

<b>TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Meeting 57 7 - 8 March 2012</b>
<b>MEETING ADMINISTRATION</b> Action Items from TSSAC Meeting No. 56	Agenda Item No. 1.5 <b>FOR NOTING</b>

## PURPOSE

That the TSSAC **NOTE** the progress of action items from TSSAC meeting No. 56.

## BACKGROUND

The following action items from TSSAC No. 56 and progress towards completion are listed below.

### TSSAC 56 Action Items

#	Action Item	Item No.	Due Date	Champion	Status
1.	The TSSAC Chair will call the PNG NFA CEO, Sylvester Pokajam, regarding the issue of attendance of PNG at TSSAC meetings and shared research opportunities.	1.3	1 Dec 2011	Chair	Complete
2.	The TSSAC will respond to the Torres Strait Prawn Management Advisory Committee regarding their input into research priorities in the Annual Operational Plan.	1.3	1 Dec 2011	AFMA	Complete
3.	AFMA to circulate a proposal for the National Environment Research Program on the impact of environmental change (including climate change) on Torres Strait fisheries and the impact on the livelihood of marine resource species, to TSSAC members out-of-session.	1.5	14 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
4.	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)	30 Jan 2012	AFMA	In progress
5.	AFMA to investigate developing a policy regarding collection and storage of data and metadata from AFMA funded research.	1.5 (54.1.5)	30 Jan 2012	AFMA	In progress
6.	Circulate the report from the national taskforce for dugong to TSSAC members when available.	1.5 (55.1.5)	1 Feb 2012	AFMA	In progress

7.	AFMA to continue discussions with the English department at Tagai College to explore opportunities to introduce fisheries related material into marine studies at the college.	1.5 (54.6.4)	1 Mar 2012	AFMA	Complete
8.	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 (54.6.4)	1 Mar 2012	AFMA	Complete
9.	Correspondence from the TSSAC to the Principal Investigator of the Turtle and Dugong abundance research project currently with NERP asking if the research addresses any priorities in the TSSAC Annual Operational Plan, to be circulated to TSSAC members out-of-session.	1.5 (55.2.1)	14 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
10.	Develop a matrix to facilitate effective communication of research priorities between Torres Strait working groups and committees.	1.5 (54.3.5)	30 Jan 2011	AFMA and Dr O'Neill	Complete (agenda item 4.4)
11.	AFMA to provide copies of the Strategic Research Plan and Annual Operational Plan to Dr Brooks (FRDC) for information as well as a list of current projects in the Torres Strait currently being funded by AFMA.	2.5	14 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
12.	AFMA to contact the researchers regarding progress of the reef gardens project and circulate relevant information to the TSSAC out-of-session.	2.7	1 November 2011	AFMA	Complete
13.	The Committee to have a standing agenda item called ' <i>Research Project Overview</i> ' at future meetings where a project progress spreadsheet will be discussed.	2.7	TSSAC 57	AFMA	Complete
14.	AFMA to contact the researchers regarding progress of the ' <i>Empowering Torres Strait Islanders in RD&amp;E</i> ' project and circulate relevant information to the TSSAC out-of-session.	2.7	1 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete (update at agenda item 2.3)

15.	AFMA to collate all milestone payments for committed research projects for Torres Strait fisheries and annual funding commitments and distribute to the TSSAC out-of-session.	3.1	30 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
16.	The Committee to write to all Principal Investigators of submitted research pre-proposals advising of the outcome of their application and providing comments where necessary.	3.2	4 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
17.	Updates to be made to the proposal evaluation pro-forma and ensure this is also updated in the Annual Operational Plan.	3.2	14 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
18.	AFMA to make preliminary revisions to the Strategic Research Plan and send to TSSAC members out-of-session for finalisation at TSSAC 57.	3.3	30 Jan 2012	AFMA	Complete (agenda item 4.3)
19.	AFMA to distribute the latest Tropical Rock Lobster Stock Assessment report to the TSSAC out-of-session.	4.1	30 Nov 2011	AFMA	Complete
20.	The Committee to discuss the appropriateness of AFMA's data storage systems at TSSAC 57.	5.1	TSSAC 57	AFMA	Agenda item 2.4
21.	TSSAC members are requested to provide the TSRA with suggestions on items to include at the turtle and dugong workshop being organised by the TSRA for Traditional Inhabitants in 2012.	5.2	30 Nov 2011	TSSAC members	Complete
22.	The TSRA to report on the outcomes of the Turtle and Dugong research workshop at TSSAC 57 in addition to presentations from researchers undertaking work on turtle and dugong in the Torres Strait.	5.2	TSSAC 57	AFMA	Agenda items 2.1 and 2.2
23.	The TSRA to provide the report by Dr Helene Marsh on the 2011 dugong aerial surveys to the TSSAC when it is released.	5.2	When released	TSRA	Complete
24.	Dr Pitcher to contact James Butler to determine if there is a possibility to value-add to Mr Butler's project by specifically looking at Torres Strait fisheries.	5.5	1 Dec 2011	Dr Pitcher	Complete
25.	Investigate the possibility of asking Mr Butler to provide a briefing on the project on climate change at TSSAC 57.	5.5	1 Feb 2012	AFMA and Dr Pitcher	Complete

26.	The Committee to discuss a possible desktop study on the effects of prawn trawling on reefs in Torres Strait at TSSAC 57.	5.6	March 2012	AFMA	Agenda item 4.6
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**RECOMMENDATION**

**1.5.1** That the TSSAC **NOTE** the progress of the above listed action items from TSSAC 56.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil