



## ERS Recommendations from the Performance Review of the CCSBT

### Introduction

The third Performance Review of the CCSBT commenced during November 2020. It was originally intended that the final report of the Performance Review Panel would be available for the Extended Commission (EC) meeting in October 2021. However, this was delayed when the Chair of the Performance Review Panel, Professor Fábio Hazin, tragically passed away from COVID-19 in June 2021. The EC subsequently agreed to a revised timetable and for the final report to be provided by 1 March 2022.

The final report is provided to the ERSWG as:

- CCSBT-ERS/2203/09 (2021 CCSBT Performance Review)

This paper provides an extract of the Ecologically Related Species (ERS) related recommendations from the Performance Review for the convenience of ERSWG participants. The full performance review document should be consulted for the background behind these recommendations.

The October 2021 meeting of the Extended Commission agreed that all 2022 meetings of CCSBT subsidiary bodies (ERSWG, ESC and the CC) should consider any pertinent recommendations made by the performance review panel in its final report, and provide advice to CCSBT 29 on any final recommendations relating to them.

### ERS Related Recommendations from the Performance Review of the CCSBT

The table below provides the recommendations from the Performance Review that potentially relate to the ERSWG. The section headings in the table are the “Area” and “General Criteria” for evaluating the CCSBT’s performance from Annex A of the [Terms of Reference for the 2021 Performance Review of the CCSBT](#).

When evaluating the recommendations, it may be useful for the ERSWG to consider each recommendation in terms of: (1) Whether the ERSWG considers this to be an appropriate recommendation for it to consider (i.e. within the ERSWG’s scope); and if it is considered to be within the ERSWG’s scope (2) Priority of the recommendation from the ERSWG’s perspective (e.g. low, medium, high); (3) The level of action required for the recommendation (e.g. no action required, continue current level of activity, or new action required); (4) Which CCSBT body (e.g., ERSWG, ESC, CC or EC) is recommended to take the lead for implementing the recommendation; and (5) Pertinent comments from the ERSWG relating to the recommendation.

Recommendation No. <sup>1</sup>	Recommendation
<b>Conservation and Management (Science)</b>	
Status of living marine resources	
PR2021-03	Amend the CCSBT Convention to clarify the role and mandate of CCSBT with regards to non-target species.
PR2021-04	Encourage the development of strengthened CMMs on ERS.
PR2021-05	Increase the attention and focus on ERS through annual meetings of ERSWG.
PR2021-06	Consider the feasibility of a collaborative programme (between RFMOs and institutions with competency in biodiversity conservation) to forecast the likely impacts of climate change on tuna ecosystems, SBT, ERS, and their productivity, distribution, and resilience.
Data Collection and sharing	
PR2021-07	Improve transparency by providing and making public, historical data and information that are not currently accessible in the public domain.
PR2021-08	Conduct capacity building programs to improve data collection and reporting, in particular in developing countries.
PR2021-09	Increase efforts to improve observer coverage, in accordance with the standard agreed by the CCSBT.
PR2021-10	Conduct analysis on the use of electronic monitoring to supplement human observer coverage in SBT fisheries.
PR2021-11	Establish mechanisms to improve consistency and avoid ambiguity in national reports.
Accuracy and quality of fisheries data for target and non-target stocks	
PR2021-13	Achieve a better balance between the scientific efforts dedicated to SBT and ERS.
PR2021-14	Identify gaps in scientific skills among CCSBT Members and fill these through recruitment and capacity building in Member countries.
PR2021-17	Address inconsistencies across Members in terms of quality and completeness of data reporting.
PR2021-18	Develop research capacity in Member countries, in particular developing States.
PR2021-20	Establish a clear and concise bycatch policy and management strategy.
Participation and Capacity Building	
PR2021-22	Formulate and implement a capacity-building work plan to improve data collection, scientific analysis, and compliance-related activities.

<sup>1</sup> This is the number of the recommendation from the report of the performance review panel.

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<b>Adoption of Conservation and Management Measures</b>	
PR2021-24	CCSBT should continue to implement CMMs based on ESC and ERSWG advice for both target and non-target stocks.
PR2021-25	CCSBT Members should continue to strengthen the implementation of the IPOAs and FAO guidelines in fishing operations.
PR2021-27	Strengthen the implementation of current measures to reduce bycatch, particularly of seabirds, and explore the potential for an incentivized mechanism to combat an increase in bycatch and address the impact of fisheries on living marine resources and the ecosystem.
PR2021-28	Conduct a review analyzing the potential impact of lost or abandoned gear in CCSBT fisheries, and identify mechanisms to mitigate any impacts.
<b>Compatibility of Management Measures</b>	
PR2021-30	Identify and analyse compatibility issues and risks associated with adopting resolutions from other RFMOs, especially in monitoring, compliance, and surveillance for ERS, and develop mitigation measures and strategies.
<b>Fishing allocations and opportunities</b>	
PR2021-32	Modify the CCSBT Convention to include modern fisheries management concepts agreed by Members at the international level
<b>Compliance and Enforcement</b>	
<b>Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS)</b>	
PR2021-38	Advocate for strengthened VMS measures in other RFMOs and decide whether the current VMS practice is sufficient for the purpose of the management of SBT and ERS, taking into account the overlapping areas and the compatibility of management measures with other RFMOs.
PR2021-39	Explore mechanisms to strengthen the observer program, including through the implementation of electronic monitoring.
PR2021-40	Review existing standards for observer coverage to allow the use of electronic monitoring.
PR2021-41	Establish a high sea boarding and inspection scheme that is cost-effective and feasible for SBT fisheries.
<b>Cooperative Mechanisms to detect and deter non-compliance</b>	
PR2021-43	Continue implementation of the compliance processes according to the Compliance Plan to ensure that non-compliance is addressed, and effective punitive and corrective actions are applied.
PR2021-44	Continue to formalize and strengthen the information sharing with other RFMO secretariats and alternative information sources.
PR2021-45	Consider establishing a quality assurance review with a formal review and follow up process.
<b>Follow-up on infringements</b>	
PR2021-46	CCSBT should seek to strengthen mechanisms on following up on infringement other than over-catch.
PR2021-47	Strengthen the compliance assessment process, including its decision-making and corrective actions policy, and establish a formal follow-up process on infringements.
<b>Reporting requirements</b>	
PR2021-54	Review the reporting templates periodically.

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<b>International Cooperation</b>	
Cooperation with other RFMOs	
PR2021-63	Members look for opportunities to continue and reinvigorate the cooperation instigated through the Kobe Process
Participation and capacity building	
PR2021-64	Members look for additional opportunities to engage with one another outside of the traditional meeting dates of the CCSBT to ensure that the limited time available at CCSBT meetings is maximized.
PR2021-65	Encourage independent experts from developing Members to fill chairing roles within subsidiary bodies. Members should also consider the use of co-Chairs to specifically develop technical skills.
Special requirements of developing States	
PR2021-67	Develop a targeted program of assistance to developing Members.
<b>Comparison with other RFMOs</b>	
Kobe Process	
PR2021-68	Continue to engage with Kobe intersessional processes, particularly as they relate to areas of shared interests.
Best practices	
PR2021-69	Continue the laudable work undertaken by the CCSBT for SBT and establish a similar effort for non-target species.