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Provisional TCC Workplan 2025 – 2027

The Commission, at WCPFC21, adopted the TCC Work Plan for 2025-2027 on a provisional basis. This version was prepared taking into consideration the recent standing tasks for TCC, current CMMs, IWG workplans, the TCC20 Outcomes and most WCPFC21 Outcomes.

Noting that there was limited time at WCPFC21 for participants to review the Provisional TCC Workplan 2025 - 2027, the TCC Chair offered to lead an intersessional process in early 2025 for review and further feedback.



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1. TCC core business tasks (annual)

Article 14(1)(a) provide the Commission with information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures;

- a. Provide technical and compliance-related advice to support the development of harvest strategies, including consideration of the implications of harvest control rules.
 - i. Review and provide input into skipjack monitoring strategy.
 - ii. Review of available data to inform the Commission on climate change impacts to stocks and ecosystems in the WCPO, and the potential effects of climate change on related fishing activities and provide recommendations to the Commission identifying information gaps, necessary analyses, and any additional tasks to ensure the Commission's conservation and management measures contribute to the long-term sustainability of the stocks in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention
- b. Review information about technical and compliance matters arising under existing CMMs.
- c. Make technical and compliance related comments on proposed CMMs.
- d. Review Cooperating Non-Member applications.

Article 14(1)(b) monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary

- e. Monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures and other obligations stemming from the Convention.
- f. Assessment of IUU fishing vessel nominations and review of fishing vessels currently on the IUU list.
- g. Monitor obligations relating to Small Island Developing States and territories and review requests for capacity development assistance from developing states and territories,

that have been identified through annual reporting and the CMS, for inclusion into the WCPFC Strategic Investment Plan.

- h. Review and assess the Commission's implementation of, and compliance with, CMM 2013-06 Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals for the previous calendar year.
- i. Review aggregated information on progress to address alleged violations vessels in the CCFS, to identify potential anomalies in the implementation of obligations by a CCM, implementation challenges and/or system failures to take flag state action.
- j. Review progress on addressing/closing CCFS cases older than 24 months.
- k. Prepare a provisional list of obligations to be assessed in the following year's CMS, referring a risk-based approach as a possible guidance.
- l. Review analysis of obligations that have been assessed over time including compliance rating.
- m. Review and provide advice on availability and use of independent data for compliance verification.

Article 14(1)(c) review the implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary

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- o. Review Annual report(s) of the WCPFC Secretariat, which should address relevant technical and compliance issues, which may include HSBI, ROP, VMS, RFV, Data Rules, transshipment, port State measures, and note the Executive Director's report on these matters, the Secretariats anticipated forecast of work commitments for TCC, and other issues as appropriate.
- p. Review information about scientific data provision.
- q. Support building the capacity of SIDS, which may include:
 - i. implement observer programs, including training and data management
 - ii. develop and implement MCS information management system (IMS) at a national level
 - iii. improve bycatch reporting
 - iv. set up a system or process for reports on transshipment activities and MTU inspections
 - v. implement minimum standards for Port State measures

2. TCC Priority project specific tasks

Task	2025	2026	2027	Provisional workplan comments:
<i>Article 14(1)(a) information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures</i>				
South Pacific albacore CMM	Provide advice on key components of a new south Pacific albacore CMM			Rolled over from previous TCC workplan, noting advice from SPA-IWG that review of CMM to take place in 2025
Striped Marlin (SW)	Provide advice on clarification of terms “fishing for” /”targeting” as they relate to management of striped marlin.			TCC20 Outcomes para 29
FAD Management Options Working Group	Review matters referred to TCC by the FADMOWG Consider clarifying the ambiguity around the existing participatory rights text as to which types of vessels should be allowed to engage in FAD-related activities	Review matters referred to TCC by the FADMOWG		TCC20 Outcomes para 34 Possibly other tasks 2025-27 based on FADMOWG workplan
Tropical tuna CMM	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2023-01, including for implementation of footnotes in Att 1 Table 3 Consider the issues of certain CCMs without baseline catch limit under paragraph 48 of CMM 2023-01	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2023-01, including for implementation of footnotes in Att 1 Table 3		Included based on expiry data of CMM 2023-01, and noting there is an annual review requirement.

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<p>Sharks CMM</p>	<p>Consider what information is necessary to include in the ARP2 to determine the effectiveness of the alternatives and recommend to the Commission changes to Annex 2 of CMM 2024-XX.</p>	<p>Provide advice to inform review of CMM 2022-04</p>	<p>Provide advice to the Commission on the effectiveness of the measures set out in paragraph 9 as alternatives to the obligation contained in paragraph 7 and recommend measures for consideration and possible adoption at WCPFC24.</p>	<p>Included based on SC20 recommended review of CMM 2022-04 in 2027 and reflecting WCPFC21 outcomes in the updated CMM for Sharks</p> <p>Para 13: The TCC shall review and discuss the reports submitted in accordance with Paragraphs 10 and 11 in 2025, 2026, and 2027. TCC23 shall, taking into account, the outcomes from these reports and discussions, advise the Commission on the effectiveness of the measures set out in paragraph 9 as alternatives to the obligation contained in paragraph 7 and recommend measures for consideration and possible adoption at the 2027 annual meeting of the Commission. If, in 2025, 2026, or 2027, a CCM who used the alternative measures does not provide information in accordance with paragraph 10 to ensure the effectiveness of the alternative measures set out in paragraph 9, paragraph 9 will expire in 2027 for that CCM.</p>
<p>Charter notification measure</p>			<p>Review CMM and provide advice on any necessary modifications to [CMM 2024-0x]</p>	<p>Date contingent on WCPFC21 decision on extension period</p> <p>“Analyze framework for the management and control of chartered vessels to promote compliance with CMMs, clarify flag and chartering CCM’s control of chartered vessels, and clarify attribution of catch and effort”</p>

