



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

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**Proposed Revised Arrangements for the April 2021 Workshop on the new Tropical
Tuna CMM**

Dear All,

In response to Circular 2021/08 of 10 February 2021, I received comments from the European Union, FFA-CCMs and the USA. Those comments were circulated for information to CCMs and Observers by email on 23 February 2021. I and the Secretariat have also undertaken some informal consultations to clarify and sought better understanding of the comments provided by those CCMs.

In terms of the agenda for the Workshop in April, I enclose a revised agenda. The only revision is the inclusion of the suggestion by the USA for discussion of additional analysis on risk levels associated with limit reference points and associated levels of exploitation. I have consulted the Scientific Service Provider which confirmed the availability and relevance of such information to the discussion of management objectives. In relation to the EU comments, the EU has agreed not to insist on the inclusion of the issues it wanted on the agenda, but those issues I expect would naturally arise in the course of discussion of other generic agenda items like the scope of the new measure and the issues for the second workshop. With regards to the EU's comment on requests made at WCPFC17, the Scientific Service Provider proposes to address these in an additional appendix to the paper that will be provided to support the April meeting.

I also considered the firm position of the FFA-CCMs on the scheduling of the meeting hours of the workshop. I am also cognisant of the firm and opposite position of other CCMs on this issue. As all CCMs would appreciate, this has been a difficult logistical issue given the current circumstances that we are operating under. But I am of the strong view that we, together should find a way forward that would not allow this issue to derail the critical work the Commission has set itself for this year. Accordingly, taking all considerations into account, I will propose that the workshop days should be reduced from

5 to 4 days with a break in the middle with 3 meeting days to start at 10am (Pohnpei time) and 1 day to start at 4pm (Pohnpei time).

The proposed working arrangements for the workshop, that I would propose would be:

- a) the workshop will be a virtual workshop to be held from Monday 26 to Friday 30 April, 2021 with a day off on Wednesday 28th April;
- b) each workshop day will be for 4 hours inclusive of a 30minutes break;
- c) except for day 4, the starting time for each workshop day will be 10.00am Pohnpei time;
- d) for day 4, the workshop will start at 16.00pm Pohnpei time; and
- e) workshop papers to be provided to the Secretariat for distribution by no later than 26 March 2021.

May I respectfully request CCMs to review the enclosed revised draft agenda for Workshop 1 and the proposed meeting arrangements and submit comments, if any, to the Executive Director at feleti.teo@wcpfc.int by no later than close of business on **Thursday 4 March 2021**, Pohnpei time. I hope to confirm the agenda and meeting arrangements soon after that date.

I wish you well and seek your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW WCPFC TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE

DRAFT WORKSHOP 1 AGENDA

[Online, from 26 to 30 April 2021]

1. Opening of Workshop

- Introduction to workshop
- Workshop arrangements (agree workshop objectives and schedule)

2. Review of Performance of CMM 2018-01

- SSP to present an overview of the performance of CMM 2018-01 against the stated objectives of the measure; **and work on risk levels associated with the LRPs and associated level of exploitation.**
- Secretariat to present a summary of final CMR outcomes from the review of implementation of CMM 2018-01 through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme.

3. Management Objectives

- Discussion of the desired management objectives for the tropical tuna **fisheries and /or** stocks in the new measure, mindful that the new measure should continue to support the pathway for the adoption of harvest strategies under the workplan under CMM 2014-06.
- **Discussion of upper-bound or target exploitation levels associated with the management objectives (how a given objective would be translated into quantitative limits in the various fishing sectors);**
- CCMs would be invited to circulate in advance of workshop position papers on their preferred management objectives **and / or associated levels of exploitation.**

4. Scope of the new Tropical Tuna Measure

- Discussion of the coverage of the new measure including the fisheries, stocks, gears and geographical area to be covered by the new measure, and the duration of the new measure.

5. Issues to include in the Agenda for Workshop 2

- Discussion of issues to be considered in Workshop 2.

6. Activities to pursue before Workshop 2

- Discussion of intersessional activities to pursue before workshop 2.

7. Analysis and Information required from the Scientific Services Provider

- Discussion of appropriate analysis and information required of SPC and others to better inform future discussions on the development of the new tropical tuna measure.

8. Workshop Outcomes

- The Chair to issue a Chair's Statement outlining the outcomes of the workshop.

9. Close of workshop