

Provisional Agenda
Extended Scientific Committee for the Twenty Sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee

23 – 31 August 2021

1. Opening

- 1.1. Introduction of Participants
- 1.2. Administrative Arrangements

2. Appointment of Rapporteurs

3. Adoption of Agenda and Document List

4. Review of SBT Fisheries

- 4.1. Presentation of National Reports
Members will submit national reports in advance of the meeting in accordance with CCSBT's [Template for national reports to the ESC](#).
- 4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches

5. Progression of CPUE analyses

The 2020 meeting of the ESC considered progression of CPUE analyses to be one of the main priority areas for the SRP. The 2020 ESC recommended that sufficient resources be made available so that a small technical subgroup, including consultants, can be convened to progress the highest priority elements (at least) of the work on CPUE outlined in paragraphs 183 to 187 of the report of the 2020 ESC meeting. The consultant employed to conduct this work will prepare a paper on the progress of this work for discussion at the meeting.

6. Review of results of the Scientific Research Program and other inter-sessional scientific activities

- 6.1. Results of scientific activities.
- 6.2. Updated analysis of SBT catch by non-Members
The 2020 ESC noted that updated estimates of non-Member UAM could be influential for the OM and TAC settings, and agreed that updated estimates would be required by 2022 to be included in the next possible tuning of the MP. The ESC encouraged Members to prepare more detailed proposals for estimating non-Member UAM intersessionally that could be considered at the 2021 ESC.
- 6.3. Verification of all Members' catch by product distribution in markets
The 2020 ESC discussed Japan's "[Proposal on monitoring of SBT distribution in Japan to verify catch of all Members](#)". This proposal was endorsed at the 2020 meeting of the Extended Commission (EC). The proposal lists the ESC and the EC as the fora for discussion of most elements of Part A of the proposal, titled "Verification of all Members' catch in Japan". Japan will report on progress with this project.
- 6.4. Update on progress made to address the recommendations from the independent review of the Japanese market analysis presented and discussed at the ESC in Cape Town in 2019
- 6.5. Update on progress made to address the recommendations from the independent review of the Australian farm analysis presented and discussed at the ESC in Cape Town in 2019

7. Evaluation of Fisheries Indicators

8. SBT stock status

9. SBT Management Advice

9.1. Evaluation of meta-rules and exceptional circumstances

9.2. Summary of SBT management advice

10. Operating Model and Management Procedure

10.1. Consideration of missing data in the meta-rules

The 2020 ESC agreed to discuss at the following ESC, the possibility of adding to the recommended full specification of the Cape Town Procedure to clarify further how the TAC calculation will proceed in the event of missing input data.

10.2. Maintenance and development of OMMP Code

The 2020 ESC requested resources during 2021 for maintenance and development of the OMMP code. This sub agenda item is for a report back on progress in this area.

11. Update of the Scientific Research Program (SRP)

The 2020 meeting of the ESC noted that a comprehensive review and planning for the SRP was not possible at that meeting due to the priority accorded to reviewing the stock assessment and to running the Management Procedure (MP) for TAC setting. A comprehensive review of and planning for the SRP needs to be revisited at the 2021 meeting of the ESC, and Members are encouraged to discuss potential research priorities and develop proposals intersessionally.

The ESC should note that the 2020 Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) and the EC did not support the e-tagging program which the ESC recommended and that the FAC recommended that future requests from the ESC for new research be accompanied by additional information to allow the FAC to have a better understanding on the relative importance and priority of the work in relation to other scientific expenses.

12. Improving communication between the ESC and Extended Commission

At the 2020 meeting of the Extended Commission (EC), some Members commented that they had expected the MP to recommend a TAC increase due to positive information on the recovery of the stock in previous years, and they were disappointed that it had not.

One Member commented that it believed that the gap between its expectation and the outcome was due to insufficient communication between scientists and managers in the Management Strategy Evaluation process. That Member considered that the ESC should have provided the EC in 2019, with information on possible risks (e.g., under what circumstances the TAC may not be increased).

The EC agreed that better communication between the ESC and EC was needed to help prevent misunderstanding in the future. The EC instructed the ESC to consider how this could be achieved. Members are requested to submit papers with ideas on how to improve the communication.

13. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2022

14. Research Mortality Allowance

15. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2022 (and beyond)

15.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2022 research activities and implications of Scientific Research Program for the work plan and budget

15.2. Timing, length and structure of next meeting

16. Other Matters

17. Adoption of Meeting Report

18. Close of Meeting