



CCSBT-CC/2410/21

Report Against Strategic Plan

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 CC

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 CC.

Action Plan

- 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).
- **PR2021-36:** Update or revise the 2018-2020 Action Plan to the next five-year phase as a matter of urgency based on the recommendations from the Performance Review.
- Improve arrangements to collect and analyse the information of SBT distributed in the global market, and consider strengthening relevant measures to monitor and control trade of SBT products in the markets.

Ongoing Work Plan

- **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
- **PR2021-25:** CCSBT members should continue to strengthen the implementation of the IPOAs and FAO guidelines in fishing operations.
- Apply the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Program to countries and/or entities who join the Commission in the future.
- Ongoing QAR program for existing Members is subject to the decision by the EC based on further advice from the Compliance Committee.
- **PR2021-57:** Process for review of external documents, including possible non-compliance on the part of Members, should be monitored to ensure that it does not create a barrier for external engagement with the CCSBT.
- Encourage non-Members to increase engagement in CCSBT processes, including joining the CCSBT and utilising the CDS
- **PR2021-44:** Continue to formalise and strengthen information sharing with other RFMO secretariats and alternative information sources.
- Ensure members are submitting high quality, clear, consistent and completed reporting

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 ESC29 also agreed 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 CC19.

Prepared by the Secretariat

Report from CCSBT Subsidiary Bodies on Progress Against Strategic Plan

Subsidiary Body: CC

Year: 2024

Vision and Goals

Comments from Subsidiary Body

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<p>Participation and implementation by Members, including Compliance</p> <p>Members are actively participating in management of SBT through the Commission and implementing its decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This includes strategies concerning MCS, sanctions and assistance to developing countries. 		
Action Plan		
Action	Progress since previous report	Planned work
<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>PR2021-36: Update or revise the 2018-2020 Action Plan to the next five-year phase as a matter of urgency based on the recommendations from the Performance Review.</p>	<p>[CC19 finalised an updated Compliance Action Plan 2025 – 2029 for consideration by CCSBT31.]</p>	<p>[Implement the Compliance Action Plan 2025 – 2029 (once agreed) and undertake annual monitoring and reporting to the Compliance Committee.]</p>
<p>Improve arrangements to collect and analyse the information of SBT distributed in the global market, and consider strengthening relevant measures to monitor and control trade of SBT products in the markets.</p>		
Ongoing Work Plan		
Action	Changes since previous report	Planned work
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eliminating areas of uncertainty such as Non-Member catches that could undermine its performance.		
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PR2021-25: CCSBT members should continue to strengthen the implementation of the IPOAs and FAO guidelines in fishing operations.		
Apply the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Program to countries and/or entities who join the Commission in the future.		
Ongoing QAR program for existing Members is subject to the decision by the EC based on further advice from the Compliance Committee.	[CC19 finalised a draft Terms of Reference for a QAR in 2025 to examine Indonesia's at-sea transshipment activities for CCSBT.]	[Completion of the Indonesia Transshipment QAR and report to CC20/ CCSBT32.]
PR2021-57: Process for review of external documents, including possible non-compliance on the part of Members, should be monitored to ensure that it does not create a barrier for external engagement with the CCSBT.		
Encourage non-Members to increase engagement in CCSBT processes, including joining the CCSBT and utilising the CDS.	Continued engagement with non-Members, including inviting China, Fiji, Malaysia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Singapore and USA to participate as observers at CC19/CCSBT31.	
PR2021-44: Continue to formalise and strengthen information sharing with other RFMO secretariats and alternative information sources.	[CC19 finalised an updated Memorandum of Understanding with ICCAT for consideration by CCSBT31.]	[Development of a high-level MOU with the UN FAO to support the further development of an updated IOTC collaboration agreement.]
Ensure members are submitting high quality, clear, consistent and completed reporting.		