

Status of STATWG Work plan

Statistics Working Group of ISC

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Future Work Plan

1. DA will distribute the ISC data inventory to ISC Data Correspondents for review by August 1, 2013. DA will then distribute the ISC data inventory to chairs of the species Working Groups by September 1, 2013.

Status: Finished.

DA distributed the ISC data inventory to chairs of the species WGs on 17th September 2013.

2. DA will exchange the ISC data inventory with the WCPFC and IATTC by August 1, 2013.

Status: Finished.

DA forwarded the ISC data inventory to Mr. Peter Williams, data custodian of WCPFC, on 1st August 2013, to Dr. Nickolas Vogel, data manager of IATTC, on 27th August 2013. STATWG chair received IATTC data inventory on 18 June 2014 and distributed IATTC data inventory to the chairs of species WGs on 19 June 2014.

3. STATWG Chair will request data (CAT I, II, and III) of the WCPFC and IATTC for ISC species of interest (e.g., albacore, bluefin, blue marlin, swordfish, striped marlin, blue shark, shortfin make and make shark) from China and non-ISC members by Aug 31, annually.

Status: Partial finished.

STATWG chair received CAT I data of WCPFC members from Mr. Peter Williams, data custodian of WCPFC, on 30th October 2013 and distributed to the chairs of the species WGs on the same day. The data exchange issue between ISC and WCPFC, and between ISC and IATTC needs more considerations for Mexico is not the member to WCPFC, Canada fishery operating outside the WCPFC area, and Japan data provision including coastal fisheries.

4. The STATWG Steering Group will finalize the input format for the online data submission of Category III data into the ISC database by November 30, 2013. DA will report on cost and time estimates for any necessary database modification to the Steering Group by the end of December, 2013. The Steering Group will prioritize the scheduling of the database development as necessary.

Status: Finished

Please refer to ISC14/STATWG/INFO-1

5. DA will revise the user's manual for the online data submission system, including the data codes, and distribute to the Data Correspondents by April 1, 2014.

Status: Finished.

DA distributed the revised user manual on 12 June 2014.

6. DA will start archiving the stock assessment files for Species Working Groups according to the procedures documented in ISC13-STATWG-WP1. The chair of STATWG will distribute the Working Paper to the chairs of the Species Working Group for review and revision by the end of the Plenary. Species Working Groups will submit stock assessment files from 2013 assessments (bluefin, blue marlin, blue shark) to the DA by November 1, 2014.

Status: Under processing.

PBF and ALB WGs will archive their file soon.

7. DA will complete the comparison between the data provided prior to 2013 and the data provided in July, 2013, by country and fishery in order to check for completeness by Jan 1, 2014.

Status: Finished.

Please refer to ISC14/STATWG/WP-2.

8. Webmaster will continue to improve the ISC website. Webmaster will provide copies of the species profiles to the chairs of the Species Working Groups at the STATWG meeting, and comments will be provided back to the Webmaster by the end of the ISC13 Plenary.

Status: Finished.

Web master distributed the copies of the species profiles to the chairs of species WGs on 9 July 2013.

9. The STATWG Steering Group will draft procedures to enable Members to amend historical data in the ISC database by February, 2014. The procedures will be reviewed for approval at the next STATWG meeting in

July, 2014.

Status: Finished.

Please refer to ISC14/STATWG/WP-1.

10. STATWG Steering Group will meet in January, 2014 in Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Status: Finished.

Please refer to ISC14/STATWG/INFO-1