



DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 20TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 19 September 2017

Date: 30 November - 4 December 2017

Location: Seychelles

Venue: Savoy Hotel conference room, Beau Vallon

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 21st Session of the Commission.
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2017** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2017
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2017 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC–2017–WPNT07–R Report of the 7th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC–2017–WPB14–R Report of the 15th Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.2.1 Revision of catch levels of Marlins under Resolution 15/05
 - 7.3 IOTC–2017–WPEB12–R Report of the 13th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 7.3.1 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
 - 7.3.2 Revision of mitigation measures contained in Resolution 12/04 for marine turtles
 - 7.3.3 Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) joint-meeting of tRFMOs (Chairperson)
 - 7.4 IOTC–2017–WPTT19–R Report of the 19th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.4.1 Estimation of catch limit from SKJ HCR on Resolution 16/02
 - 7.5 IOTC–2017–WPM08–R Report of the 8th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.5.1 Management Strategy Evaluation joint tuna RFMO meeting (Chairperson)
 - 7.6 IOTC–2017–WPDCS13–R Report of the 13th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.7 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
8. **OUTCOMES OF THE FIRST TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (TCMP)**
9. **OUTCOMES OF THE IOTC AND JOINT t-RFMO FAD WORKING GROUPEXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ON FLEET OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT CATCH AND EFFORT TRENDS** (Chairperson)
10. **STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
 - 10.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
 - 10.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species

10.3 Billfish

11. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES AND SEABIRDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)

11.1 Sharks

11.2 Marine turtles

11.3 Seabirds

11.4 Marine Mammals

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

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

12.1.1 Pilot Project approved by the Commission in 2017

12.1.2 Minimum standards for the implementation of Electronic Monitoring Systems

13. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL (IOTC Secretariat)

14. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)

14.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC

14.2 Program of Work (2018–2022) and assessment schedule

14.3 Schedule of meetings for 2018 and 2019

15. IOTC SCIENTIFIC STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN (Chairperson)

16. OTHER BUSINESS (Chairperson)

16.1 Election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the next biennium (Chair and Secretariat)

17. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 20th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)