

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Twelfth Session
Online, 18-21 October 2021
FIRMS RELEVANT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY CCSBT DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (May 2019 – September 2021)
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I. Summary of Activities

(Please describe your relevant activities guided by the following items)

- Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; revision of Annex 2 of the Partnership Arrangement;

Not Applicable (inventories for CCSBT are complete).

- Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;

The annual reporting to FIRMS following CCSBT Commission meetings, which includes an update of the Southern Bluefin Tuna fact sheet and an update of the agreed data, occurs within 6 months of the meeting concluding.

- Development/review of standards;

None

- Development of Applications (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);

There are no FIRMS-relevant developments within CCSBT.

- Development of case studies/prototypes;

Not applicable

- Training or skills development;

None

- Promotional / fund raising activities;

Links to FIRMS and the FAO are provided on the CCSBT website.

- Planned activities during the coming intersession period.
- Annual Reporting to FIRMS and updating of fishery fact sheets.
- Involvement, where possible, in FIRMS eMeetings.
- Provision of feedback to FIRMS on an ad-hoc basis.

II. Contribution to strategic directions for the FIRMS Partnership

(Please elaborate on perceived benefits to your organization and any suggested areas of improvements)

I see the main benefit is having SBT information available to the general public in a global tuna resource. Personally, I am happy to participate for this reason but don't think it is appropriate for the CCSBT to influence the direction of FIRMS developments, since other RFMOs have much more to report.

III. Revised annex 2 (if applicable)