

1ST WCPFC-IATTC CONSULTATIVE MEETING

CANCUN (MEXICO)
24 JUNE 2009: 1430 HRS



DOCUMENT CONS-1-03

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR IATTC-WCPFC COLLABORATION

TASKS	REQUIREMENTS	TIME FRAME / REMARKS
DATA AND INFORMATION		
Exchange of data and information consistent with the information-sharing policies of each Commission		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for the exchange of scientific and fisheries data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish WCPFC-IATTC Agreement on Exchange of Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariats develop a draft Agreement, based on IATTC-SPC MOU for June 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for regular exchange of vessel record data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review information-sharing policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuna organizations global list is established mechanism for authorized vessels. Note that Kobe POA calls for combined IUU list. Mechanism required for other vessel information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for regular exchange of information on IUU fishing activity. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine information is exchanged among RFMO secretariats and available on websites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a mechanism for sharing of information during the development of IUU lists. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Secretariat will copy the other on correspondence to members concerning the development of their IUU list, and will provide any information they have on vessels that are being discussed.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Pacific-wide tagging project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for tagging project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design the scope and outline of pan-Pacific tagging project Initiate discussions before and during SC3 on scope and design. Commission a Proposal on pan-Pacific Tagging Project for a review by the two Commissions by Dec 2007 and June 2008 for consideration. Funding options explored by the two Commissions WCPFC Science Manager and IATTC Chief Scientist in collaboration with SPC-OFP to design program.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide: A comprehensive review and study of bigeye tuna reproductive biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify required data fields and research Design implementation methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate discussions before and during SC3 on scope and design. WCPFC Science manager to lead.
STOCK ASSESSMENT		
Collaboration on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including Pacific-wide stock assessments		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific-wide bigeye assessments, including model development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data and model availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing work between IATTC staff and SPC-OFP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider collaborative researches for other tuna-like species (Pacific bluefin, albacore, blue marlin, striped marlin, swordfish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data and model availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider collaborative researches at IATTC SAWG May 2007 and SC3, 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharks (oceanic white tips and silky shark) stock assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data collection Model development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider joint assessments at IATTC SAWG and SC3, 2007
MANAGEMENT		
Conservation and management measures for stocks and species of mutual interest		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Pacific-wide measures on Pacific bluefin and albacore. Each Commission to take account of measures to limit bigeye catches on the other. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing consultation among secretariats about management options being considered by each Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management proposals or draft resolutions that affect conservation of stocks that occur in the other's Agreement area are circulated when they become available. As required by the Commissions, secretariats

		to prepare recommendations on harmonization of measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological risk analysis for by-catch species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and model development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate discussions before and during ERA Research Plan Development Workshop.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific-wide Management Strategy Evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly for one species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of proposals by IATTC SAWG and further consideration by SC3 in 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the potential for harmonizing trade and/or statistical documentation programs and procedures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and report on compatibility of programs and procedures of the two Commissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject of Kobe Meeting Technical WG.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop protocols for integration of port sampling and observer programmes, and identification of sources of bias in species composition data. • In designing the WCPFC's Regional Observer Programme, examine the potential for harmonizing its objectives, coverage rates and data collection standards with those of the IATTC. • Examine possibilities for centralization and expansion of observer data collection, initially for longline. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a report on the existing or planned observer programmes for the WCPFC and IATTC for discussion at the WCPFC/IATTC Consultative Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide copy of WCPFC IWG-ROP report to IATTC Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In designing the WCPFC's Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), investigate the potential for developing compatibility between VMS systems of both Commissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Secretariats to collaborate to prepare a report of the similarities and differences between the two measures for discussion at the WCPFC/IATTC Consultative Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCPFC to provide IATTC VMS Measure to consultants preparing Commission VMS Business Plan (March 2007) • WCPFC to prepare draft report by 27 April 2007 for IATTC comments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues relating to overlap area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a briefing paper concerning the effect of measures (at least capacity) in overlap area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IATTC to draft for June 2007 Consultative meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold 1st WCPFC/IATTC Consultative Meeting in June 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop agenda including review of work plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 June 2007, 1430 hrs.