

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

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**Updated Intersessional Work Plan to develop a CMM on Crew Labour Standards in 2024**

Dear All,

Further to [Circular 2024/13](#) issued on 13 March 2024, the co-Chairs have issued an update of the workplan and schedule for 2024. The revised dates for the two one-day virtual workshops to consider the draft CMM on crew labour Standards:

- 21 May: First virtual workshop
- 19 June: Second virtual workshop

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 May. Views are also welcomed in advance of the May workshop and should be directed to the Co-Chairs, Heather Ward ([Heather.Ward@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Heather.Ward@mpi.govt.nz)) and Putuh Suadela ([putuh.suadela@gmail.com](mailto:putuh.suadela@gmail.com)) with a copy to the Secretariat ([wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int))

Documents related to this IWG can be found on the WCPFC website:  
[https://www.wcpfc.int/labour\\_standards](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><b>3 May</b></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 3 May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See current text (15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023): <a href="#">Update from Co-Chairs on Intersessional Work to Improve Crew Labour Standards   WCPFC Meetings</a></li> <li>➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) posted on WCPFC website by 15 May.</li> </ul>
<p><b>21 May (1.00pm – 4.30pm Pohnpei time)</b></p>	<p><b>First virtual workshop</b> (2024) to discuss the text of the draft CMM</p>
<p><b>Late May – early June</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Text with any changes from first workshop circulated/posted by 28 May.</li> <li>➤ Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments to co-Chairs by email on the draft text of the CMM – due 13 June.</li> <li>➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) circulated/posted by 17 June.</li> </ul>
<p><b>19 June (1.00pm – 4.30pm Pohnpei time)</b></p>	<p><b>Second virtual workshop</b> (2024) to discuss the text of the draft CMM</p>
<p><b>Late June – early September</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Text with any changes from second workshop circulated/posted by 26 June.</li> <li>➤ Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments to co-Chairs by email on the draft text of the CMM – due 28 August.</li> <li>➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) circulated/posted by 4 September.</li> </ul>
<p><b>25 September – 1 October – time tbc</b></p>	<p><b>WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC20)</b> – hybrid session on crew labour standards in the margins.</p>
<p><b>October</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Text with any changes from TCC discussions circulated/posted by 9 October.</li> <li>➤ 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.</li> <li>➤ Updated text of draft CMM (incorporating comments) circulated/posted on WCPFC website by 31 October.</li> </ul>
<p><b>1-6 December 2024</b></p>	<p><b>WCPFC21</b> – finalise and adopt CMM on labour standards</p>