

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Commission
10 - 13 October 2016
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Commission
 - 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.3. Opening Statements

Opening statements will be incorporated in the official record of the meeting. Electronic copies should be provided to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

 - 1.3.1. Members
 - 1.3.2. Cooperating Non-members
 - 1.3.3. Observers
2. Report from the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year. It is typically assumed that participants have read the report, so this agenda item is primarily for comments and questions on the report.
3. Finance and Administration

The Executive Secretary will present a brief outline of the revised 2016 budget and the proposed budget for 2017 including indicative budgets for 2018 and 2019. Detailed consideration of the budget and other administrative matters will be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee which will report back to the Extended Commission (EC) with a recommended budget.

 - 3.1. Report from the Finance and Administration Committee
4. Review of SBT Fisheries and ERS Interactions

Prior to the meeting, each Member and Cooperating Non-Member will submit a report on its SBT fishing activities using the agreed reporting template for the "[Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission](#)". Participants are expected to have read these reports, so they will not be presented at the meeting. This agenda item is therefore for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the reports. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

 - 4.1. Reports on Members' projects

This sub agenda item is placed here to provide an opportunity for Members to report on special projects. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.
5. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Eleventh meeting to be held on 6-8 October 2016. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.

6. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) will present the report of the ESC's September meeting. The ESC meeting will: Seek to provide improved estimates on Non-Member catch; Develop advice on relative merits of the Direct Approach vs. the MP Approach for accounting for Non-Member catches¹; Review results of Scientific Research Program activities; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the Management Procedure); Run the MP to recommend TACs for 2018-2020; and Consider the requirements for development of a new MP.

7. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

7.1. Attributable SBT Catch

CCSBT 21 agreed on a common definition for the Attributable SBT Catch² and that Members would act in good faith to implement the common definition of attributable catch adopted at CCSBT 21 as soon as practicable but not later than the 2018 quota year. CCSBT 21 also agreed to a table of action points from 2015 to 2018 in relation to implementing the Attributable SBT Catch. This table is provided at Attachment A. Members are to report on their progress with implementing the Attributable SBT Catch in their annual report to the Compliance Committee and EC. The EC will consider the progress made and provide any necessary recommendations.

7.2. TAC Determination

At CCSBT 22, the EC confirmed that the TAC would be 14,647 t for 2017 in accordance with the recommendation from the CCSBT's Management Procedure (MP). The EC needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2017 to be revised.

The TACs for 2018 to 2020 inclusive are scheduled to be set in 2016. The ESC will run the MP to recommend the TAC for 2018-2020. In accordance with the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure, the EC shall set the TAC based on the outcome of the MP, unless the EC decides otherwise based on information that is not otherwise incorporated into the Management Procedure

In addition, CCSBT 21 agreed that in 2016, the EC would decide on the adjustment to take account of non-member catch in the 2018-20 TAC period. This is a decision that could be taken either under the "TAC Determination" or "Allocation of TAC" agenda items.

7.3. Research Mortality Allowance

At CCSBT 20, the EC agreed that from 2015, an allocation of 10 t would be made for Research Mortality Allowance within the TAC recommended by the MP. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of Research Mortality Allowance to national research activity in 2017.

7.4. Allocation of TAC

The agreed method for calculating Members' and Cooperating Non-Members' allocation of the TAC is specified in the Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch. Paragraph 80 of the CCSBT 22 report specified Members' and CNMs' allocations of the TAC for 2016-2017. The EC will consider and decide on allocation of the TAC for 2018-2020.

¹ The "Direct approach" is to estimate the non-Member catch and then set aside an allowance to take account of non-Member catch before allocating the remainder of the global TAC to Members and CNMs. The "MP approach" is to re-tune the MP to different scenarios that cover the plausible scenarios of catches from non-Members and have the MP recommend a TAC that takes into account the uncertainties in the non-Member catch. The "MP approach" is not feasible for the 2018-2020 quota block due to time constraints.

² A Member or CNM's attributable catch against its national allocation is the total Southern Bluefin Tuna mortality resulting from fishing activities within its jurisdiction or control including, *inter alia*, mortality resulting from:

- commercial fishing operations whether primarily targeting SBT or not;
- releases and/or discards;
- recreational fishing;
- customary and/or traditional fishing; and
- artisanal fishing."

8. CCSBT Strategic Plan

CCSBT 22 adopted an updated Strategic Plan for the CCSBT, which contains a five-year Action Plan. Most items scheduled for 2016 in the Action Plan are being addressed at CCSBT meetings or elsewhere. Items for 2016 that are not considered elsewhere are listed below, with their priorities (according to the plan) shown in parentheses. The Secretariat will prepare a paper in relation to these items to facilitate discussion.

