

**FINAL**

**ISC/23/PLENARY/01**



## **PLENARY 01**

*23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the  
International Scientific Committee for Tuna  
and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean  
Kanazawa, Japan  
July 12-17, 2023*

## **ISC ACTION PLAN**

**(2023-24)**

**July 2023**

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## 2023-24 ISC ACTION PLAN

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

1. Canvas members about the focus of a third peer review of the ISC function and process
2. Consult with Members about methods to formalize the ISC. The ISC Chair will email Heads of Delegations to request that members provide examples of appropriate agreements/letters, if available and permitted, that could be used to draft a “strawman” proposal for the ISC.
3. Climate change – ISC Chair will contact other scientific organizations/RFMOs regarding their efforts to incorporate climate change considerations into management advice
4. Work with the Webmaster to compile a list of past officers of the ISC plenary and working groups for posting on the ISC website
5. ISC Vice-Chair to work with BILLWG chair to implement an external peer review of the 2023 MLS stock assessment following the newly adopted peer review process document (ISC/23/PLENARY/10).
6. Notify other organizations that they need to document requests to ISC separately in a letter to the ISC Chair

### II. ISC MEMBERS

1. Members to develop presentations for ISC24 on climate change research and efforts to incorporate climate change in advice to managers. This information should be included in National Reports for ISC24 and will be presented separately from National Reports.
2. 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;
3. Submit ISC24 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 10 - distribution of all documents for Plenary meeting electronically.
  - June 1st - Deadline for member countries to report Category I, II and III data to the ISC Final stock assessment reports.

4. Canada – prepare to host ISC24, June 19-24, 2024.

### **III. ALBWG**

1. Present 2023 NPALB stock assessment to WCPFC-SC19 meeting, August 16-24, 2023.
2. Archive 2023 NPALB stock assessment files with DA by November 1, 2023.
3. Respond to NC19 requests – advice on converting fishing intensity to management metrics such as catch and effort.
4. Work on updates to exceptional circumstances criteria, specifically incorporating HCR metrics.
5. Update abundance index for adult females.
6. Conduct workshop on research to improve the stock assessment.

### **IV. PBFWG**

1. Conduct data preparation workshop for PBF stock assessment.
2. Conduct benchmark PBF stock assessment workshop.
3. Respond to NC19 requests.
4. Present Executive Summary of PBF benchmark assessment results to IATTC-SAC meeting, May 2024.
5. Present PBF benchmark assessment results on stock status and conservation to IATTC-WCPFC Joint Working Group meeting, July 2024.
6. Present PBF benchmark assessment results on stock status and conservation to WCPFC-NC20 meeting, July 2024.
7. Continue developing technical aspects of MSE process.

### **V. BILLWG**

1. Present 2023 WCNPO MLS stock assessment to WCPFC-SC19 meeting, August 16-24, 2023.
2. Present 2023 NPO SWO stock assessment to WCPFC-SC19 meeting, August 16-24, 2023.
3. Archive NPO SWO assessment model files with DA by November 1, 2023.
4. Archive WCNPO MLS assessment model files with the DA by November 1, 2023.
5. Conduct workshop on biological research for billfish species.
6. Conduct workshop on an expanded suite of projection scenarios and results to support the development of a rebuilding plan for striped marlin and present results at ISC24

7. Conduct workshop for external peer review of WCNPO MLS assessment.
8. Provide an update on progress of the billfish biological sampling program at ISC24.

## **VI. SHARKWG**

1. Conduct data preparation workshop for SMA benchmark assessment.
2. Conduct Pre-assessment meeting of SMA modellers in La Jolla.
3. Conduct benchmark SMA assessment workshop for full WG in La Jolla.

## **VII. STATWG**

1. The DA to distribute the ISC data inventory to ISC Data Correspondents for review by September 30, 2023 and to Species WG Chairs by October 15, 2023
2. The DA to publish the ISC data inventory on the ISC website by October 31, 2023;
3. The DA to archive ALB, MLS, SWO assessment files from all 2022-2023 ISC assessments.
4. Metadata for national fisheries updated and published by DA on ISC researcher's website by August 31, 2023.
5. STATWG Steering Group to conduct an intersessional meeting in January 2024 to complete its work plan (format, location and dates to be determined).
6. Conduct a one-day meeting prior to ISC24.