



PLENARY 01

*26th Meeting of the
International Scientific Committee for Tuna
and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean
Taipei City, Chinese Taipei
22-29 June 2026*

ISC ACTION PLAN (2026-27)

June 2026

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I. ISC Chair and Office of the Chair

1. Report ISC activities at WCPFC SC22
2. Work with on implementing a third peer review of the ISC function and process.
3. 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.
4. Continue to support the adoption of WCPFC reporting template for stock assessments.

II. ISC Members

1. 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
2. Submit ISC27 documents by dates set out below
 - a. *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;*
 - b. *April 30 - Final Stock Assessment Reports due to OOC;*
 - c. *May 30 – Final Stock Assessment Reports due to OOC for assessments completed in April*
 - d. *June 1 – deadline for OOC to receive National Reports*
 - e. *June 10 - distribution of all documents for Plenary meeting electronically.*
 - f. *June 1st - Deadline for member countries to report Category I, II and III data to the ISC Final stock assessment reports.*

III. USA – prepare to host ISC27

1. WG meetings June 20-21th 2027
2. Plenary meeting June 22-28th, 2027.

IV. Albacore Working Group (ALBWG)

1. Respond to NC22 requests should there be any.

2. Conduct workshop in advance of ISC27
3. Continue to incorporate the WCPFC stock assessment reporting template into the assessment report.
4. Hold a modeling improvement workshop in spring 2027
5. Continue research-track work on spatial/spatiotemporal population modeling, growth, sex composition, maturity assumptions, and index development for the next assessment cycle.
6. Conduct workshop in advance of ISC27.

V. Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group (PBFWG)

1. Respond to NC22 requests should there be any.
2. Hold a fall 2026 virtual data preparatory meeting.
3. Continue to incorporate the WCPFC stock assessment reporting template into the assessment report.
4. Develop formal responses to stock-assessment peer review recommendations, including an Excel table of recommendations and initial responses
5. Provide full-specification MSE simulation results for the agreed management procedure.
6. Conduct a Health Check using the 2024 assessment model updated with the latest data. The Health Check should include updated catch, size composition, Taiwanese longline CPUE, and recruitment index information if available.
7. Provide updated information on SSB, recruitment, and fishing intensity for the Health Check.
8. Examine exceptional circumstances.
9. Evaluate whether the RTM recruitment index should be incorporated into the estimation model, depending on its performance and consistency with assessment data responses.
10. Conduct workshop in advance of ISC27.

VI. Billfish Working Group (BILLWG)

1. Respond to NC22 requests should there be any.

2. Hold the data preparatory meeting for the 2027 WCNPO striped marlin assessment on November 10–17, 2026 in Yokohama, Japan.
3. Hold intersessional virtual meetings to prepare for the striped marlin data preparatory meeting.
4. Complete striped marlin maturity analysis by September 2026 in time for the 2027 WCNPO striped marlin assessment.
5. Develop and implement an MOU/protocol for genetic research using IBBS samples among Japan, Chinese Taipei, and the United States.
6. Continue IBBS sampling, with emphasis on filling gaps for small and large striped marlin, under-sampled regions, and areas with limited longline fishing.
7. Continue striped marlin aging and growth work, including inquiries to external aging labs, possible U.S. funding, Japan sending samples, and continued otolith/fin-spine research.
8. Advance WCNPO swordfish MSE technical work: define management area, core uncertainties, performance metrics, management parameters, candidate management procedures, and CPUE indices used in candidate MPs.
9. Conduct the WCNPO striped marlin assessment process using updated maturity, growth, genetics, catch, CPUE, and size-composition inputs.
10. Depending on NC input, provide preliminary WCNPO swordfish MSE results at NC23 or support intersessional review before NC24.
11. Conduct the benchmark assessment for WCNPO MLS
12. Report on IBBS Program at ISC 27
13. Present WCNPO MLS benchmark assessment to ISC 27, WCPFC NC, WCPFC SSC, WCPFC.

VII. Shark Working Group (SHARKWG)

1. Respond to NC22 requests should there be any.
2. Hold an interim virtual meeting in October 2026.
3. Hold the blue shark data preparatory meeting during the week of January 12, 2027, in Japan.
4. Conduct the benchmark assessment for Blue Shark.

5. Present Blue Shark benchmark assessment to ISC 27, WCPFC NC, WCPFC SSC, WCPFC.

VIII. Statistic Working Group (STATWG)

1. The DA to distribute the ISC data inventory to ISC Data Correspondents for review by September 30, 2026 and to Species WG Chairs by October 15, 2026
2. The DA to publish the ISC data inventory on the ISC website by October 31, 2026;
3. Metadata for national fisheries updated and published by DA on ISC researcher's website by August 31, 2026.
4. Conduct a meeting prior to ISC 27.