

Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group Meeting 15

Final Meeting Summary

14 December 2023

Thursday Island and Microsoft
Teams

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Meeting summary

The 15th meeting of the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group (TRLWG 15) was held on Thursday Island and Microsoft Teams on 14 December 2023. The meeting opened in prayer and the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees. A list of attendees, declarations of interests and apologies is provided at **Attachments A-A1**. The Chair noted the conflict of interest for Traditional Inhabitant and Industry Members when discussing and providing advice on the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the TRL Fishery. The agenda was adopted without change (**Attachment B**). A summary of actions agreed during the meeting is provided at **Attachment C**.

The TRLWG noted the progress against actions arising from previous meetings. Updates are provided at **Attachment D**. The TRLWG noted out-of-session correspondence on TRLWG matters since TRLWG 14.

Updates from Members

The TRLWG noted updates from Traditional Inhabitant and Industry Members, in particular it was noted that fuel prices remain high, market prices are low, catch rates are about average and freight and transport costs continue to increase. Difficulties in market access, particularly China, continues to undermine the economic viability of the TRL Fishery, and businesses that rely on it. In January 2023, China banned live imports of TRL. This was followed by a ban on all imports of TRL in June 2023. The reasons for this remain unclear. The ban is affecting other jurisdictions (e.g. Queensland) as well as other countries, including PNG. As a result, less boats have been operating, including on the East Coast. With the prediction that China will go into a recession it was noted that this may be an additional pressure if that comes into play. The TRLWG supported the TRLRAG to raise this issue, noting a good strategy may be to seek an exemption from the restrictions based on the strength of management arrangements. It was also suggested that industry could do better to target the supply to markets when prices are highest.

The TRLWG noted updates from Scientific Members, in particular CSIRO delivered the 35th annual survey of the TRL Fishery in 2023. It is a rare occurrence in fisheries to have such a long running and continuous independent survey. CSIRO also launched a three-year Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) funded project looking at the impacts of climate change on Torres Strait fisheries and are planning further engagement with interested stakeholders as this project progresses. The International Conference on Lobster Biology and Management was held in Fremantle in October 2023. It was well attended and there were notable presentations from both traditional knowledge and Western science. CSIRO are progressing work to update the length-weight ratios for TRL, working with a local processor, Pearl Island Seafoods and planning to hold a supply chain resilience workshop next year. Mandatory reporting of recreational catch is being implemented across various jurisdictions, most recently Tasmania. Spatial squeeze is also an increasing issue in lobster fisheries in the South and West.

The TRLWG noted updates from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), TSRA and Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QDAF). AFMA noted the TRL Fishery had received WTO approval through to December 2033, demonstrative of the strength of management arrangements. ABARES have also assessed the fishery to be not overfished and not subject to overfishing. TSRA are planning to contract a consultant to undertake work on the TIB allocation process with a call for tender released yesterday. TSRA

are also implementing a \$2 million program to combat crown of thorns starfish (COTS) and will include collaboration with the Australian Institute of Marine Science, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and CSIRO. The rollout of WAPIL 2 is continuing, with the delivery of skills training (e.g. coxswains). QDAF noted only 46% of quota on in the East Coast TRL Fishery had been fished, which is very low compared historically. QDAF have issued Indigenous fishing permits to operators from Cape York. These permits allow Indigenous operators to trial participation in fisheries, noting ongoing access is through the purchase of quota. QDAF have established the Cape York Special Fisheries Working Group with the purpose to identify new economic pathways for Cape York operators.

The TRLWG noted updates from the Papua New Guinea (PNG) National Fisheries Authority (NFA), in particular catch data for the current season (30 tonnes) looks low and the NFA will undertake further work to determine its accuracy. This catch data includes catches from PNG's 'outside but near area'. NFA are undertaking a review of the Management Plan with plans to complete this work by early next year. The NFA will consult with the PZJA to ensure consistency between jurisdictions. The NFA have submitted applications for cross-endorsement for the upcoming fishing season. The NFA will work with AFMA to ensure requirements under the Guidelines for authorising cross-endorsement in areas of Australian jurisdiction of the Torres Strait Protected Zone are met. The PNG NFA, with the support of Australian agencies, continues to develop their capacity to combat IUU fishing in PNG waters. As part of the review of the Management Plan, they are looking to introduce measures to allow them to target local financiers of IUU fishing. The TRLWG discussed the implications of IUU fishing for PNG's MSC. It was noted, that as part of its Client Action Plan over the next 4 years, the NFA is working to develop a process to separate MSC products from those not caught in scope, which includes compliance and monitoring. A number of TRLWG members expressed their concerns about IUU fishing occurring in Australian waters the need for a more coordinated approach from both Australian and PNG agencies.

The TRLWG noted updates from Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate (Malu Lamar), in particular that Malu Lamar will be holding discussions with Queensland and Federal ministers concerning access rights in the Part C determination area. They will also work with the new Cape York Special Fisheries Working Group to progress this issue. Native title bodies across Northern Australia, including the Cape York Land Council, Central Land Council and Kimberly Land Council, have established a Northern Alliance looking to pursue full access fisheries rights. Legislative change will likely be needed to give effect to what is proposed. It was noted by a Traditional Inhabitant Member that the cost of accessing fisheries was too high and inaccessible for most operators. Malu Lamar are also looking to facilitate a maritime summit on Thursday Island, to include all those in the Northern Alliance. Malu Lamar expressed their concern about IUU fishing in the Torres Strait and advocated for a return to the compliance model used in the 1990s. Malu Lamar is awaiting advice from TSRA on the proposed transfer of fisheries assets and the way forward. Malu Lamar are also keen to undertake community consultation with TSRA and AFMA concerning a review of the TIB licencing regime.

Proposed changes to management arrangements

The TRLWG discussed industry proposals for changes to management arrangements in the TRL Fishery. The TRLWG noted the unprecedented challenges facing the TRL Fishery, including high fuel prices, low market prices, average catch rates, increasing freight and transport costs and impediments to market access. Generally the operating costs for the TRL

Fishery are higher than comparable fisheries in other jurisdictions and have increased by \$20/kg since 2019. The future economic outlook for the fishery is looking to deteriorate further, threatening the economic viability of operators. To mitigate these economic pressures, an Industry Member proposed the following for implementation in the 2023-24 fishing season:

- Removal of moon-tide hookah closures. The closures cause bottlenecks, stock loss, and surges meaning supply is unable to meet market demand as needed;
- Bring the hookah season forward 2 weeks to 15 January 2024 and close 2 weeks earlier 15 September 2024, so that the fishery can supply the market for Chinese New Year when prices are highest.

The TRLWG noted that other jurisdictions have taken measures to support operators through tougher economic conditions, including the impacts of COVID. It was noted that the above conditions affect both sectors of the TRL Fishery, and likewise, the proposed changes will also benefit both sectors.

Considering the anticipated and significant economic risks to the TRL Fishery in the coming 2023-24 fishing season the TRLWG recommended, for the 2023-24 fishing season only, the following amendments to management measures:

- That the hookah season be opened on 24 January 2024 rather than 1 February 2024;
- That the moon-tide hookah closure originally scheduled for 7-13 February 2024 be removed;
- That TVH licence holders would not fish using hookah from the 1-30 September 2024.

To be noted that while the recommendation above is made with the support of the Traditional Inhabitant Members as an emergency provision, there was still concern about targeting small lobsters.

The TRLWG will aim to meet in March or April 2024 to discuss outcomes of the emergency amendments to management measures above and any other proposed measures. This meeting will include consideration and discussion of further changes to the moon-tide hookah closures.

A number of Traditional Inhabitant Members and the Malu Lamar Observer raised concerns as to the short notice provided to consider the proposed changes. These members recommended further community consultation be undertaken prior to a decision being made to implement the proposed amendments. The TRLWG supported this and agreed that given the exceptional circumstances, this consultation should be undertaken as a priority by early 2024. TSRA advised they would look into what support they may be able to provide to support the consultation needed. The Industry Member advised they would be available to attend any consultations if needed.

Overview of TRLRAG 35 outcomes and advice

The TRLWG noted an overview of the TRLRAG 35 outcomes presented by the TRLRAG Chair. Key points included:

- The TRL stock is healthy but economic conditions are threatening the viability of the TRL Fishery.
- Under the TRL Fishery Harvest Strategy, a stock assessment is undertaken every three years, with the empirical harvest control rule (eHCR) applied in the intervening

years. A stock assessment was last undertaken in 2022 and indicated a healthy spawning biomass. The eHCR is to be applied in 2023.

- Data inputs to the eHCR:
 - o 1+ data from the 2023 pre-season survey - slightly lower than last year (but not drastic e.g. 2016/17);
 - o 0+ data from the 2023 pre-season survey – high, so positive indications for a good fishing season in 2024-25, however environmental factors can have a big impact on recruitment success;
 - o Standardised catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) for each the TIB and TVH sectors – fairly stable;
 - o TAC substituted for actual catch, consistent with approach applied in previous years and remains within the bounds of what has been management strategy evaluation (MSE) tested.
- The TRLRAG recommended a recommended biological catch (RBC) of 530 tonnes.
- TRLRAG members discussed concerns around uncertainty in the catch data (e.g. recreational, traditional (kai kai) and IUU catches). Concerns as to the impacts of climate change were also discussed, noting El Nino predicted in the coming year, with warmer than average temperatures expected, noting the stock assessment model can take account of changing water temperatures and therefore provide more accurate predictions upon which to base management decisions.
- The eHCR will be reviewed by the TRLRAG in 2024. It is performing well, best practice is to regularly review.
- The TRLRAG did not have concerns from a biological sustainability perspective with the proposed amendments to management measures, noting the main drivers for the proposals were socio-economic. Although the proposals may lead to more smaller lobsters being caught earlier in the season, there should be sufficient larger lobsters still available to fish to offset this issue. It was noted the proposals are temporary in nature and current spawning biomass levels are high.

The TRLRAG discussed how changes in fishing practices and the spatial distribution of effort impacts on the CPUE standardisation. The TRLRAG Chair advised that further analysis would need to be undertaken with regards to these factors before their impacts could be understood.

The TRLWG supported the revision of the eHCR, noting that the science underpinning the TRL Fishery Harvest Strategy is robust. The TRLRAG Chair acknowledged the different approaches between Western and traditional science and the need to come together and involve all stakeholders in the process when the eHCR is reviewed.

Total allowable catch

The TRLWG discussed the global total allowable catch (TAC) for the TRL Fishery for the 2023-24 fishing season, in particular concerns raised by some Traditional Inhabitant Members that the TAC needs to be more conservative given 1+ data from the 2023 pre-season survey is slightly lower than last year, observed changes to key habitat (e.g. sand incursions and loss of seagrass) and an El Nino predicted in the coming year with warmer than average temperatures expected. Traditional Inhabitant members also stated that IUU fishing is

currently occurring, compliance is not effective and this unreported catch is not currently accounted for. The Scientific Member noted that the eHCR has been MSE tested to take account of warmer temperatures in some years (e.g. through testing periodic increased mortality), and a level of unreported catch, so the RBC does take some of these factors into account.

The TRLWG discussed that a reduction in the TAC to take account of the above concerns could be considered arbitrary without supporting data or information. A Scientific Member noted that the eHCR will be revised in 2024, and these concerns can be considered as part of that revision.

Having regard to the advice of TRLRAG 35 on the RBC for the TRL Fishery, the TRLWG recommended a global TAC for the TRL Fishery for the 2023-24 fishing season of 530 tonnes, noting the eHCR is to be revised and the concerns as raised by members should be considered as part of that review.

Traditional Inhabitant Members and the Malu Lamar Observer requested a meeting to discuss concerns regarding the PNG applications for cross-endorsement in the 2023-24 fishing season, including compliance and localised competition and depletion.

No other business was nominated for discussion. It was agreed the Executive Officer will liaise with TRLWG members on a suitable date for the next meeting in April or May. The meeting was closed in prayer.

Meeting attendees and declarations of interests

Members

Name	Position	Declaration of interests
John Glaister*	Chair	Member of Parks North, Chair of Northern Prawn Management Advisory Committee (NORMAC), Chair of the Torres Strait Prawn Management Advisory Committee (TSPMAC).
Laura Blamey*	Scientific Member	Contributes to other Torres Strait research projects that receive research funding, including currently shared science and Indigenous knowledge to support fisheries capacity building in Torres Strait. No other interests in the TRL Fishery.
Sevaly Sen*	Independent Fisheries Economist	<p>Nil pecuniary interests in Torres Strait fisheries. Director of Oceanomics Pty Ltd, a fisheries economics and management consultancy. Current contracts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economics Lead, Human Dimensions Research Coordination program of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (contracted through the University of Tasmania) - Sustainability Advisor to Sydney Fish Market - Co-investigator on Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) Project 2012-042, Impact of COVID-19 on the Australian Seafood Industry: January 2020-June 2021 and beyond - Contractor on FRDC Project 2022-176: ARDC: Food Security Data Challenges: Increasing food security through liberation of fishing and aquaculture data. <p>Independent economist member on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSW Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel - NSW Mulloway Harvest Strategy Working Group - NSW Ocean Trap and Line Harvest Strategy Working Group - NSW Total Allowable Fishing Committee - SA Allocation Review Committee.
Les Pitt#	Traditional Inhabitant Member – Kemer Kemer Meriam	Traditional Inhabitant Member Kemer Kemer Meriam, TIB licence holder and runs an independent freezer facility on Erub Island. Board member of Zenadth Kes Fisheries.

Name	Position	Declaration of interests
Charles David [#]	Traditional Inhabitant Member - Kulkalgal	Traditional Inhabitant Member Kulkalgal, TSRA Fisheries Advisory Committee member and Zenadth Kes Fisheries member.
Patrick Mooka [#]	Traditional Inhabitant Member – Guda Maluligal	Traditional Inhabitant Member Guda Maluligal. Zenadth Kes Fisheries representative. TIB licence holder.
Jermaine Reuben [*]	Traditional Inhabitant Member - Maluyilgal	Traditional Inhabitant Member Maluyilgal, TIB licence holder.
Thomas Fujii [#]	Traditional Inhabitant Member - Kaiwalalgal	Traditional Inhabitant Member Kaiwalalgal. Queensland East Coast TRL and TIB licence holder. Zenadth Kes Fisheries member.
Peter Frazis [*]	Industry Member	General Manager MG Kailis Pty Ltd. MG Kailis Pty Ltd is a holder of 5 TVH licences. Seafood buyer from Torres Strait, QLD, and PNG TRL fisheries.
Trent Butcher [#]	Industry Member	TVH licence holder.
Rosemary Millward [#]	AFMA Member	Nil.
Adam White [*]	Acting TSRA Member	TSRA Program Manager Fisheries. TSRA hold TRL Fishery licences on behalf of Traditional Inhabitants.
Elissa Mastroianni [#]	Executive Officer	Nil.

* Attended online via MS Teams

Attended in person at TSRA

Observers

Name	Position	Declaration of interest
Sereako Stephen [#]	Deputy Chair, Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate (Malu Lamar)	TIB licence holder.
Joseph Posu [#]	PNG National Fisheries Authority (NFA)	Works in the PNG NFA Fisheries Management Unit responsible for managing the prawn and lobster fisheries in the Western Province.
Daniel Takai	Zenadth Kes Fisheries	CEO of Zenadth Kes Fisheries.
Quinten Hirakawa	TSRA	TSRA Senior Project Officer, TIB license holder with a TRL endorsement.

Name	Position	Declaration of interest
Matthew Paipai	TRL industry observer	TIB licence holder, Fish Receiver Licence holder.
Goiri Kaworo	TRL industry observer	TIB licence holder, Fish Receiver Licence holder.
Ian Knuckey	TRLRAG Chair	Full declarations of interest provided at Attachment A1.
Roshni Subramaniam	CSIRO	Postdoctoral fellow at CSIRO, conducting research on the tropical rock lobster supply chain. No interest in the TRL Fishery.
Brooke D'Albertto	ABARES	Nil.
Brett Arlidge	MG Kailis	Director MG Kailis Pty Ltd. MG Kailis Pty Ltd is a holder of 5 TVH licences. Seafood buyer from Torres Strait, QLD, and PNG TRL fisheries.

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Apologies

Name	Position
Mark Dean	Industry Member
Jenny Keys	QDAF Member
Ned David	Chair, Malu Lamar
Damian Miley	TSRA Member

Declaration of interests
Dr Ian Knuckey – October 2022

Ian Knuckey positions:

Director –	Fishwell Consulting Pty Ltd
Director –	Olrac Australia (Electronic logbooks)
Chair –	Northern Prawn Fishery Resource Assessment Group
Chair –	Tropical Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group
Chair –	Victorian Rock Lobster and Giant Crab Assessment Group
Chair – Advisory Group	Victorian Central Zone Abalone Fisheries Resource
Chair – Committee	Gulf of St Vincent’s Prawn Fishery MAC Research Scientific
Scientific Member –	Northern Prawn Management Advisory Committee
Scientific Member –	Gulf of St Vincent’s Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee
Scientific Member –	Tropical Tuna Resource Assessment Group
Scientific Member –	SESSF Resource Assessment Group
Councillor –	Victorian Marine and Coastal Council
Member –	The Geelong Agri Collective

Fishwell current projects:

DAWE Project	Multi-sector fisheries capacity building
AFMA 2022-	Annual monitoring, reporting and assessment of SPF marine mammal interactions, including effectiveness of mitigation measures
AFMA 2020-0807	Bass Strait Scallop Fishery Survey – 2020-22
AFMA project	Design sea cucumber fishery-independent survey for Coral Sea
FRDC 2019-027	Improving and promoting fish-trawl selectivity in the SESSF and GABTS
FRDC 2018-021	Development and evaluation of SESSF multi-species harvest strategies
Traffic Project	Shark Product Traceability
Sea Cucumber Ass.	Design and implementation of various sea cucumber dive surveys.
Australia Bay	Queensland Gulf of Carpentaria Developmental Fin Fish Trawl Fishery
Expert Witness	Gladstone Harbour development impacts

Agenda for TRLWG 15

**TROPICAL ROCK LOBSTER WORKING GROUP 15
(TRLWG 15)**

**Thursday 14 December 2022 | 830am – 5pm
TSRA Boardroom, Thursday Island**

AGENDA

1 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair will welcome members and observers to the 13th meeting of the TRL Working Group.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The Working Group will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

1.3 Declaration of interests

Members and observers will be invited to declare any real or potential conflicts of interest and determine whether a member may or may not be present during discussion of or decisions made on the matter which is the subject of the conflict.

1.4 Action items from previous meetings

The Working Group will be invited to note the status of action items arising from previous meetings.

1.5 Out of session correspondence

The WG will be invited to note out of session correspondence on WG matters since the previous meeting

2 UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

2.1 Industry members

Industry members and observers will be invited to provide an update on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery, in particular, providing comment on fishing patterns, behaviours, prices, and market trends for the 2022-23 season and the start of the 2023-24 season.

2.2 Scientific and Economic members

Scientific and economic members and observers will be invited to provide an update on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery.

2.3 Government agencies

The Working Group will be invited to note updates from AFMA, TSRA and QDAF on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery.

2.4 Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority

The Working Group will be invited to note a verbal update from the PNG National Fisheries Authority.

2.5 Native Title

The Working Group will be invited to note a verbal update from Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation RNTBC and other Working Group members on native title matters relevant to the TRL Fishery.

3 PROPOSED CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Working Group will be invited to note and discuss 3 industry proposals for changes to management arrangements in the fishery.

4 CATCH AND EFFORT DATA FOR THE 2022-23 FISHING SEASON

The WG will be invited to note TRL Fishery catch and effort data for the 2022-23 fishing season, including trends on participation.

5 OVERVIEW OF TRLRAG 35 OUTCOMES AND ADVICE

The Working Group is invited to note an overview of the TRLRAG 35 outcomes to be presented by the TRLRAG Chair.

6 TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH

Having regard to the advice of TRLRAG35 on the recommended biological catch (RBC) for the TRL Fishery, the WG will then be invited to provide advice on a total allowable catch (TAC) for the TRL Fishery for the 2023-24 fishing season.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

The WG will be invited to raise any other matters for consideration.

8 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The WG will be invited to discuss a suitable date for the next Working Group meeting.

