

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

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**Letter from Co-Chairs of Transshipment IWG**

Dear All,

As requested, I forward a self-explanatory letter from the Co-Chairs of the Transshipment Intersessional Working Group, Mr Sam Lanwi, Jr and Mr Alex Kahl extending the due date for comments on the draft Scope of Work for information analysis for the working group to **Thursday 30 January 2020**. Comments on the attached draft Scope of Work may be submitted directly to the Co-Chairs at [skljr@mimra.com](mailto:skljr@mimra.com) and [alex.kahl@noaa.gov](mailto:alex.kahl@noaa.gov).

Yours sincerely,



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

14 January 2020

**To:** WCPFC Members, Participating Territories, CNMs, and Observers

**Subject:** Extension of Deadline for Comments on the draft Scope of Work for the Transshipment Information Analysis

Dear Colleagues,

The Commission agreed at WCPFC 16 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, “to continue its work in 2020. Following significant progress on its draft Scope of Work for the analysis of transshipment information, the TS-IWG will reconvene electronically in 2020. While the IWG was able to reach agreement on a considerable number of elements in the draft, a few outstanding issues remain which the IWG will need to consider and agree upon intersessionally. The TS-IWG Co-Chairs will welcome comments only on the outstanding proposed language in the draft Scope of Work by **13 January 2020**. The Co-Chairs will circulate the updated Scope of Work following the conclusion of WCPFC16 and provide further instructions to the IWG by email.”

Recently, members have suggested they would require additional time to review the Scope of Work of the Information Analysis (SOW). Accordingly, your co-Chairs believe **extending the comment period until 30 January 2020**, would ensure robust discussion and full consideration of the outstanding proposed language for the SOW. Outstanding proposed edits can be found in track changes in the attached Word document. We will not be accepting further additions or deletions and would appreciate your help focusing on whether to accept or decline the proposed edits in the SOW. With your feedback on the outstanding edits, your co-Chairs will finalize the SOW, and circulate it to the TSIWG before forwarding it to the Secretariat.

Please send feedback on outstanding proposed edits to both of us.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sam Lanwi, Jr and Alex Kahl  
Co-Chairs, Transshipment Intersessional Working Group