

APPENDIX XVIV**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP A RESEARCH PRIORITISATION PLAN FOR
SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD SHARK**

Develop research prioritisation plan for Scalloped Hammerhead which can serve as a template to improve specific science-based advice to fill data gaps and to reduce fishing mortality.

1. Identify gaps in catch and abundance data
 - a) Together with the Secretariat review available catch data and certainty thereof;
 - b) Determine research/ analyses required to improve catch data collection and extrapolation for use in stock assessments.
2. Develop research towards gear/area specific measures
 - a) Collate all available research findings for gear and area specific measures to reduce fishing mortality;
 - b) Provide a gap analysis for research towards the effectiveness of gear/area specific measures;
 - c) Create a concise summary of findings in form of an overview table/matrix of most effective gear/area measures that reduce fishing mortality of sharks for the example scalloped hammerhead, including references to available research.
3. Present findings at intersessional meeting of the WPEB and, together with the delegates, develop final report, including summary table to be used as a template for improved, concise advice to be endorsed by the SC and taken forward to the Commission