

TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting 55 29 June 2011
MEETING ADMINISTRATION Action Items from TSSAC Meeting No. 54	Agenda Item No. 1.5 FOR NOTING

PURPOSE

That the TSSAC **NOTE** the progress of action items from TSSAC meeting No. 54.

BACKGROUND

The following action items from TSSAC No. 54 and progress towards completion are listed below.

TSSAC 54 Action Items

#	Action Item	Item No.	Due Date	Champion	Status
1.	The TSSAC Chair to endeavour to contact PNG National Fisheries Authority regarding potential collaboration on a pending research project on subsistence fishing in PNG treaty villages.	1.1	30 April 2011	Chair	Complete
2.	Action items from the 21 December 2010 Out-of-Session teleconference to be added to the relevant meeting record.	1.4	25 March 2011	AFMA	Complete (see attach 1.5A)
3.	AFMA will provide the outstanding outcomes of the research ' <i>Sustainable harvest Strategies for the Torres Strait hand Collectable Fisheries</i> ', being the decision support tool and access to metadata, to the TSSAC when made available by the PI.	1.5	30 April 2011	AFMA	
4.	The TSSAC to write back to the TRLRAG thanking them for their explanation of why a different method for estimating an indicative TAC is now being used.	1.5	24 Feb 2011	AFMA	Complete (see correspondence)
5.	AFMA to circulate information and a presentation on a rock lobster education package for WA lobster to TSSAC members.	1.5	25 March 2011	AFMA	Complete
6.	CSIRO to provide the TSSAC with data and a report using fine scale modelling to detect possible changes to water temperature and salinity levels in response to climate change to discuss at future meetings.	1.5	Ongoing pending release of final report	CSIRO	
7.	AFMA to include the Torres Strait research CD on the research section on the PZJA website when intellectual property rights to the CD have been confirmed.	1.5	30 April 2011	AFMA	In progress

8.	AFMA to investigate developing a policy regarding collection and storage of data and metadata from AFMA funded research.	1.5	30 April 2011	AFMA	
9.	The TSSAC Chair will contact PNG requesting the release of reports on sandfish research in PNG to the TSSAC in confidence.	1.5	30 April 2011	AFMA	
10.	AFMA to investigate the feasibility of a research project on investigating the potential impacts of short and long term climatic change on Torres Strait marine resources.	1.5	Ongoing pending outcome of action item 6	AFMA	
11.	The TSSAC to write to the Chair of the TRLRAG, acknowledging the comments on the Tropical Rock Lobster stock assessments and ensuring that communication between the two committees continues.	1.5	24 Feb 2011	AFMA	Complete (see correspondence)
12.	The TSSAC to inform the HCWG that some form of quota allocation will have less impact than implementing an Olympic (competitive) quota if the Total Allowable catch for Black teatfish is removed.	1.5	24 Feb 2011	AFMA	Complete
13.	The TSSAC to provide suggestions on improvements to the TSRA research website and feedback on how to progress a TSRA central repository. The link to the TSRA research webpage will be sent to TSSAC members for their consideration.	2.1	30 April 2011	AFMA/TSSAC members	Complete (see attachment 1.5B)
14.	The Committee to decide whether or not to commission a report or business plan to examine the various needs for a central web-based repository for Torres Strait fisheries research and how such a repository would be created and maintained.	2.1	TSSAC 55	AFMA/TSSAC members	To be discussed at Agenda Item 3.2.1
15.	TSSAC comments on the full proposals to be circulated to Committee members, for internal information only.	3.1	24 Feb 2011	AFMA	Complete
16.	The TSSAC to write to the Principal Investigators of both recommended research proposals, requesting amendments to the proposals prior to submission to AFMA funding.	3.1	1 March 2011	AFMA	Complete (see correspondence)
17.	Modify the assessment pro-forma and guiding information for researchers in the full proposal template to request specific information on path to uptake and relevance to fisheries management	3.1	30 March 2011	AFMA	Complete (see attachments 1.5Ci, ii and iii)

