

<b>TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Meeting 46</b> <b>27 August 2008</b>
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b> <b>Protocols for researchers</b>	Agenda Item No. 5.2 <b>FOR DECISION</b>

## **PURPOSE**

That the TSSAC **DISCUSS** and **AGREE** on protocols that researchers should adopt when working in Torres Strait.

## **BACKGROUND**

The TSSAC at its last meeting (TSSAC 45) discussed the need for guiding protocols that researchers should adopt when working in the Torres Strait. The Committee agreed to consider and discuss protocols developed for other organizations such as the TSRA (45.6.1).

## **DISCUSSION**

The TSSAC should use the following examples, included at Attachment 5.1A, as the basis for discussions of preferred protocols for researchers working in the Torres Strait:

- *ABC Message Stick – Cultural Protocols for Indigenous Reporting in the Media 2005*
- *Mina mir lo ailan mun, DATSIP 2000*
- *Values and Ethics: Guidelines for ethical conduct in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research, NHMRC 2003*
- *Ethical Principles and Guidelines for Indigenous Research, EIDOS 2007*
- *Guidelines for ethical and effective communication for researchers working in Torres Strait, Jones and Barnett 2006*

The committee should also discuss an appropriate implementation strategy to promote the appropriate use of these protocols by researchers.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

To be discussed.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil