	—	—

★ 2026 is the critical year for bigeye tuna MP adoption. Highlighted column shows bigeye tasks.

2026 Meeting Schedule for BET MP Development

Workflow for the development of a BET MP through BMW → SC22 → WCPFC23.



Note: Exact dates for 2026 meetings to be confirmed by WCPFC Secretariat (see Attachment 35 – Indicative Schedule).

2026 Commission Decision Points

Agree Target Reference Point for Bigeye

TRP Adoption

01

Commission formally agrees a Target Reference Point (TRP) for bigeye tuna (element b). This is a required prerequisite for adopting a Management Procedure.

Consider & Refine Candidate Management Procedures

MP Development

02

Commission considers and refines the candidate set of management procedures for bigeye tuna, following SC and TCC advice.

ADOPT a Management Procedure for Bigeye

03

Commission formally adopts a Management Procedure for WCPO bigeye tuna. This is the headline deliverable for 2026. The adopted MP is scheduled to be run for the first time in 2027.

2027 Harvest Strategy Workplan for BET



MP Implementation

Run Management Procedure
for BET for the first time



Monitoring Strategy

Adopt a BET Monitoring
Strategy



Implementing Arrangement

Adopt implementing
arrangements for the BET
MP/Renegotiation of the
Tropical Tuna CMM (2025-02)

2026 MP adoption is the foundational step. 2027 will focus on implementation, monitoring, and the first formal running of the adopted procedure

Relevant WCPFC22 Decisions

WCPFC22 Request to SSP

Develop additional candidate MPs that include controls for both tropical longline and tropical purse seine fisheries.

WCPFC22 Guidance to SSP for MP Development

Management Period

Use of a three-year management period with a two-year lag.

HCR Evaluation

Evaluate range of HCRs for tropical longline and purse seine fleets (FAD closures 0-3 months, catch/effort) tuned to achieve the same TRP.

Interpolation

Evaluate plausibility of developing additional HCRs through interpolating evaluated HCR outputs.

Constraints & Assumptions

Evaluate HCRs with/without constraints between periods.

Fixed assumptions on catch outside MP control.

Sensitivity Analyses (Archipelagic Fisheries)

Address uncertainties in Indonesian, Philippine, and Vietnamese fisheries, including recent levels/averages, historical peaks, and new national measures.