

Terms of Reference
for Task Team 1 & 2 of Scientific Activities and Collaborative Research on Japanese
Eel Established under the Scientific Meeting

The Bureau of Fisheries of People's Republic of China, the Fisheries Agency of Japan, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and the Fisheries Agency of Chinese Taipei (hereinafter referred to as "Members"),

Recalling the Joint Statement of the Bureau of Fisheries of People's Republic of China, the Fisheries Agency of Japan, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and the Fisheries Agency of Chinese Taipei on International Cooperation for Conservation and Management of Japanese Eel Stock and Other Relevant Eel Species, which was issued in September 2014;

Recognizing the Joint Press Release of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Informal Consultation on International Cooperation for Conservation and Management of Japanese Eel Stock and Other Relevant Eel Species (hereinafter referred to as "Informal Consultation"), which was released in July 2021;

Noting the paragraph 46 of the Summary Report of the 2nd Scientific Meeting on Japanese Eel and Other Relevant Eels held from 29th (Mon) to 30th (Tue) May, 2023 as well as the Terms of Reference for the Scientific Meeting on Japanese Eel and Other Relevant Eels and the rule 7 of the Basic Rules of Meeting Procedure for the Scientific Meeting;

Have decided the following:

PURPOSE

1. Task Teams are established under the Scientific Meeting on Japanese Eel and Other Relevant Eels for the efficient implementation of the tasks.
2. The Task Teams aim at promoting scientific activities and collaborative research on the Japanese eel to provide the best available scientific data and information to the Scientific

Meeting.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

3. The Task Teams focus on the following activities and research:
 - (1) Develop close relationships among scientists in the Northeast Asian-Pacific region and to collaborate on research and other activities (primarily on Japanese eel and also on other relevant eels) that will contribute to understanding and forecasting the stock trends of these species in the Northeast Asian-Pacific region, including: collecting/organizing long-term time-series data, collecting fishery-independent data such as environmental DNA, investigating the field sex-ratio of yellow and silver eels, and developing glass eel species identification guidelines (Task Team 1); and
 - (2) Exchange information and promote collaborative research on spawning migration tracking in order to track migration paths of Japanese eel and other relevant eels from rivers to spawning grounds in Northeast Asia and other regions, and analyze and evaluate tracking data (Task Team 2).
4. Each Task Team has a team leader who leads the team and carries out their duties via email correspondence or by hosting virtual or in-person meetings.
5. Each Member registers scientists/researchers as team members for the two task teams.
6. Team members work in coordination and cooperation with others to ensure the efficient execution of the team's mission.
7. The Task Teams prepare and present an interim report for each task team.

OTHERS

8. Subject to resource constraints, the Interim Secretariat of the Scientific Meeting shall provide support and guidance to the Task Teams.
9. Insofar as they are applicable, the Basic Rules of Meeting Procedure for the Scientific Meeting shall apply mutatis mutandis to the proceedings of the Task Teams.