Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

TCC Workplan 2025 - 2027

15 March 2026

1. TCC core business tasks (annual)

Article 14(1)(a) provide the Commission with information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures;

a. Provide technical and compliance-related advice to support the development of harveststrategies, including consideration of the implications of harvest control rules.

   i. Review and provide input into skipjack monitoring strategy.

   ii. Review of available data to inform the Commission on climate change impacts to stocks and ecosystems in the WCPO, and the potential effects of climate change on related fishing activities and provide recommendations to the Commission identifying information gaps, necessary analyses, and any additional tasks to ensure the Commission's conservation and management measures contribute to the long-term sustainability of the stocks in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention

b. Review information about technical and compliance matters arising under existing CMMs.

c. Make technical and compliance related comments on proposed CMMs.

d. Review Cooperating Non-Member applications.

Article 14(1)(b) monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary

e. Monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures and other obligations stemming from the Convention.

f. Assessment of IUU fishing vessel nominations and review of fishing vessels currently on the IUU list.

g. Monitor obligations relating to Small Island Developing States and territories and review requests for capacity development assistance from developing states and territories, that have been identified through annual reporting and the CMS, for inclusion into the WCPFC Strategic Investment Plan.

h. Review and assess the Commission's implementation of, and compliance with, CMM 2013-06 *Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals* for the previous calendar year.

i. Review aggregated information on progress to address alleged violations vessels in the CCFS, to identify potential anomalies in the implementation of obligations by a CCM, implementation challenges and/or system failures to take flag state action.

j. Review progress on addressing/closing CCFS cases older than 24 months.

k. Prepare a provisional list of obligations to be assessed in the following year's CMS, referring to a risk-based approach as possible guidance.

l. Review analysis of obligations that have been assessed over time including compliance rating.

m. Review and provide advice on availability and use of independent data for compliance verification.

Article 14(1)(c) review the implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary

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o. Review Annual report(s) of the WCPFC Secretariat, which should address relevant technical and compliance issues, which may include HSBI, ROP, VMS, RFV, Data Rules, transhipment, port State measures, and note the Executive Director's report on these matters, the Secretariats anticipated forecast of work commitments for TCC, and other issues as appropriate.

p. Review information about scientific data provision.

q. Support building the capacity of SIDS, which may include:

i. implementing observer programs, including training and data management

ii. developing and implementing MCS information management system (IMS) at a national level

iii. improving bycatch reporting

iv. setting up a system or process for reports on transhipment activities and MTU inspections

v. implementing minimum standards for port State measures

1. TCC Priority project specific tasks

Task	2025	2026	2027	Provisional workplan comments:
Article 14(1)(a) *information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures*				
South Pacific albacore CMM	Provide advice on key components of a new south Pacific albacore CMM	Provide advice on monitoring strategy for South Pacific Albacore and the implementing CMM to be adopted by WCPFC23		Rolled over from previous TCC workplan and included based on SPA-IWG workplan which was endorsed by WCPFC22 (paragraph 39, WCPFC22 Provision Outcomes)
Striped Marlin (SW)	Provide advice on clarification of terms "fishing for"/"targeting" as they relate to management of striped marlin.	Provide advice on clarification of terms "fishing for"/"targeting" as they relate to management of striped marlin.		TCC20 Outcomes paragraph 29
FAD Management Options Working Group	Review matters referred to TCC by the FADMO-IWG Consider clarifying the ambiguity around the existing participatory rights text as to which types of vessels should be allowed to engage in FAD-related activities	Review matters referred to TCC by the FADMO-IWG including Satellite Buoy Data Transmission Requirements and FAD Logbook Data Fields Commission to decide on the implementation of bio-degradable FAD requirements		TCC20 Outcomes section 8.3 TCC21 Outcomes section 7.4 Other tasks 2026-28 based on FADMOWG workplan WCPFC22 Provisional Outcomes, Section 9.1 WCPFC22 paragraphs 280 - 281 2025-02 18, 19 and 23 – Review biodegradable FADs and their stepwise introduction and the effectiveness of the limit on the number of FADS deployed and whether the current limit of 350 or any limit is approached and provide advice on the monitoring of FADs - no later than 2026

