

16th MEETING OF THE PZJA TORRES STRAIT HAND COLLECTABLES WORKING GROUP

Friday 21 February 2020 (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)

TSRA Boardroom, Thursday Island

AGENDA

The meeting will open at 8:30 am on Friday 21 February 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 1 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners, welcome and apologies

The Chair will welcome HCWG members and observers to the 16th Torres Strait Hand Collectables Working Group.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The Working Group is invited to consider and adopt the draft agenda.

1.3 Declarations of interest

Working Group members and observers are invited to declare any real or potential conflicts of interests to the group and determine whether a member may or may not be present during discussion of or decisions made on the matter which is the subject of the conflict.

1.4 Action items from previous meetings

The Working Group will note the status of action items arising from previous HCWG meetings.

1.5 Out of session correspondence

The Working Group will note any out of session correspondence on HCWG matters since the previous meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

2.1 Industry members

Industry members and observers will be invited to provide an update on matters relevant to Torres Strait Hand Collectable fisheries, including a report from PZJA Traditional Inhabitant members on their recent cluster consultation meetings.

2.2 Scientific members

Scientific members and observers will be invited to provide an update on matters relevant to Torres Strait Hand Collectable fisheries.

2.3 Government Agencies

The Working Group will note updates from AFMA, TSRA and Fisheries Queensland on matters relevant to Torres Strait Hand Collectable fisheries.

2.4 PNG National Fisheries Authority

The Working Group will note an update from the PNG National Fisheries Authority.

2.5 Native Title

The Working Group will note a verbal update from the Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation RNTBC.

AGENDA ITEM 3 CATCH AND EFFORT SUMMARY

The Working Group is invited to note a summary of reported catch in the Beche-de-mer Fishery for the 2019 fishing season.

AGENDA ITEM 4 PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE BECHE-DE-MER STOCK SURVEY

The Working Group will consider the preliminary results of eastern Torres Strait stock survey of Beche-de-mer species that took place in November 2019 and January 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 5 FUTURE BLACK TEATFISH OPENING

In consideration of the preliminary stock survey results, and guidance under the Beche-de-mer Harvest Strategy, the Working Group will provide advice to the PZJA on an appropriate TAC and relevant management arrangements required for a possible future black teatfish opening.

AGENDA ITEM 6 PROHIBITION ON HOOKAH

The Working Group is invited to consider the outcomes of the PZJA Traditional Inhabitant member cluster consultations and provide advice on a strategic approach to pursuing the development of a proposal to remove the prohibition on hookah in the Beche-de-mer fishery.

AGENDA ITEM 7 RESEARCH

The Working Group is invited to note an update on the current TSSAC research funding cycle for 2020-21.

AGENDA ITEM 8 PEARL SHELL AND TROCHUS FISHERIES

The Working Group is invited to note an update on activities in the Torres Strait Pearl Shell and Trochus fisheries.

AGENDA ITEM 9 OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Group is invited to nominate any other business for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The Working Group will be invited to discuss a suitable date for the next meeting.

The Chair must approve the attendance of all observers at the meeting. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting as an observer must contact AFMA (fisheriesTI@afma.gov.au).