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**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 9<sup>th</sup> WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**

**UPDATED: 25 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**Date:** 25-27 October 2018

**Location:** Seychelles

**Venue:** Eden Bleu Hotel

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chairperson:** Dr. Toshihide Kitakado; **Vice-Chairperson:** Dr. Iago Mosqueira

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
  - 3.1 Outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.2 Outcomes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPM08 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
  - 3.5 Review of intersessional meetings related to the IOTC MSE process (Chairperson)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Vice-Chairperson)
  - 4.1 Review of Operating Models based on WPM and SC feedback, including possible robustness tests
  - 4.2 Review of set of simulation runs and results
  - 4.3 Revision of Management Procedures and Indicators
  - 4.4 Evaluation of new set of Management Procedures
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Chairperson and Developer)
  - 5.1 Review of model implementation and participation in MSE process
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA AND YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Chairperson and Developers)
  - 6.1. Review of Operating Models based on WPM and SC feedback, including possible robustness tests
  - 6.2. Review of set of simulation runs and results
  - 6.3. Revision of Management Procedures and Indicators
  - 6.4. Evaluation of new set of Management Procedures
- 7. SWORDFISH MSE: UPDATE** (Vice-Chairperson and Developers)
  - 7.1. Conditioning of operating models
  - 7.2. Generic Management Procedures
- 8. JOINT CPUE STANDARDISATION** (Chairperson and Consultant)
  - 8.1. Update on the status of the joint CPUE indices (yellowfin tuna, albacore).
- 9. STOCK STATUS GUIDANCE** (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)
  - 9.1 Guidance on most appropriate models – different structures
  - 9.2 Synthesis of results from multiple model outputs
  - 9.3 Review the approach used to provide management advice – relative to reference points
  - 9.4 Stock status advice for data limited stocks
- 10 OTHER MATTERS** (Chairperson)
  - 10.1 Other matters
  - 10.2 Future considerations for WPM: methods to investigate management advice across multiple model structures for assessing stock status

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**11 WPM PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

- 11.1 Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2019–2023)

**12 OTHER BUSINESS**

- 12.1 Presentation of stock status advice for data limited stocks (Chairperson)
- 12.2 Meeting of the Joint t-RFMO Management Strategy Evaluation working group (Chairperson)
- 12.3 Date and place of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
  
- 12.4 Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 12.5 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPM (Chairperson)