



DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NINTH WORKING PARTY ON BILLFISH

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Date: 4 – 8 July 2011

Location: Seychelles Fishing Authority Conference Room, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. OUTCOMES OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
- 4. OUTCOMES OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**
- 5. PROGRESS MADE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPB08**
- 6. REVIEW OF DATA AVAILABLE ON BILLFISH**
- 7. NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO BILLFISH**
 - 7.1 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data:
 - *Marlins*
 - *Sailfish*
 - *Swordfish*
 - *Southwest Indian Ocean*
 - *Indian Ocean-wide.*
- 8. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF BILLFISH**
 - 8.1 Stock status indicators for marlins and sailfish - Istiophorids:
 - *Marlins*
 - *Sailfish.*
 - 8.2 Stock status indicators and stock assessments for swordfish – *Xiphias gladius*:
 - *Southwest Indian Ocean*
 - *Indicators*
 - *Assessments*
 - *Review and presentation of projection results, including Kobe 2 Strategy Matrix.*
 - *Indian Ocean-wide*
 - *Indicators*
 - *Assessments*
 - *Review and presentation of projection results, including Kobe 2 Strategy Matrix.*
- 9. DEVELOP TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE STATUS OF THE STOCKS**
 - 9.1 Update of species Executive Summaries:
 - *Marlins*
 - *Sailfish*
 - *Swordfish*
 - *Southwest Indian Ocean*
 - *Indian Ocean-wide.*
- 10. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES**
 - 10.1 Development a draft work plan for the WPB.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 Deadlines for data submission relating to Billfish
- 11.2 Date and place of the Tenth Session of the Working Party on Billfish
- 11.3 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPB meeting
- 11.4 Election of a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium
- 11.5 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the Ninth Session of the Working Party on Billfish.

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