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Tropical tuna CMM	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2023-01, including for implementation of footnotes in Att 1 Table 3 Consider the issues of certain CCMs without baseline catch limit under paragraph 48 of CMM 2023-01	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2023-01, including for implementation of para 26, 33, 48 and footnotes in Att 1 Table 3	Review implementation of tropical tuna CMM 2025-02	Included based on expiry date of CMM 2023-01, and noting there is an annual review requirement. WCPFC22 Outcomes paragraph 25 Audit point discussion Outcomes paragraph 4
Sharks CMM	Consider what information is necessary to include in the ARP2 to determine the effectiveness of the alternatives and recommend to the Commission changes to Annex 2 of CMM 2024-XX.	Provide advice to inform review of CMM 2022-04 Sect to compile ARPt2 summary information for CCMs ahead of TCC and CCMs confirm prior to TCC if this information could be released and discussed in plenary at the TCC meeting.	Provide advice to the Commission on the effectiveness of the measures set out in paragraph 9 as alternatives to the obligation contained in paragraph 7 and recommend measures for consideration and possible adoption at WCPFC24.	Included based on SC20 recommended review of CMM 2022-04 in 2027 and reflecting WCPFC21 outcomes in the updated CMM for Sharks WCPFC22 adopted option for TCC review of CCM implementation of CMM 2024-05 paragraphs 9-11 WCPFC22 Provisional Outcomes, paragraphs 65-67 and CCM 2025-06 13
Charter notification measure		Establish process for the review including scope of analysis required to support preparation in support of the review of the CMM	Review CMM and provide advice on any necessary modifications to CMM 2024-03	WCPFC21 decision – renewed and now expires 28 February 2028 “Analyze framework for the management and control of chartered vessels to promote compliance with CMMs, clarify flag and chartering CCM’s control of chartered vessels, and clarify attribution of catch and effort” TCC Workplan as adopted at WCPFC21 Summary Report, page 231

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Sea Turtles		Review and provide advice on revising CMM 2018-04 (Sea Turtles) to ensure that the reporting requirements are clearly defined and to consider expanding the scope of the measure to include mitigation measures for deep-set longline fisheries		WCPFC22 endorsed the formation of an informal intersessional working group (led by US) to review CMM 2018-04 (from SC21 recommendations). Supports review of sea turtles CMM 2018-04 in 2026 (WCPFC21 Summary Report, paragraph 204)
Seabirds	Consider and provide advice on revisions to the seabirds CMM. Provide advice on the supporting material, provided by CCMs and the SSP, in support of the review of the seabird measure.	Review mitigation measures and provide recommendations as appropriate		CMM 2025-05 para 11
Pacific Bluefin	Review and provide advice on Annual Reports of Implementation of MCS Measures for Pacific Bluefin reported by CCMs	Review and provide advice on Annual Reports of Implementation of MCS Measures for Pacific Bluefin reported by CCMs	Review and provide advice on Annual Reports of Implementation of MCS Measures for Pacific Bluefin reported by CCMs	WCPFC21 Outcome – CMM for PBF-MCS para 4 4 and CMM 2024-02 paragraph 4 - The Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC) and the Northern Committee (NC) shall separately review the implementation of monitoring, control and surveillance measures reported by CCMs in accordance with this CMM by 2026 and based upon the results of such review, provide recommendations to the Commission. PBF CMM 2024-01 paragraph 20 includes reference to and guidance on a review in 2026

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Climate Change		Consider the outcomes and technical information from the CMM vulnerability assessment, and continue to discuss appropriate ways to incorporate climate change into the work of the TCC.	Consider the outcomes and technical information from the CMM vulnerability assessment, and continue to discuss appropriate ways to incorporate climate change into the work of the TCC.	Climate Change workplan * Consider the outcomes and technical information from the CMM vulnerability assessment and continue to discuss appropriate ways to incorporate climate change into the work of the TCC. * TCC to annually review climate change information to provide the Commission with information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures. * TCC's annual review of available information to also provide recommendations to the Commission identifying information gaps, necessary analyses, and any additional tasks to ensure the Commission's conservation and management measures contribute to the long-term sustainability of the stocks in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention.
Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)		Consider the report and possible recommendations on US lead review of issues relating to VMS non-reporting on the high seas		TCC21 Outcomes (paragraphs 68, 70, 71 and 73) adopted at WCPFC22. TCC21 Outcomes paragraph 68 Secretariat tasked to continuously improve IMS and develop training resources based on feedback from CCMs. Proposals received during 2025 are being actioned Additional Helpdesk resources to support CCMs use of system were released in 2025.

Task	2025	2026	2027	Provisional workplan comments:
Crew Labour Standards		Preliminary assessment of implementation needs and process to deliver (as required) for CCMs and the Secretariat Review and adopt draft audit points prepared by NZ	Progress implementation	WCPFC21 – CMM 2024-04 effective 1 Jan 2028 Audit point discussion Outcomes para 4
Article 14(1)(b) *monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures*				
Use of ROP data in the Compliance Monitoring Scheme	Further develop and implement sampling methodology	Review the aggregated tables to be prepared using the year-specific percent sampling methodology		TCC20 Outcomes paragraph 13 WCPFC22 outcomes paragraph 70
Review of "Implementation" obligations	Consider reporting on review of implementation obligations.			TCC20 Outcomes paragraph 18
Review and assess Commission's implementation of CMM 2013-06	Discuss approach to review Commission implementation of CMM 2013-06	CCM use of adopted template Assess how the Commission addressed and avoided disproportionate burden		TCC20 Outcomes paragraph 73 TCC21 Outcomes paragraph 27-28 WCPFC22 outcomes paragraph 74 adopted reporting template for CMM 2013-06 and CMM 2013-07 template for use starting in 2026
Observer participation in the CMS		Working paper to TCC22 to review NPD status of data used in the CMS	Develop guidelines for the participation of observers in the Compliance Review Process taking into account the review of NPD status of data.	TCC20 TCC Chair proposed approach TCC21 Outcomes Work led by the United States in consultation with the Secretariat and other CCMs (paragraph 39)

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Corrective Actions			[Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non- compliance is identified.]	WCPFC21 outcome
CMS CMM Review		Review CMM Develop SSPs for CCFS		TCC21 Outcomes para 37 CMS CMM expiry 31 December 2026 TCC21 outcomes paragraph 21 Secretariat and SSP to provide information to TCC22 on the existing flow of data between the SSP, Secretariat and CCMs used to create new CCFS cases arising out of observer sourced data.
Transhipment	The Commission tasks TCC, commencing in 2025, to use TCC20-2024-DP07 as a reference to continue the work required to strengthen the transhipment measure.	Secretariat publish and maintain a list of vessels engaged in high seas transhipments by year WCPFC website		PNA+ proposal to WCPFC21: propose the Commission take a decision that the framework set out in TCC20 DP-07 shall be used by TCC for the assessment of compliance with paragraph 37 of CMM 2009-06, relating to the determination of circumstances where it is impracticable for certain vessels to tranship or land fish at feasible and allowable locations other than on the high seas, as compared to total operating costs, net revenues, or some other meaningful measure of costs and/or revenues. WCPFC22 – tasking for WCPFC webpage list of high seas transhipping vessels
Marine Pollution		Provide advice on revisions of CMM 2017-04 for consideration by WCPFC23.		Informal intersessional process led by Canada

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Shark CMM 2024-05		Secretariat to compile separately, information for - CCMs implementing alternative measures; - CCMs who are implementing a "fins naturally attached" policy TCC to consider at HODs, if compilation can be released and discussed in open session at TCC		Information to be compiled relates to paragraphs 10 and 11 of CMM 2024-05, including the information provided in response to the amended Annex 2. TCC to consider at HODs, if compilation can be released to discuss in open plenary at HODs WCPFC22 Outcomes para 67
Audit Points		Undertake further work on the remaining Audit Points		WCPFC22 Outcomes para 76

Article 14(1)(c) *implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement*				
High Seas Boarding and Inspections	Consider and provide advice to Commission on voluntary regional guidelines and best practices for the use of tools in conducting HSBI	Refine existing HSBI Voluntary Guides. Develop a new Voluntary Guide for inspection procedure for the Labour Standards CMM 2024-04 Update the HSBI Bycatch Mitigation Measuring Guide, as needed to align with the newly adopted seabird CMM 2025-05		TCC20 Outcomes para 67 – new intersessional work to be led by Australia. WCPFC22 paragraph 29 – additional procedures and maintenance of existing ones adopted
Port States Minimum Standards CMM 2017-02	Review CMM 2017-02	Continue the review		TCC20 Outcomes para 61 and 63 – intersessional work led by Fiji
Data Exchange	Review progress on establishment/implementation of data exchange arrangements with other RFMOs	Plan and progress the technical and database work needed to establish the preparation, transfer and receipt of data		TCC20 Outcomes para 62 TCC21 Summary Report para 364
Electronic Monitoring	Review and support work of the EREMWG, including: • review EM data requirements based on relevant CMM requirements not already covered in the ROP minimum data fields (work in conjunction with ROP-IWG); • develop advice on potential changes to the interim EM	Provide advice on any necessary changes to the interim EM Standards based on the work of the ER and EM IWG and any other relevant information. Priority also given to the audit and assurance framework review of data fields not covered by the ROP minimum data fields		TCC20 Outcomes para 55 WCPFC22 outcomes paragraph 24

	standards to improve harmonization across RFMOs; • Develop an assurance/audit process for EM standards based on the existing ROP audit model; d. initiate work on EM standards for carrier vessels conducting transhipment with longline vessels. • Consider amendment to the CMM 2022-05 Standards, specifications and procedures for the WCPFC RFV would be required to support implementation	Elaborate a draft CMM for the development of a WCPFC Electronic Monitoring Program in 2026, as appropriate		
Transhipment verification		Secretariat to continue its ongoing work to resolve challenges in fully verifying high seas transshipment data		[Tasking contingent on outcomes of TS-IWG discussions at WCPFC21] TCC21 Outcomes para 57
ROP-IWG	Consider work of the ROP-IWG, including: - Review of ROP minimum data fields - Review of prenotification process, streamlining the inclusion of ROP data in the CCFS - Standardised process for use of ROP data in CCFS - Consideration of adding non-fish transfers to the observer	Work plan: - CCFS process flow - Clarify scope and define data fields for monitoring for scientific and compliance purposes to support improved inputs to CCFS - ROP non-catch transfer reporting - Consider emerging technologies (with ERandEM IWG) - Review of Interim Transhipment Observer		TCC20 Outcomes para 50 and 16 TCC21 Outcomes - WCPFC22 Outcomes adopted: - Removal of redundant data fields adopted - shark ID and reporting (adopted under 8.2 SC21 Outcomes) - ROP-IWG workplan for 2026 (WCPFC22-2025-IP04_rev1) MSDF are being updated for the ROP section of the WCPFC webpages

	minimum data fields for observing transhipment	Monitoring Minimum Data Fields. Assess and identify potential enhancements to improve the accuracy and consistency of shark species ID and reporting. Possible additional reporting requirements for Sea Turtles (CMM 2018-04)		
Catch Documentation Scheme		Coordinate with NC to support their development of a proposal for a Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) measure or resolution		WCPFC22 Outcomes Agenda 8.1 NC21