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Proposed intersessional work plan to develop a CMM on Crew Labour Standards in 2024

Dear All,

New Zealand has advised that Sarah McAvinchey is no longer available to continue as co-Chair of the intersessional work to develop a conservation and management measure on crew labour standards, due to other national priorities. On behalf of CCMs and observers, the Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank Sarah for her valuable contributions to this important work.

New Zealand has offered the nomination of Heather Ward to take over from Sarah in the role of co-Chair. Unless I receive any objections from any CCM by 29 March, it will be presumed that Heather is confirmed in the role of co-Chair, alongside co-Chair Putuh Suadela (Indonesia).

In an effort to begin intersessional work shortly so as to meet the Commission's commitment to adopting a CMM on crew labour standards at WCPFC21, the co-Chairs have developed the attached work plan for 2024. The work plan includes two one-day virtual workshops to consider the draft CMM on crew labour standards:

- 17 April: First virtual workshop
- 19 June: Second virtual workshop

In addition, the co-Chairs propose to convene a hybrid session during the 20th Technical and Compliance Committee in September, the details of which will be provided in due course.

The co-Chairs intend for there to be opportunities throughout the year for CCMs and observers to provide comments on the draft CMM and these will be further elaborated at the first virtual workshop in April. Views are also welcomed in advance of the April workshop and should be directed to the co-Chairs, Heather Ward (Heather.Ward@mpi.govt.nz) and Putuh Saudela (putuhsuadela@gmail.com), with a copy to the Secretariat (wcpfc@wcpfc.int).

Documents relating to this IWG can be found on the WCPFC website: https://www.wcpfc.int/labour_standards.

Yours sincerely,



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Schedule for developing a WCPFC

Conservation and Management Measure on Crew Labour Standards 2024

<p>2 April</p>	<p>Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments on <i>current text</i> of draft CMM on labour standards emailed to co-Chairs (cc: WCPFC Sec) – due 2 April.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See current text (15th Nov 2023): Update from Co-Chairs on Intersessional Work to Improve Crew Labour Standards WCPFC Meetings ➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) posted on WCPFC website by 10 April
<p>17 April (1.00pm – 4.30pm Pohnpei time)</p>	<p>First virtual workshop (2024) to discuss the text of the draft CMM</p>
<p>Late April – early June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Text with any changes from first workshop circulated/posted by 24 April. ➤ Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments to co-Chairs by email on the draft text of the CMM – due 5 June. ➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) circulated/posted by 10 June.
<p>19 June (1.00pm – 4.30pm Pohnpei time))</p>	<p>Second virtual workshop (2024) to discuss the text of the draft CMM</p>
<p>Late June – early September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Text with any changes from second workshop circulated/posted by 26 June. ➤ Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments to co-Chairs by email on the draft text of the CMM – due 28 August. ➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) circulated/posted by 4 September.
<p>25 September – 1 October – time tbc</p>	<p>WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC20) – hybrid session on crew labour standards in the margins.</p>
<p>October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Text with any changes from TCC discussions circulated/posted by 9 October. ➤ Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments to co-Chairs by email on the draft text of the CMM, ahead of submission to WCPFC – due by 23 October. ➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) circulated/posted on WCPFC website by 31 October.
<p>1-6 December 2024</p>	<p>WCPFC21 – finalise and adopt CMM on labour standards</p>