

**FINAL**

**ISC/22/PLENARY/01**



## **PLENARY 01**

*22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the  
International Scientific Committee for Tuna  
and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean  
Kona, Hawai'i, U.S.A.  
July 12-18, 2022*

## **ISC ACTION PLAN**

**(2022-23)**

**July 2022**

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## 2015-2016 ISC ACTION PLAN

### I. ISC CHAIRMAN and OFFICE of the CHAIR

1. Compile information on the PBF MSE into one document, including the TOR developed by the JWG for PBF Management
2. Review the terms and operation of the WCPFC-NC and ISC MOU and the IATTC-ISC MOC
3. Canvas members about ideas for the focus of a third peer review of the ISC function and process
4. Continue working with official channels to formalize ISC and identify potential funding
5. mechanisms
6. Consult with Members about methods to formalize the ISC. Two models will be examined: a formal MOU and a more informal scientific cooperation agreement at the agency level. The ISC Chair requests that members provide examples of scientific cooperation agreements, if available and permitted, that will be used to draft a “strawman” proposal for the ISC.
7. Notify other organizations that they need to document requests to ISC separately in a letter to the ISC Chair

### II. ISC MEMBERS

1. All – provide summaries of all North Pacific Ocean HMS fisheries (annual catch by species and gear, number of vessels by gear and size category and average size of fish caught by species and fishery for entire NPO for at least ten years or since the start of the fishery) in National Reports; Freeze data as of the end of the last calendar year (e.g., Dec 2022 for the July 2023 ISC Plenary National Report) and to ISC database;
2. All – submit ISC23 documents by dates set out below:
  - WG working papers are due to OOC and Webmaster immediately after completion of the WG workshop for posting on the ISC website;
  - April 30 - Final Stock Assessment Reports due to OOC;
  - May 30 – Final Stock Assessment Reports due to OOC for assessments completed in April
  - June 1 – deadline for OOC to receive National Reports
  - June 30 - distribution of all documents for Plenary meeting electronically.
  - July 1st - Deadline for member countries to report Category I, II and III data to the ISC Final stock assessment reports.
3. Japan – prepare to host ISC23.

### **III. ALBWG**

1. Complete review of research recommendations from 2020 assessment in September 2022 (online)
2. Conduct data preparation workshop in November 2022 in Yokohama (or online)
3. Conduct benchmark stock assessment in March or April 2023 in La Jolla, USA (or online)

### **IV. PBFWG**

1. WG Chair will archive update stock assessment files with DA by November 1, 2022.
2. Presentation of update assessment results to SC18.
3. Presentation of update assessment results to NC18.
4. Conduct workshop on MSE technical issues in November 2022 (online).
5. Participate in WCPFC18.
6. Conduct model review workshop April-May 2023 (Location and dates to be determined).
7. Provide an update on the MSE progress to ISC23.

### **V. BILLWG**

1. WG will archive striped marlin model improvement files with DA by November 1, 2022.
2. Presentation of striped marlin modeling and data improvements to SC18.
3. Presentation of striped marlin modeling and data improvements to NC18.
4. Conduct data preparatory meeting for swordfish, biological study workshop, and striped marlin benchmark stock assessment workshop in November 2022 in Yokohama (or online).
5. Conduct benchmark stock assessment for swordfish in March 2023 (location and dates to be determined).
6. Provide an update on progress of the billfish biological sampling program at ISC23.

### **VI. SHARKWG**

1. WG Chair will archive blue shark assessment files with DA by November 1, 2022.
2. Conduct workshop to improve fishery and biological data, and develop data analysis and modeling approach for sharks, December 5-9, 2022 in Yokohama (or online).

## VII. STATWG

1. The DA to distribute the ISC data inventory to ISC Data Correspondents for review by September 30, 2022 and to Species WG Chairs by October 15, 2022
2. The DA to publish the ISC data inventory on the ISC website by October 31, 2022;
3. The DA to archive PBF, MLS and BSH assessment files from all 2021-2022 ISC assessments.
4. Metadata for national fisheries updated and published by DA on ISC researcher's website by August 31, 2022.
5. The DA and the STATWG Chair to review the responsibilities, duties and deliverables of the DA to ensure that they are accurate and practical, and revise them as necessary.
6. STATWG Steering Group to conduct an intersessional meeting in January 2023 to complete its work plan (format, location and dates to be determined).
7. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair to occur during the January 2023 meeting.
8. Continue to develop a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) for data sharing requests. This NDA (both simplified and complex) will incorporate comments from ISC22 and will be reviewed at the next STATWG meeting.
9. Develop a standard operating protocol to handle data sharing requests, which will include ISC point of contact information.
10. Conduct a one-day meeting prior to ISC23.