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Sea Turtles		Review and provide advice on revising CMM 2018-04 (Sea Turtles) to ensure that the reporting requirements are clearly defined and to consider expanding the scope of the measure to include mitigation measures for deep-set longline fisheries		
Seabirds	Consider and provide advice on revisions to the seabirds CMM. Provide advice on the supporting material, provided by CCMs and the SSP, in support of the review of the seabird measure.			
Pacific Bluefin	Review and provide advice on Annual Reports of Implementation of MCS Measures for Pacific Bluefin reported by CCMs	Review and provide advice on Annual Reports of Implementation of MCS Measures for Pacific Bluefin reported by CCMs	Review and provide advice on Annual Reports of Implementation of MCS Measures for Pacific Bluefin reported by CCMs	WCPFC21 Outcome – CMM for PBF-MCS para 4.4. The Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC) and the Northern Committee (NC) shall separately review the implementation of monitoring, control and surveillance measures reported by CCMs in accordance with this CMM by 2026 and based upon the results of such review, provide recommendations to the Commission.

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Climate Change		Consider the outcomes and technical information from the CMM vulnerability assessment, and continue to discuss appropriate ways to incorporate climate change into the work of the TCC.	Consider the outcomes and technical information from the CMM vulnerability assessment, and continue to discuss appropriate ways to incorporate climate change into the work of the TCC.	Climate Change workplan * Consider the outcomes and technical information from the CMM vulnerability assessment, and continue to discuss appropriate ways to incorporate climate change into the work of the TCC. * TCC to annually review climate change information to provide the Commission with information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures * TCC's annual review of available information to also provide recommendations to the Commission identifying information gaps, necessary analyses, and any additional tasks to ensure the Commission's conservation and management measures contribute to the long-term sustainability of the stocks in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention.
Article 14(1)(b) monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures				
Use of ROP data in the Compliance Monitoring Scheme	Further develop and implement sampling methodology			TCC20 Outcomes para 13
Review of "Implementation" obligations	Consider reporting on review of implementation obligations.			TCC20 Outcomes para 18
Review and assess Commission's implementation of CMM 2013-06	Discuss approach to review Commission implementation of CMM 2013-06			TCC20 Outcomes para 73
Observer participation in the CMS		Review NPD status of data used in the CMS	Develop guidelines for the participation of observers in the Compliance Review Process taking into account	TCC Chair proposed approach

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			the review of NPD status of data.	
Corrective Actions			[Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non-compliance is identified.]	
Transshipment	The Commission tasks TCC, commencing in 2025, to use TCC20-2024-DP07 as a reference to continue the work required to strengthen the transshipment measure.			PNA+ proposal to WCPFC21: propose the Commission take a decision that the framework set out in TCC20 DP-07 shall be used by TCC for the assessment of compliance with paragraph 37 of CMM 2009-06, relating to the determination of circumstances where it is impracticable for certain vessels to tranship or land fish at feasible and allowable locations other than on the high seas, as compared to total operating costs, net revenues, or some other meaningful measure of costs and/or revenues.
Marine Pollution		Provide advice on revisions of CMM 2017-04 for consideration by WCPFC23.		
<i>Article 14(1)(c) implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement</i>				
High Seas Boarding and Inspections	Consider and provide advice to Commission on voluntary regional guidelines and best practices for the use of tools in conducting HSBI			TCC20 Outcomes para 67 – intersessional work to be led by Australia.
Port States Minimum Standards CMM 2017-02	Review CMM 2017-02			TCC20 Outcomes para 61 and 63 – intersessional work to be led by Fiji

Task	2025	2026	2027	Provisional workplan comments:
Data Exchange	Review progress on establishment/implementation of data exchange arrangements with other RFMOs			TCC20 Outcomes para 62
Electronic Monitoring	Review and support work of the EREMWG, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review EM data requirements based on relevant CMM requirements not already covered in the ROP minimum data fields (work in conjunction with IWG-ROP); • develop advice on potential changes to the interim EM standards to improve harmonization across RFMOs; • Develop an assurance/audit process for EM standards based on the existing ROP audit model; d. initiate work on EM standards for carrier vessels conducting transshipment with longline vessels. • Consider amendment to the CMM 2022-05 Standards, specifications and procedures for the WCPFC RFV would be required to support implementation 	Provide advice on any necessary changes to the interim EM Standards based on the work of the ER and EM IWG and any other relevant information.		TCC20 Outcomes para 55
Transshipment verification				[Tasking contingent on outcomes of TS-IWG discussions at WCPFC21]

Task	2025	2026	2027	Provisional workplan comments:
<p>ROP-IWG</p>	<p>Consider work of the IWG-ROP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of ROP minimum data fields - Review of prenotification process, streamlining the inclusion of ROP data in the CCFS - Standardised process for use of ROP data in CCFS - Consideration of adding non-fish transfers to the observer minimum data fields for observing transshipment 			<p>TCC20 Outcomes para 50 and 16</p>