

TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting 57 7-8 March 2012
MEETING ADMINISTRATION Co-ordination of research priorities	Agenda Item No. 4.4 FOR DISCUSSION

PURPOSE

That the TSSAC **DISCUSS** the table provided to update research priorities.

BACKGROUND

Currently, the TSSAC requests input from the following Torres Strait committees regarding research priorities:

- Tropical Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group (TRLRAG)
- Hand Collectables Working Group (HCWG)
- Torres Strait Fisheries Management Advisory Committee (TSFMAC)
- Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group (TRLWG)
- Finfish Working Group (FFWG)
- Torres Strait Prawn Management Advisory Committee (TSPMAC)

To streamline the process of receiving and recording feedback and for ease of updating the research priorities from these Committees and Working Groups, AFMA and M O'Neill undertook to develop a matrix which could be used by Committees to easily update research priorities for their respective fisheries.

A table has been developed and is at Attachment 4.4A. A smaller table detailing the suggested Resource Assessment Classes for the fisheries (column f in the main table) is at Attachment 4.4B. The TSSAC is asked to consider the tables and provide feedback regarding the structure and content, and advise as to whether the tables are useful to the Committee.

Information on Resource Assessment Classes as used by Queensland and New South Wales by QLD and NSW Department of Primary Industries is provided at Attachment 4.4C.

RECOMENDATION

That the TSSAC **DISCUSS** the table provided to update research priorities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil