

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Commission
11 - 15 October 2021
Online

Discussion of agenda items highlighted in blue will commence by correspondence in advance of the meeting.

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Commission

1.2. Adoption of Agenda

1.3. Opening Statements

Opening statements will be incorporated in the official record of the meeting. Electronic copies should be provided to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

1.3.1. Members

1.3.2. Observers

2. Report from the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year. It is typically assumed that participants have read the report, so this agenda item is primarily for comments and questions on the report.

3. Finance and Administration

The Secretariat will present a brief outline of the revised 2021 budget and the proposed budget for 2022 including indicative budgets for 2023 and 2024. Detailed consideration of the budget and other administrative matters will be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee which will report back to the Extended Commission (EC) with a recommended budget.

3.1. Report from the Finance and Administration Committee

4. Review of SBT Fisheries and ERS Interactions

Prior to the meeting, each Member and Cooperating Non-Member will submit a report on its SBT fishing activities using the reporting template for the [Annual Report to the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission](#) that was adopted at CCSBT 26. Participants are expected to have read these reports, so they will not be presented at the meeting. This agenda item is therefore for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the reports. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

4.1. Reports on Members' projects

This sub agenda item is placed here to provide an opportunity for Members to report on special projects, including, if available:

- *A report by Australia on any trials it has conducted on automated stereo video; and*
- *A report by Japan on progress with its proposal to verify the catch of all Members, including work proposed for 2022 and associated costs for the CCSBT.*
 - *The EC will decide on the external expert who will conduct parts of this work.*

5. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Sixteenth meeting held in October 2021. The Compliance Committee (CC) may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider.

6. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) will present the report of the ESC's August meeting. The ESC meeting will: Examine progress with CPUE analysis methodology; Review results of Scientific Research Program activities and update the program; Conduct its regular evaluation of fisheries indicators; Provide advice on the SBT stock status (including evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances in relation to the MP); and Consider ways to improve the communication between the ESC and the EC.

7. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

7.1. Attributable SBT Catch

Members are to report on their implementation of the Attributable SBT Catch in their annual report to the Compliance Committee and EC. The EC will review this information to determine whether Members have met their obligations.

7.2. TAC Determination

The TACs for 2021 to 2023 were agreed at CCSBT 27 as being 17,647 tonnes per year. The EC needs to confirm whether there are any exceptional circumstances that should cause the TAC for 2022 to be revised.

7.3. Research Mortality Allowance

At CCSBT 27, the EC agreed that for 2021-2023, an allocation of 6 tonnes would be set aside for Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) each year within the TAC recommended by the MP. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for allocation of this RMA to research activity in 2022.

7.4. Allocation of TAC

Allocation of the TAC for 2021-2023 was agreed at CCSBT 27. The distribution of quota included a special temporary allowance of 80 tonnes to Indonesia for 2021¹. This special temporary allowance may also be provided to Indonesia for 2022 and 2023, based on an annual review, if Indonesia complies with its payback plan starting from 2022 and no further over-catch occurs each year. The EC will consider the outcome of a review by the Compliance Committee in deciding whether to continue the special temporary allowance for 2022.

8. Ecologically Related Species (ERS)

This is a standing agenda item to provide the opportunity for discussion of the Secretariat's report on Members' performance with respect to ERS², and to consider any updates to the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex 1 of [CCSBT's ERS Resolution](#)³ to take account of possible decisions taken on ERS at the Annual Meetings of the IOTC, WCPFC, and ICCAT. This agenda item also allows for discussion of other ERS matters that Members wish to raise, including the agenda for the next meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Group.

9. Report of the Performance Review of the CCSBT

CCSBT 26 agreed to the [Terms of Reference \(ToR\) for the 2021 Performance Review of the CCSBT](#). The EC appointed the members of the expert panel to conduct the Performance Review during 2020, and the panel commenced its work after CCSBT 27, in late 2020. The Chair of the Performance Review panel will present an interim report on the Performance Review. In accordance with the ToR, the EC will instruct its subsidiary bodies to consider aspects of the Performance Review report relevant to them at their 2022 meetings, and provide their advice for CCSBT 29's consideration.

¹ CCSBT 27 noted that this arrangement does not set any precedent for future allocation decisions.

² This report will be presented to the Compliance Committee meeting immediately prior to CCSBT 28.

³ Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs.

10. Relationship with non-Members

As requested at CCSBT 27, The Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Namibia, Singapore, and the USA to attend CC 16 and CCSBT 28 as observers. Members should nominate additional States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT, together with background information supporting that nomination, and provide this information to the Executive Secretary at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. These nomination(s) will be incorporated in the Secretariat's paper for this agenda item. The EC may decide to invite other Non-Member States to attend the meeting through an intersessional decision-making process in cases where such States are identified as catching SBT during the year.

11. Activities with Other Organisations

11.1. Reports from other RFMO meetings of interest

CCSBT Members act as CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest⁴ and these Members provide reports back to the CCSBT on matters of relevance in order to improve coordination with other RFMOs. This agenda item provides the opportunity for:

- Observer Members to provide brief reports on matters of relevance from these meetings; and*
- Agree on CCSBT observers for non-CCSBT meetings during 2022.*

12. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

12.1. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2021

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 28 should be restricted from public release⁵.

13. Meetings for 2022

Consideration needs to be given to the dates for meetings to be held during 2022. Circular #2021/27 advised that the agreed tentative dates for the main meetings to be held during 2022 are:

- Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG): 21 – 25 March 2022⁶*
- Extended Scientific Committee (ESC): 29 August – 3 September 2022⁷;*
- Compliance Committee (CC): 6 – 8 October 2022⁷; and*
- Extended Commission (EC): 10 – 13 October 2022⁷.*

The EC needs to confirm these tentative dates. In addition, the EC needs to decide whether to hold an Informal Compliance Technical Working Group Meeting immediately before the Compliance Committee meeting (i.e. on 5 October 2022). This decision needs to be made sufficiently early in the agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee to reflect the decision in the budget for 2022.

⁴ With WCPFC, CCAMLR, IOTC, ICCAT and IATTC being observed by Korea, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan respectively.

⁵ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 28 become publicly available after CCSBT 28 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 28 unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document (or Member if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release.

⁶ The ERSWG is currently assumed to be a virtual meeting. If it becomes a physical meeting, the dates would be shortened to become 22-25 March 2022.

⁷ The ESC, CC and EC are currently assumed to be physical meetings hosted by New Zealand. If these become virtual meetings, contingency days would be added, and the new dates would become: ESC - 29 Aug to 6 Sep 2022; CC - 4 to 7 Oct 2022; EC - 10 to 14 Oct 2022.

14. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the CCSBT

CCSBT 24 revised Rule 4(1) of the [CCSBT's Rules of Procedure](#) to allow for the elected Chair and Vice-Chair to be re-elected for an additional three one-year periods. This enables the Chair and Vice-Chair to be in office for a maximum of four years. Members are invited to nominate a person to be the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Extended Commission. The elected Chair and Vice-Chair will commence their duties immediately after CCSBT 28. If a Chair and Vice-Chair are not elected, the past practise of the hosting Member providing the Chair will continue for CCSBT 29.

15. Other Business

16. Close of Meeting

16.1. Adoption of report

16.2. Close of meeting