



DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 19TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 27 September 2016

Date: 1–5 December 2016

Location: Seychelles

Venue: Eden Blue Hotel conference room, Eden Island

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr Hilario Murua (EU,Spain); **Vice-Chair:** Dr M. Shiham Adam (Maldives)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chairperson)
4. **DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the 20th Session of the Commission,
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2016** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2016
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2016 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC–2016–WPNT06–R Report of the 6th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC–2016–WPTmT06–R Report of the 6th Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
 - 7.3 IOTC–2016–WPB14–R Report of the 14th Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.4 IOTC–2016–WPEB12–R Report of the 12th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 7.4.1 Status of development and implementation of national plans of action for seabirds and sharks, and implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations
 - 7.4.2 Review of mitigation measures contained in Resolution 13/06 for Oceanic whitetip shark
 - 7.4.3 Revision of mitigation measures contained in Resolution 12/06 for Seabirds
 - 7.5 IOTC–2016–WPTT18–R Report of the 18th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.6 IOTC–2016–WPM07–R Report of the 7th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.6.1 Special session on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)
 - 7.7 IOTC–2016–WPDCS12–R Report of the 12th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.8 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
 - 7.8.1 Revision of the IOTC *Guidelines for the presentation of CPUE standardisations and stock assessment models*
8. **EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ON FLEET OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT CATCH AND EFFORT TRENDS** (Chairperson)
9. **STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
 - 9.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
 - 9.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
 - 9.3 Billfish
10. **STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES AND SEABIRDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
 - 10.1 Sharks
 - 10.2 Marine turtles
 - 10.3 Seabirds

11. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat)

11.1 Consideration of Resolution 16/04 On implementation of a Pilot Project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC

11.1.1 Development of a proposal for a Pilot Project to be presented to the Commission 2017

11.1.2 Minimum Standards for the implementation of Electronic Monitoring Systems.

12 PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL (IOTC Secretariat)**13 PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)

13.1 Program of Work (2017–2021) and assessment schedule

13.2 Schedule of meetings for 2017 and 2018

13.3 Consideration of Resolution 15/09 *On a fish aggregating devices (FADs) working group*

13.4 Consideration of Resolution 16/09 *On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures (TCMP)*

14 IOTC SCIENTIFIC STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN (Chairperson)**15 OTHER BUSINESS** (Chairperson)

15.1 Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) joint meeting of tRFMOs (Chairperson)

15.2 Management Strategy Evaluation joint tuna RFMO meeting (Chairperson)

16 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 19th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)