



CCSBT-ERS/2406/05

## Progress on Action Items from the ERSWG 14 Workplan (ERSWG Agenda Item 4)

### Introduction

The last meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG 14) was held from 21-25 May 2022. That meeting developed a workplan for activities to be conducted between ERSWG 14 and ERSWG 15. This paper provides a brief update on progress with the workplan.

### Progress against Workplan

The first three columns of the table below represent the workplan from ERSWG 14. The additional columns of the table indicate the ERSWG 15 agenda item in which the activity may be further discussed together with a brief description of progress made.

Activity	Approximate Period	Resource	Agenda Item	Progress to date
Present the results of studies of Southern Bluefin Tuna targeting vessels on the effectiveness of combined mitigation measures, such as use of tori line, weighted branch-lines, and nighttime setting.	ERSWG 15	Taiwan	5.1.4	Taiwan will submit a paper on this activity item as CCSBT-ERS/2406/19.
Members' annual reports to future ERSWG meetings should include both the FAO 3 alpha species code and the species/species group name in the table for reporting estimates of total ERS mortality.	ERSWG 15	All Members	2.1	The Secretariat will check this item once the Members' annual reports are submitted.
The Secretariat's Data Exchange summary paper to ERSWG 15 should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include the rate of capture in addition to the number of observed captures in order to control for the varying effect of observer coverage; and</li> <li>• Table 5 of the paper should be expanded to include Statistical Areas 4 and 14.</li> </ul>	ERSWG 15	Secretariat	2.2	Completed in CCSBT-ERS/2406/04.

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Provide the summary of key points of ERSWG reports to other tuna RFMOs, in accordance with agreed format.	After CCSBT 29	Secretariat	Completed	Completed
Translate the ACAP Seabird Identification Guide into Indonesian. ACAP and the CCSBT to share funding of the translation.	ERSWG 15	ACAP Secretariat	Completed	Completed
Investigate the use of BMIS as a potential host for a seabird photo database for the CCSBT.	ERSWG 15	Secretariat	5.1.5	The BMIS coordinator confirmed there are several ways to make a seabird photo database for the CCSBT available in the BMIS: (a) In the existing <a href="#">reference</a> section – create a reference with the database name and description; attach the MS Access file and/or include a link to the database. App (.exe' files) cannot be uploaded to BMIS. (b) In the existing seabird <a href="#">species group</a> section - add text and a link to the CCSBT database. (c) In the existing RFMO / <a href="#">CCSBT</a> section - add text and a link
Provide revised historical data for the EDE that includes all mortalities (i.e. both discard mortalities and retained commercial catch).	Before the July 2022 EDE	Australia	Completed	Completed
Conduct the SEFRA as an ERSWG collaborative assessment in the areas of data provision, model development and examination of model robustness.	Intersessionally prior to ERSWG 15	New Zealand (lead) and all Members to participate	5.1.3	The outcome paper is submitted to the ERSWG 15 as CCSBT-ERS/2406/13.
Combine Agenda item 5.1.3 and 5.1.5 for future meetings.	ERSWG 15	Secretariat	Completed	Completed

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Each Member to report on its progress with implementing actions in accordance with the agreed Multi-year Seabird Strategy.	ERSWG 15	Members	2.1, 8	In preparation for this meeting, Members were asked to provide a status update of the actions from the Seabird Strategy. This information has been compiled in Secretariat paper CCSBT-ERS/2406/09.
Review the overall progress with implementing the agreed Multi-year Seabird Strategy.	ERSWG 15	ERSWG	8	This action will take place during this meeting using the information gathered in the previous action.
Provide an update on interactions between the recreational SBT fishery and fur seals around Tasmania, and the work that Australia plans to conduct to better quantify the nature of these interactions, if required.	ERSWG 15	Australia	5.3.1	Australia will provide an oral report to the ERSWG 15 meeting.
Consider the focus and agenda for the intersessional technical ERSWG meeting in 2023.	As soon as possible	Members	Completed	Completed

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