The Chair must approve the attendance of all observers at the meeting. Individuals wishing to join the meeting as an observer must contact the Executive Officer – Elissa Mastroianni (elissa.mastroianni@afma.gov.au)

Actions arising from TRLWG 15

Item #	Action	Responsibility
1	QDAF Member to provide TRLWG with details of upcoming Cape York Special Fisheries Working Group meetings and opportunities for Torres Strait stakeholders to attend.	QDAF Member
2	AFMA and TSRA to explore what support may be needed to progress action arising 8, and any other action items which may be assigned to Traditional Inhabitant Members as they arise.	AFMA and TSRA Members
3	TSRA to look into what support they may be able to provide to support consultation on the emergency amendments to management measures.	TSRA Member
4	TRLWG to meet in March or April 2024 to discuss outcomes of the emergency amendments to management measures and any other proposed measures.	TRLWG
5	AFMA to arrange a meeting with TRLWG Traditional Inhabitant Members and the Malu Lamar Observer to discuss concerns regarding the PNG applications for cross-endorsement in the 2023-24 fishing season, including compliance and localised competition and depletion.	AFMA Member

Updates on actions arising from previous TRLWG meetings

#	Action Item	Meeting	Responsible Agency/ies	Due Date	Status
1.	Working Group Members to review and update Timeline for key events in the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery. Industry Member Peter Frazis to update timeline to include significant market events from 2020.	TRLWG 13	All WG members, Industry member Peter Frazis	2023	Complete Members have had the opportunity to consider the timeline OOS, the TRLWG EO has added market events/disruptions to the Timeline.
2.	QDAF Member to provide update on developments in Native Title and Access Rights to the East Coast Fishery for Traditional Inhabitants.	TRLWG 13	QDAF Member	2023	Ongoing A new Cape York Special Fisheries Working Group has been set up, with a focus on identifying pathways for economic development. Noting the cost barrier, as raised by Traditional Inhabitant industry members, to fisheries access (including the current QLD Indigenous quota allocation), the TRLWG agreed the Cape York Special Fisheries Working Group would be a good way to continue this conversation. The QDAF Member agreed to provide TRLWG with details of upcoming Cape York Special Fisheries Working Group meetings and any opportunities to attend.
3.	QDAF Member to provide summary of reporting requirements for commercial fisheries in Queensland, and an overview of the TRL fishery in Queensland. QDAF submitted	TRLWG 13	QDAF Member	2023	Complete QDAF submitted the two reports to the EO on 16 December 2022.

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	the two reports to the EO on 16 December 2022.				
4.	AFMA Working Group Member to liaise with AFMA Compliance on allegations of IUU fishing in TSPZ.	TRLWG 13	AFMA Member	2023	Complete AFMA Member discussed the matter with AFMA Compliance in January 2023. Noting capacity of the TI compliance team, this will remain a priority along with regular, ongoing compliance on this matter.
5.	AFMA to consider transferability and continuity between crews and operators, when collating feedback on the draft Guidelines.	TRLWG 13	AFMA	2023	Complete Requirements for names of crew and operators have been included in the guidelines, to consider this matter.
6.	TIB licence holders to discuss the draft Guidelines out of session and provide feedback to AFMA once they have conducted community consultation.	TRLWG 13	TIB industry members	End January 2023	Incomplete – to be removed The comment period passed without receipt of additional feedback by AFMA. No additional information was provided by Traditional Inhabitant Industry Members.
7.	AFMA to consider including information on requirements for a successful cross-endorsement application.	TRLWG 13	AFMA	13 January 2023	Complete Considered and included in the Guidelines.
8.	TIB Members and Malu Lamar to conduct further consultation with communities regarding Proposals 3-5.	TRLWG 13	TIB Members and Malu Lamar	2023	Ongoing AFMA have not received additional advice from TIB Members or Malu Lamar. AFMA and TSRA agreed to explore what support may be needed to progress this, and other action items which may be assigned to TIB Industry Members as they arise.

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9.	AFMA to establish mid-year Working Group meeting to discuss research proposals and management control arrangements.	TRLWG 13	AFMA	Mid-2023	Complete TRLWG14 was held on 6 July 2023.
10.	TRLWG EO to provide graphs and data for June year on year catches, and links to sea surface temperature maps.	TRLWG 14	TRLWG EO	2023	Complete TRLWG EO circulated this information on 7 July 2023
11.	CSIRO to share presentation on how climate change projects in the Torres Strait fit together.	TRLWG 14	CSIRO	2023	Ongoing Presentation to be considered at next meeting, time permitting.