



CCSBT-ESC/2409/05 (Rev.1)

Report Against Strategic Plan (ESC Agenda Item 6)

Background

At CCSBT 30, Members adopted a revised Strategic Plan¹ that outlines a common vision for how the Commission will operate in order to meet the overall objective of the Convention. The Strategic Plan also provides the following vision and set of goals in support of the overall objective.

Vision and goals

Management of SBT

The Commission agrees the SBT tuna stock is to be managed at a biomass level that supports the maximum sustainable yield, and the risks related to fishing for SBT and impacts from fishing for SBT on ecologically related species are mitigated.

- This includes strategies concerning stock rebuilding, allocation and ecologically related species.
- This also includes consideration and review of all other risks including, but not limited to, marine pollution and human safety.

Operation/Administration of the Commission and Secretariat

It was agreed the Commission should operate effectively and efficiently, to responsibly manage fishing for SBT.

- This includes strategies for effective and efficient operation of Commission, its subsidiary bodies and Secretariat, including harmonisation with other RFMOs.

Participation and implementation by Members, including Compliance.

Members are actively participating in management of SBT through the Commission and implementing its decisions.

- This includes strategies concerning MCS, sanctions and assistance to developing countries.

¹ www.ccsbt.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/file/docs_english/operational_resolutions/CCSBT_Strategic_Plan.pdf

Strategic Plan Items of Relevance to ESC

The Strategy also includes several actions that are to be carried out by the Commission's various subsidiary bodies. The following elements of the Action Plan and Ongoing Work Plan have been identified as relevant to the work of the ESC.

Action Plan

- **PR2021-02:** Explore the need for additional measures (such as protected areas and area closures) to support spawning and recruitment.
- Further increase efforts, including analysis on the application of electronic monitoring, to improve and supplement observer coverage in accordance with Scientific Observer Program Standard (SOPS).
- Prioritise the establishment and ongoing review of long-term research strategic planning in the ESC.

Ongoing Work Plan

- **PR2021-24:** CCSBT should continue to implement CMMs based on ESC and ERSWG advice for both target and non-target species.
- **PR2021-01:** Members continue to support the MP, by remaining within their allocation limits, and eliminating areas of uncertainty such as Non-Member catches that could undermine its performance.
- **PR2021-26:** Continue monitoring to ensure the effectiveness of the rebuilding strategy for SBT
- **PR2021-12:** Continue to develop and embed innovative methods such as gene-tagging and close kin mark-recapture to improve scientific processes.
- **PR2021-55:** ESC to improve accessibility of reports to non-technical readers.
- Ensure members are submitting high quality, clear, consistent and completed reporting.
- **PR2021-16:** Continue to study the spatial aspects of the SBT stock structure and movements, and the fleets that exploit SBT.

Monitoring and Implementation

To ensure that the objectives of the Strategic Plan are met, the plan outlines a process that commits to annual monitoring and reporting against the actions agreed under the plan. The Extend Commission (EC) will review the progress made with the Secretariat holding responsibility for compiling the information necessary for the EC to conduct its annual monitoring review.

The Strategic Plan states that "Subsidiary bodies holding responsibility for particular action items are expected to report back on the progress of those activities as part of their respective meeting reports". The ERSWG was the first subsidiary body to meet since the adoption of the new Strategic Plan and adopted the reporting template (provided at **Attachment A**). The ESC is also encouraged to utilise this template in order to harmonise the reporting process for Subsidiary Bodies.

Next Steps

Members are asked to consider the reporting template at **Attachment A** along with some of the preliminary responses provided by the Secretariat (in red text).

Once agreed, the completed template will be included as an attachment to the report of ESC 29.

Prepared by the Secretariat

Report from CCSBT Subsidiary Bodies on Progress Against Strategic Plan

Subsidiary Body: ESC

Year: 2024

Vision and Goals

Comments from Subsidiary Body

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Action	Progress since previous report	Planned work
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<p>Further increase efforts, including analysis on the application of electronic monitoring, to improve and supplement observer coverage in accordance with Scientific Observer Program Standard (SOPS).</p>	<p>The ESC undertook a recent review of the potential impacts of EM on the collection of data currently required under the existing SOPS [and proposed the following changes...]</p>	
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Ongoing Work Plan		
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