

**FINAL**

**ISC/25/PLENARY/01**



**PLENARY 01**

*25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
International Scientific Committee for Tuna  
and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean  
Busan, Republic of Korea  
June 17-20, 2024*

**ISC ACTION PLAN  
(2025-26)**

**June 2025**

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## 2025-26 ISC ACTION PLAN

### ISC CHAIR and OFFICE of the CHAIR

- Canvas members about the ToRs of a third peer review of the ISC function and process
- Consult with members regarding a pathway to ensure funding for assessment reviews should the Norther Committee of the WCPFC decide to require a more regular review schedule.
- Climate change – continue to advance work on incorporating climate considerations into ISC advice and explore options to improve ISC data access to historic and future oceanographic information.
- Work with the Webmaster to update ISC website with “Open Science” dropdown menu and WG Chair names and email addresses to contact for access to repositories on GitHub.
- Notify other organizations that they need to document requests to ISC separately in a letter to the ISC Chair
- Chair the PBF assessment review should the need arise.
- Coordinate the presentation of PBF review outcomes at ISC 26

### ISC MEMBERS

- Members to internally explore approaches to supporting ISC such as peer reviews.
- Members to continue working on climate change with the goal of developing a collective and collaborative plan for ISC Science
- 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) in National Reports and to ISC database;
- Submit ISC26 documents by dates set out below:
- WG working papers are due to Office of the ISC Chair (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.
- Taiwan – prepare to host ISC26, WG meetings June 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary June XX-XX, 2026.

### ALBWG

- Respond to NC21 requests should there be any.
- Member countries are to prepare data and analyses through 2024 for the November Data Preparation Meeting in Yokohama Japan.
- Member countries are to evaluate exceptional circumstances criteria and determine their inclusion in the 2026 assessment for the November Data Preparation Meeting in Yokohama Japan.
- Conduct the assessment of NPO-ALB though 2024 during the March Stock Assessment Workshop.
- Conduct workshop in advance of ISC26
- Present assessment results to ISC26 Plenary.

**PBFWG**

- Present PBF MSE results to IATTC-NC21 JWG.
- Respond to NC21 requests should there be any.
- Present PBF MSE results WCPFC SC, August 2025.
- Present PBF MSE results IATTC, September 2025.
- Present PBF MSE results WCPFC, November 2025.
- Prepare for External Peer Review of Stock PBF Assessment March 2026

**BILLWG**

- Respond to NC21 requests should there be any.
- Continue to refine the assessment approach for WCNPO MLS
- Continue to progress International Billfish Biological Sampling (IBBS) Program.
- Progress the integration of climate effects in to NPO SWO projections.
- Member countries are to prepare data and analyses through 2024 for PO-BUM for the November Data Preparation Meeting in Yokohama Japan.
- Conduct the benchmark assessment of PO-BUM through 2024 during the April (?) Stock Assessment Workshop.
- Conduct workshop in advance of ISC26.
- Report on IBBS Program at ISC26.
- Present PO-BUM benchmark assessment results to ISC26 Plenary.

**SHARKWG**

- Blue Shark Conceptual Model Workshop 2-day online meeting to build the foundation for the 2027 benchmark stock assessment January/February 2026
- Blue Shark Data Improvement meeting data improvement and CKMR reporting February/March 2026.
- Conduct meeting in advance of ISC26.

**STATWG**

- Update website software.
- E-mail sending system revisions.
- Update website packages to resolve file size issues.
- Change WAF service to reduce operational costs.
- Facilitate archiving of MSE file for reproduceable science.
- The DA to distribute the ISC data inventory to ISC Data Correspondents for review by September 30, 2025 and to Species WG Chairs by October 15, 2025
- The DA to publish the ISC data inventory on the ISC website by October 31, 2025;
- Metadata for national fisheries updated and published by DA on ISC researcher's website by August 31, 2025.
- Conduct a meeting prior to ISC26.