Stock Identification Work Shop follow up plan (draft)

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Pending Issues reported to the STC:

1. Sampling problems
2. Which institute should analyze the sample
3. Dead line to complete work

Action Plan:

1. Sampling protocol should be developed within each lab.
2. Draft unified protocol should be circulate to each institute
3. Each party designate a contact person

Follow up work

Action plan 1 & 2 will make clear sampling protocol for each study. The sampling techniques should be clarified during this procedure. With using unified sampling technique, each party will be able to collect the sample for stock identification study. A contact person from each party is expected to work for coordination of sampling and data collection. Framework of the sampling protocol is thought to be available in the next annual meeting.

Applicability of the techniques will take time, and the resolution power of each method should be tested before application. Calibration is also needed between the different lab. Contact person is also expected to gather the information about the progress of Stock ID Study in their country. The progress situation should be reported to the STC if necessary, and the future plan should be discussed between the contact persons via E-mail.