



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

Last updated: 24 October 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 Marlin 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 GROUP**
10. **EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ON FLEET OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT CATCH AND EFFORT TRENDS** (Chairperson)
11. **STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
 - 11.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species

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- 11.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
11.3 Billfish
- 12. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES AND SEABIRDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
- 12.1 Sharks
12.2 Marine turtles
12.3 Seabirds
12.4 Marine Mammals
- 13. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat)
- 13.1 Consideration of Resolution 16/04 *On the implementation of a Pilot Project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC*
- 13.1.1 Pilot Project approved by the Commission in 2017
13.1.2 Minimum standards for the implementation of Electronic Monitoring Systems
- 14. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL** (IOTC Secretariat)
- 15. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
- 15.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC
15.2 Program of Work (2018–2022) and assessment schedule
15.3 Schedule of meetings for 2018 and 2019
- 16. IOTC SCIENTIFIC STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN** (Chairperson)
- 17. OTHER BUSINESS** (Chairperson)
- 17.1 Election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the next biennium (Chair and Secretariat)
- 18. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 20th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Chairperson)