
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 12TH WORKING PARTY ON BILLFISH

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Date: 21–25 October 2014

Location: Queen's forum, Queen's Tower B 7th floor
Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr. Jerome Bourjea; **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Miguel Neves dos Santos

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **OUTCOMES OF THE 16th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
4. **OUTCOMES OF SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION**
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the 18th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to billfish (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPB11** (Chair and IOTC Secretariat)
6. **SWORDFISH (Priority species for 2014)**
 - 6.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for swordfish (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.2 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - Southwest Indian Ocean
 - Indian Ocean-wide
 - 6.3 Review of new information on the status of swordfish (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for swordfish
 - 6.4 Development of management advice for swordfish (all)
 - 6.5 Update of swordfish Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
 - Southwest Indian Ocean
 - Indian Ocean-wide
7. **MARLINS**
 - 7.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for marlins (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 7.2 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 7.3 Review of new information on the status of marlins (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for marlins
 - 7.4 Development of management advice for marlins (all)
 - 7.5 Update of marlin species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
8. **INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH**
 - 8.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for sailfish (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 8.2 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 8.3 Review of new information on the status of sailfish (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for sailfish
 - 8.4 Development of management advice for sailfish (all)
 - 8.5 Update of sailfish species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)

9. WPB PROGRAM OF WORK

9.1 Revision of the WPB Program of Work (2015–2019) (Chair and IOTC Secretariat);

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPB meeting (Chair)

10.2 Date and place of the 13th Session of the Working Party on Billfish (Chair and IOTC Secretariat)

10.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 12th Session of the Working Party on Billfish (Chair)