18.	Incorporate Committee discussions on research priorities into the draft 2011 Annual Operational Plan, to be discussed further at TSSAC 55	3.3	By TSSAC 55	AFMA	Complete-see attachment 2.1A
19.	Discuss several research priorities listed for Tropical Rock Lobster in the Annual Operational Plan with the Principal Investigator of the research developing a Management Strategy Evaluation for Tropical Rock Lobster in the Torres Strait to determine if the research addresses any of these priorities.	3.3	By TSSAC 55	AFMA	
20.	Include collaborative research in the Torres Strait regarding the impact of overfishing of Beche de Mer on PNG Warrior Reef on the agenda at the next bilateral meeting	3.3	By the next bilateral meeting	AFMA	Complete
21.	AFMA to investigate commissioning an independent assessment of past and present turtle and dugong scientific research in the Torres Strait for stock assessments. To be discussed at TSSAC 55.	3.3	TSSAC 55	AFMA	
22.	Frank Loban (TSRA) to give an update at TSSAC 55 on progress of turtle and dugong catch data collection and storage at TSSAC 55.	3.3	TSSAC 55	AFMA	See agenda Item 6.2
23.	The TSSAC will write to the TSRA (Damian Miley) highlighting: concerns with issues relating to turtle and dugong data; the need to fully analyse all available data both past and present; the priority of targeted research; the willingness of the TSSAC to collaborate with the TSRA in the area of research for sustainable turtle and dugong management; and the intention of the TSSAC to commission an independent review of turtle and dugong research to inform management decisions.	3.3	30 March 2011	AFMA	
24.	The Chair to write to PNG to highlight the importance of engagement between the TSSAC and PNG in identifying opportunities for collaborative research on shared fisheries stocks between PNG and Australia.	3.3	30 March 2011	AFMA	Complete (see correspondence)
25.	AFMA and Michael O'Neil will work together to devise a table to be used for the efficient updating of research priorities in the Annual Operational Plan for Torres Strait fisheries.	3.5	By TSSAC 55	AFMA/M. O'Neil	In progress
26.	AFMA and the TSRA will work on developing a smaller version of the International Indigenous Commercial Fisheries forum and will update the TSSAC on progress TSSAC 55.	4.1	By TSSAC 55	AFMA/TSR A	

27.	TSSAC comments on the draft final report from the Warrior Reef Sandfish research project to be provided to the Principal Investigator with a recommendation that they be addressed in developing the final report.	4.2	18 March 2011	AFMA	Complete
28.	AFMA to request that the Principal Investigator of the Experimental fishing for Sandfish on Warrior Reef project confirm that the 5t take of Sandfish in the experimental fishing research project poses no risk to sandfish recovery on Warrior Reef.	4.2	18 March 2011	AFMA	
29.	The Principal Investigator of the Tropical Rock Lobster Management Strategy Evaluation research to be requested to present further findings from the research at the next Brisbane TSSAC meeting.	4.3	By TSSAC 56	AFMA	
30.	A PDF version of the TSRA Climate Change Strategy document and/or a link to the on-line version of the report will be circulated to TSSAC members.	6.2	11 March 2011	TSRA/AFM A	Complete
31.	Roland Pitcher will contact James Butler to provide feedback to the TSSAC on National Environment Research Program projects.	6.2	30 March 2011	R. Pitcher	
32.	AFMA will work with the English department at Tagai college to explore opportunities to introduce fisheries related material into marine studies at the college.	6.4	30 April 2011	AFMA	In progress
33.	AFMA will discuss the possibility of including fisheries related material in the Marine Discovery Centre with Tagai College.	6.4	30 April 2011	AFMA	In progress
34.	AFMA and the TSRA will work together to further investigate opportunities for researchers to present at forums such as Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility research delivery day and soon to be formed Indigenous Fisheries Advisory Committee meetings.	6.5	30 April 2011	AFMA/TSR A	In progress
35.	AFMA will provide comments on the Sponge farm research pre-proposal to FRDC.	6.6	24 Feb 2011	AFMA	Complete (see correspondence)

RECOMMENDATION

That the TSSAC **NOTE** the progress of the above listed action items from TSSAC 54.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil