

**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS AND  
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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**Communication from the ERandEMWG Chair proposing a meeting on 19 – 20 July  
2022**

Dear All,

As requested, and further to Circular 2022/06 dated 15 February 2022, I circulate a self-explanatory letter from the Chair of the Electronic-reporting and Electronic-Monitoring Working Group (ERandEMWG) proposing an online meeting of the working group is convened on 19 – 20 July 2022 (Pohnpei time).

Any responses to this circular and the enclosed letter are kindly requested by no later than **close of business on Wednesday 8 June 2022 (Pohnpei time)**, and should be directed to the Working Group Chair Ms Claire van der Geest ([Claire.VANDERGEEST@afma.gov.au](mailto:Claire.VANDERGEEST@afma.gov.au)) and copy to the Secretariat Compliance Manager Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott ([lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int](mailto:lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int)). Please distribute this circular to all relevant people in your country and/or organization.

Yours sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

27 May 2022

Dear EREM Participants

In my communique of 15 February 2022 (WCPFC Circular 2022/06), I identified a meeting of the EREM WG to be held over two half days during the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

You'll recall, that there are two key priorities for the WG in 2022, including to *'consider and provide advice on outputs from the EREM WG including those related to existing obligations, data gaps and the prioritisation of ER and EM'*.

You'll also recall that I have committed to developing a discussion paper (strawman) outlining my thoughts on how the electronic monitoring program integrates with the existing WCPFC management framework, in particular the regional observer scheme.

Given the above, I am proposing that the July meeting of the EREM WG focus on the framework discussion paper and the priorities for the EM. It is my hope that the EREM can reach consensus and in-principle support on these components to enable them to be presented to the TCC session in September.

Below sets out the proposed dates, format and agenda for the meeting. **If you could please consider the dates and the proposed agenda, and provide any comments, by the 8 June 2022.** This will enable the Secretariat and I to finalise the meeting logistics, including the circulation of the discussion paper and other papers for the meeting.

#### Proposed Logistics

Dates: Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 July 2022  
(Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2022 for North America)

Meeting Timing: 10am – 2pm Pohnpei time (UTC+11) time each day

Format: Virtual Meeting – Zoom

#### Proposed Agenda

1. Welcome and opening
  - 1.1. Adoption of the Agenda
  - 1.2. Meeting Arrangements
2. WCPFC EM Framework
  - 2.1. Introduction of the discussion paper
  - 2.2. Basis for at sea monitoring
  - 2.3. EM and the ROP
  - 2.4. Proposed framework for at sea monitoring
3. Prioritisation of EM Implementation
  - 3.1. Data needs and current data sources
  - 3.2. Data gaps

- 3.3. Proposed priorities for EM Implementation
- 4. Workplan
  - 4.1. Working Issues
  - 4.2. Prioritisation of the working issues
  - 4.3. Proposed workplan
- 5. Outcome and Recommendations
  - 5.1. Approach to SC
  - 5.2. Approach to TCC

On the draft SSPs for the WCPFC EMP, to thank all EREM participants who have submitted comments in response to WCPFC Circular 2022-09 dated 7 March 2022. I have received comments from 10 groups of participants to date, and I have provided an extension to one group of participants. I expect their comments in the coming weeks. To avoid confusion and support version control, I am delaying circulation of the next draft until after those comments are received.

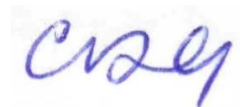
In the spirit of transparency and collaboration, I will upload the combined all comments document to this site as a **locked** file. In doing so, this version will become a reference document and enable us all to see the range of comments and thoughts across the group. This will also enable us to see where there is synergy and/or areas where we will need to work more fulsomely to find common ground.

I do not intend to discuss the draft SSP's in July – rather I would like to focus on the framework as I see it as supporting our collective understanding on how the EM program can fit within the WCPFC management framework and, if there is consensus, that this will support the further development of the CMM and associated SSPs.

Finally, as a reminder the central storage location for all ERandEM WG documents is through the <https://www.wcpfc.int/ERandEM-IWG> site, including circulars, email etc. In addition, I've asked the Secretariat to setup an [Online Discussion Forum for the ERandEM WG](#) to support the intersessional work including assisting members to engage with other participants as we move forward. If there are any updates from CCMs to their nominated representatives to participate in the intersessional work, and for access to the dedicated Online Discussion Forum page, please provide the name(s), CCM affiliation and email address to the Chair.

Thank you for providing any comments on the proposed meeting dates and agenda by 8 June 2022.

Sincerely



Claire van der Geest  
WCPFC EREM WG Chair