Meeting Summary with ISC Shark working group chair and Shark scientist at the FRA

Date: May 22nd, 2021

Place:　FRA office at Shimuzu, Shizuoka

* Japan can submit the proposal for Blue shark fishery management but will take long time such as 10 years. So better to find more productive and meaningful steps.
* WCPFC developed a five-years program for the shark research to improve stock assessment quality.
* ISC has not incorporated China’s shark catch data, but the uncertainty is addressed. Both Shortfin Mako and Blue shark stock assessment results shows those stocks are not overfished and overfishing.
* Requested the support to progress the4 FIP workplan and was agreed. Will continue the meeting twice / year (6 months and year-end of FIP)