

COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL (CIAT)
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)

MEMORANDUM

17 February 2026
Ref.: 0069-410Rev

To: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation
c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia
From: Arnulfo Franco, Director 
Re: Provisional agenda for the 1st Meeting of the IATTC-WCPFC Ad Hoc Joint Working Group on South Pacific Albacore

As a follow-up to my memorandum Ref. 0049-410, please find attached the provisional agenda for the **1st Meeting of the IATTC-WCPFC Ad Hoc Joint Working Group on South Pacific Albacore**, scheduled to take place in a virtual format on March 17 and 18, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (PDT), which corresponds to March 18 and 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (UTC+11).

Furthermore, please note that the working documents for this meeting will be made available on the WCPFC website via the following link: [First WCPFC and IATTC Joint Working Group on the Management of South Pacific Albacore Tuna Fisheries | WCPFC Meetings](#)

Additionally, delegates interested in participating are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form individually, so that this Secretariat may make the necessary arrangements, in coordination with the WCPFC, to provide the Zoom connection details for the meeting.

Annex: As indicated.-

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Joint IATTC-WCPFC Working Group on South Pacific Albacore Tuna

First Meeting

18-19 March 2026 (Pohnpei) | 17-18 March 2026 (La Jolla)

Virtual Meeting

Provisional Agenda

SPAJWG01-2026-01 (WCPFC)

SPAJWG-01--01 (IATTC)

5 February 2026

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of Agenda

The JWG agenda will be adopted by consensus. Minor adjustments, including re-ordering of agenda items or time allocations, may be agreed at this stage.

3. Review of SPAJWG Terms of Reference, functions, and working processes

The JWG will review the adopted Terms of Reference and the functions of the SPAJWG and consider the application of each Commission's Rules of Procedure to the work of the SPAJWG.

4. Overview of South Pacific albacore stock status and management

The JWG will consider the following issues as needed.

- 1) Summary of recent stock status (WCPO-only, Pan-Pacific, EPO-only)
- 2) Overview of current SPA management approaches adopted by both Commissions,
- 3) Introduction to the Harvest Strategy adopted by WCPFC, including arrangements for the overlap area
- 4) Consideration of the implementation of compatible measures

5. Preparing WCPFC's 2027 SPA stock assessment

The JWG will consider the following issues, but not limited to, as needed.

- 1) Scope of assessment (WCPO or pan-Pacific)
- 2) Framework for coordination between SPC and IATTC scientists
- 3) Data requirements and exchange

4) Review of Close-Kin Mark-Recapture (CKMR) results and planning for future application in South Pacific albacore assessments

6. SPAJWG provisional workplan and meeting schedule

The JWG will review and refine the provisional workplan endorsed by both Commissions, will consider intersessional work required following the SPAJWG meeting, and will also consider the schedule and modality of future SPAJWG meetings.

7. Other business

8. Adoption of recommendations

The recommendations adopted by the JWG are advisory in nature and are intended to inform the consideration and decision-making processes of the Commissions and their relevant subsidiary bodies.

9. Close of meeting