- Review rules for commercially confidential scientific data to encourage sharing of these data in order to harmonise activities with other RFMOs and improve the functioning of the Commission (Very High);*
- Review the Chairing arrangements of each subsidiary or advisory body of CCSBT to provide greater consistency in the chairing arrangements amongst each subsidiary body (High). This is being led by Australia;*
- Explore funding sources other than Member governments' assessed contributions to support the work of the Extended Commission (High);*
- Develop programme to assist developing countries with Commission requirements (High);*
- Define processes for those seeking cooperating non-member or membership status to the CCSBT (Medium/High)*
- Ensure past Commission decisions are readily accessible (Medium);*
- Flag states/fishing entities to complete self-assessments of capacity with respect to national allocations. Flag State/fishing entity to take corrective action if required (Medium). All Members, except the new Members (the European Union and South Africa) have conducted their self assessments.*

9. Consideration of a CCSBT Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)

CCSBT 22 agreed that New Zealand would work intersessionally on developing a draft FMP to be considered by the EC in 2017, if its resources allow. A draft will not be available for CCSBT 23, but this agenda item provides an opportunity for Members to provide requests or suggestions to New Zealand in relation to a FMP.

10. Resolution to Mitigate the Impact on Seabirds of Fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna

Australia advised CCSBT 22 that it will re-introduce its proposed Resolution to mitigate the impact on seabirds of fishing for southern bluefin tuna to CCSBT 23 and that it will work with other Members to try to solve any issues in relation to the proposal.

11. Cooperating Non-Members

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Members requires an annual review of the continuation of that status based on performance against the undertakings given to the Extended Commission. There is currently only one Cooperating Non-Member to consider (the Philippines).

12. Relationship with Non-members

Members should nominate States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT, together with background information supporting that nomination, and provide this information to the Executive Secretary at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. These nomination(s) will be incorporated in the Secretariat's paper for this agenda item. The USA, Singapore and Fiji have been invited to attend CCSBT 23 as observers as noted at CCSBT 22.

13. Kobe Process

This is a standing agenda item for updates on the Kobe Process and a review by Members of any Kobe process recommendations requiring action.

14. Activities with Other Organisations

14.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest³ and these Members provide reports back to the CCSBT on matters of relevance in order to improve coordination with other RFMOs. This agenda item provides the opportunity for:

- Observer Members to provide brief reports on matters of relevance from these meetings; and*
- Agree on CCSBT observers for non-CCSBT meetings during 2017.*

14.2. Consideration of a draft Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on exchange of data with the WCPFC

Circular #2016/015 described a proposed MoC between WCPFC and CCSBT that would allow the exchange of aggregated catch and effort data between the two RFMOs without the need to remove strata that contain less than 3 vessels. The MoC will be considered at this agenda item.

14.3. Attendance at the joint meeting of tuna RFMOs on the Implementation of Ecosystems Based Fisheries Management (EBFM)

As described in Circular #2016/006, a joint meeting of tuna RFMO participants has been proposed to exchange ideas on the implementation of EBFM. As advised in Circular #2016/009, Members intersessionally agreed in principle to attend the first joint tuna RFMO meeting on EBFM and details of the scientists attending will be determined at a later date. Depending on the timing of the EBFM meeting, the ESC and EC will determine the scientists to attend the meeting for the CCSBT. Otherwise, this decision will be made intersessionally.

15. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

15.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2016

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 23 should be restricted from public release⁴.

16. Meetings for 2017

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for the meetings to be held during 2017. Circular #2016/018 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the ERSWG, OMMP, ESC, CC and EC meetings are:

- Ecologically Related Species Working Group: ~March;*
- Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical meeting: 26-27 August;*
- Extended Scientific Committee: 28 August to 2 September 2017;*
- Compliance Committee: 5-7 October 2017; and*
- Extended Commission: 9-12 October 2017.*

17. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 24th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT

18. Other Business

19. Close of Meeting

19.1. Adoption of report

19.2. Close of meeting

³ With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

⁴ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 23 become publicly available after CCSBT 23 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 23 unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document (or Member if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release.

Attachment A

**Table of Action points in relation to implementing the
Attributable SBT Catch as agreed at CCSBT 21.**

	External	Internal	ESC work schedule
2015	The EC initiates discussion on the principles and process for taking account of non-member catch in the 2018-20 TAC period. The ESC, CC and Members to undertake analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch. Commission market analyses on significant markets to contribute to estimating non-member catch.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual Member research on applicable sources of mortality and report back to ESC and CC for discussion and review. 2. Members shall endeavour to set allowances to commence for 2016-17 quota years for all sources of attributable mortality based on best estimates and notify other Members by CCSBT22. If Members can't they will notify CCSBT22 and explain why they are unable to and set a date by which they can set the allowance. 3. The EC initiate discussion and agreement to a process for dealing with attributable catch within the next quota block (2018-20). 	Collation of information on unreported mortalities and categorising this information in accordance with OM "fleets" (ESC19 Report).
2016	The ESC, CC and Members continue analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch. The EC decides on the adjustment to take account of non-member catch in the 2018-20 TAC period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The EC if necessary continue discussion so as to agree on a process for dealing with attributable catch within the next quota block (2018-20). 2. Individual Members continue research on applicable sources of mortality and report back to the ESC and CC for discussion and review. 	ESC scheduled to run MP to recommend TAC for 2018-2020.
2017	The ESC, CC and Members continue analyses to provide estimates of non-member catch.	Individual Members continue research on applicable sources of mortality & report back to the ESC and CC for discussion review.	ESC scheduled to conduct full stock assessment and the first formal review of MP.
2018		Full implementation of the common definition of attributable catch.	