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**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON DATA  
COLLECTION AND STATISTICS**

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**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**Location:** Seychelles

**Venue:** Eden Blue Hotel conference room, Eden Island

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chair:** Mr Stephen Ndegwa (Kenya); **Vice-Chair:** Dr Julien Barde (EU,France)

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.1 Outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee and of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission
  - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPDCS
  - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPDCS13
- 4. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.1 IOTC Secretariat Report
  - 4.2 Dissemination of IOTC data sets and documents
    - 4.2.1 IOTC Data Summary: updates
    - 4.2.2 IOTC Data Dissemination: discussion of potential improvements
    - 4.2.3 Alternative data series
  - 4.3 Updates on data-related requests from other Working Parties
- 5. UPDATE ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
  - 5.1 Update on national statistical systems, including the main challenges in collecting and reporting data to the IOTC Secretariat and proposals to improve future levels of compliance with IOTC data requirements.
  - 5.2 Further analysis of length frequency data and likely impacts on the assessments (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)
- 6 REVIEW OF DATA REQUIREMENTS IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE WPDCS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 6.1 Data reporting (to the IOTC Secretariat)
    - 6.1.1 Resolution 15/02 *On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)*
    - 6.1.2 Resolution 18/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence*
    - 6.1.3 Resolution 18/07 *On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC*
  - 6.2 Data recording (logbooks)
    - 6.2.1 Resolution 15/01 *On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence*

- 6.2.2 Resolution 18/08 *Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs, more detailed specifications of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species*

**7 REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)

- 7.1 Resolution 11/04 *On a regional observer scheme*
- 7.2 Resolution 16/04 *On the implementation of a pilot project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC*
- 7.3 Outcomes of the *Expert Workshop to Review the ROS Standards*
- 7.3.1 Revision of the proposed updates to standards and data fields
- 7.3.2 Proposals for new IOTC ROS data collection and reporting templates
- 7.4 Updates on the ROS supporting tools and the Regional Observer Database
- 7.4.1 Outcomes of the national workshops on the adoption of the ROS supporting tools
- 7.5 IOTC ROS capacity building activities in 2018 / 19

**8 CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES: DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN COASTAL COUNTRIES, AND COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS** (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

**9 FISHERIES INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SYSTEMS** (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

- 9.1 Proposed metadata standards for the fisheries domain
- 9.2 Best practices for (meta)data access and visualization

**10 WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

- 10.1 Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2019–2023

**11 OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Date and place of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the WPDCS: 2019 & 2020 (Chair)
- 11.2 Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPDCS (Chair)