

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

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**Letter from Solomon Islands: Nominations for Intersessional Working Group on
the Regional Observer Programme**

Dear All,

At WCPFC19 the Commission reactivated the Intersessional Working Group on the Regional Observer Programme (IWG-ROP) and appointed Mr Harold Vilia from Solomon Islands as IWG-ROP Chair. The Commission also endorsed a number of recommendations from TCC18 in support of the [TCC Workplan 2022-2024](#), which include some taskings to the IWG-ROP.

Please find enclosed a self-explanatory letter from Solomon Islands seeking nominations for participants to join in the IWG-ROP.

Interested CCMs and observers are requested to please provide the name(s), CCM affiliation and email address by **Thursday 6 April 2023**. Any responses to the enclosed letter may be copied to Arlene Takesy at arlene.takesy@wcpfc.int

Yours sincerely,



Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Solomon Islands Government

21st March 2023

Dr Josie Tamate
Chair
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
PO Box 2356, Kolonia
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Dear Dr Tamate,

To send a Circular to all members asking for nominations for persons interested to be in the IWG ROP5

I write as Chair of the IWG ROP5 on behalf of the Members of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission to convey our intention to call for interested persons within the membership to be members of the recently re-activated IWG ROP5, to discuss a work plan and agenda for 2023 as recommended by TCC18 following WCPFC19's endorsement relating to ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields.

On this note, I wish to congratulate you as our new Chair and I look forward to working closely with you and other CMMs under your leadership on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold Vilia".

Harold Vilia
IWG ROP5 Chair and Solomon Islands Observer Program Coordinator

cc: Rhea Moss-Christian, Executive Director, WCPFC.