

TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting 56 5-6 October 2011
MEETING ADMINISTRATION Action Items from TSSAC Meeting No. 55	Agenda Item No. 1.5 FOR NOTING

PURPOSE

That the TSSAC **NOTE** the progress of action items from TSSAC meeting No. 55.

BACKGROUND

The following action items from TSSAC No. 55 and progress towards completion are listed below.

TSSAC 55 Action Items

#	Action Item	Item No.	Due Date	Champion	Status
1.	CSIRO will circulate the National Environment Research Program proposal on the impact of climate change on Torres Strait ecosystems and the impact on the livelihood of marine resource species out-of-session to TSSAC members for their information.	1.5	1 Aug 2011	Roland Pitcher	
2.	AFMA and CSIRO to prepare a response regarding TSSAC views on climate change under the climate change agenda item for TSSAC 56.	1.5	16 Sep 2011	Roland Pitcher and AFMA	
3.	AFMA to include the Torres Strait research CD on the research section on the PZJA website once intellectual property rights for the CD are confirmed.	1.5 (54.1.5)	16 Sep 2011	AFMA	
4.	AFMA to investigate developing a policy regarding collection and storage of data and metadata from AFMA funded research.	1.5	5 Sep 2011	AFMA	
5.	The TSSAC Chair to again contact PNG NFA requesting the release of reports on sandfish research in Western Province of PNG to the TSSAC in confidence.	1.5	1 Aug 2011	AFMA	Complete – Chair to update on response

6.	Discuss Tropical Rock Lobster (TRL) research priorities from the 2011 Operational Plan with the TRL Management Strategy Evaluation researchers at TSSAC 56 to determine how many are being addressed by the research.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	TSSAC members	Complete
7.	Discuss commissioning an independent assessment of past and present turtle and dugong scientific research in the Torres Strait for stock assessments at TSSAC 56, taking into account the report from the national taskforce for dugong.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	TSSAC members	Complete
8.	The report from the national taskforce for dugong will be circulated to TSSAC members when available.	1.5	When available		AFMA	Pending release of the report
9.	The TSRA to give an update on progress of turtle and dugong catch data collection and storage at TSSAC 56.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	TSRA	
10.	The TSSAC to write to the TSRA regarding issues with turtle and dugong data.	1.5	1 Aug 2011		AFMA	Complete
11.	The TSRA, as champion of the project, to provide an update at TSSAC 56 on developing a smaller version of the International Indigenous Commercial Fisheries forum.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	TSRA	Complete
12.	The Principal Investigator of the Lobster Management Strategy Evaluation research to present further findings to the TSSAC at TSSAC 56 which will be held in Brisbane.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	Dr Eva Plaganyi- lloyd	Complete
13.	Continue discussions with the English department at Tagai college to explore opportunities to introduce fisheries related material into marine studies at the college is ongoing.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	AFMA	
14.	Continue discussing the possibility of including fisheries related material in the Marine Discovery Centre with Tagai College once the Steering Committee for the project has been formed.	1.5	5-6 2011	Oct	AFMA	

15.	AFMA and the TSRA to work together to further investigate opportunities for researchers to present at forums such as the Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility research delivery day and Indigenous Fisheries Advisory Committee (IFAC) meeting (pending finalisation of the IFAC).	1.5	5-6 Oct 2011	AFMA and TSRA.	
16.	Committee members to continue to develop possible projects to address economic viability of the Torres Strait Prawn fishery out-of-session.	2.1	1 Aug 2011	TSSAC members	
17.	The TSSAC will write to the Principal Investigator of the Turtle and Dugong abundance research project currently with NERP to determine if the research addresses any priorities in the TSSAC Annual Operational Plan. To be discussed in conjunction with Action item 9 at TSSAC 56.	2.1	1 Aug 2011	AFMA	Complete
18.	The TSSAC will write to PNG NFA regarding the need for joint research on Hand Collectables research.	2.1	1 Aug 2011	AFMA	Complete
19.	The updated pre-proposal assessment appraisal form will be distributed to Committee members for comment before assessment of pre-proposals at TSSAC 56 to ensure that assessment criteria are appropriate.	2.1	1 Sep 2011	AFMA	Complete
20.	The draft 2011 Operational Plan for Torres Strait fisheries will be amended as discussed and sent to TSSAC members out-of-session for finalisation.	2.1	20 Jul 2011	AFMA	Complete
21.	A matrix to facilitate effective communication of research priorities between Torres Strait working groups and committees will continue to be developed to assist this feedback process and will be sent to the TSSAC members for comment out-of-session when complete.	2.1.1	1 Sep 2011	AFMA/Mick O'Neil	In progress
22.	Committee members will develop project suggestions for tactical (immediate high importance) projects and possible research providers out-of-session which can be targeted for funding.	3.1	15 Aug 2011	TSSAC members	In progress

23.	The TSSAC secretariat will collate possible projects and research providers to address identified tactical research priorities and will circulate this list to Committee members out-of-session for comment.	3.1	1 Aug 2011	AFMA	In progress
24.	AFMA will co-ordinate the call for pre-proposals for the 2012-2013 funding round.	3.2	31 Jul 2011	AFMA	Complete
25.	The Committee will discuss the NERP e-atlas project and how this may meet the needs of a central web-based repository for Torres Strait research at TSSAC 56	3.2.1	16 Sep 2011	AFMA	Complete
26.	Principal Investigator from the lobster Management Strategy Evaluation research project will be requested to present preliminary findings at TSSAC 56.	4.1	TSSAC 56	AFMA	Complete

RECOMMENDATION

1.5.1 That the TSSAC **NOTE** the progress of the above listed action items from TSSAC 55.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil