
**PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMISSION FOR
THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY
MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND
CENTRAL PACIFIC**

Scientific Coordinating Group (SCG)
Second meeting, Mooloolahbah, Australia
17 – 19 July 2003

WCPFC/SCG2/1
19 June 2003

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks
 - Welcome
 - Reviewing the purpose of the SCG2 meeting; adoption of the agenda
2. Review of the updated stock status statements for the major target species
 - bigeye
 - yellowfin
 - skipjack
 - South Pacific albacore

The technical discussions related to this item will take place at SCTB. SCG2 is expected to produce agreed statements on the current stock status of the major target species.

3. Data standards, technical capabilities and data sharing policies for the Western and Central Pacific Region
 - Review of the revised document entitled Review of data standards for the Western and Central Pacific Region (WCPFC/PrepCon/WP.15)
 - Review of the revised document entitled An investigation of technical capabilities and data security and confidentiality policies for the Western and Central Pacific Region (WCPFC/PrepCon/WP.16)

These documents are available at www.oceans-affairs.com

4. Research priorities, research planning, and coordination.
5. Response to the requests from PrepCon IV (see Appendix 1)
 - An assessment on the impacts of FADs on juvenile stocks in the Convention area

Work arising from PrepCon IV - refer to Appendix 1. SCG2 is expected to produce a statement the impacts of FADs on juvenile stocks (the technical discussions related to this item will take place at SCTB). Appendix items (a) and (d) will be covered in agenda item 2; item (c) will be covered in agenda item 4.

6. Adoption of the report of SCG 2
7. Adjournment

APPENDIX 1

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN ON THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE DURING ITS FOURTH SESSION, 9 MAY 2003, NADI, FIJI

WCPFC/PrepCon/27, Paragraph 4

“4. The delegation of Japan introduced papers on fishing capacity and IUU fishing on which there was considerable discussion. The Conference agreed that the chairman of WG.II and the chairman of the Scientific Coordinating Group (SCG) would develop a report for the fifth session that would include an assessment of:

- (a) The status of the major highly migratory tuna stocks in the Convention Area;
- (b) The impact of FADs on juvenile stocks in the Convention Area;
- (c) Any gaps in current data that need to be improved; and
- (d) Implications for sustainability.

This approach should provide the basis for future management action. Notwithstanding this decision, certain delegations considered that further steps should be taken in the near term with a view to restraining any further increase in the capacity in the region.”

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