



DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Date: 10–15 December, 2012

Location: STC Conference Center, Victoria
Mahé, Seychelles

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr. Tsutomu Nishida; **Vice-Chair:** Mr. Jan Robinson

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chair)
4. **DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
(Secretariat)
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2012** (Secretariat)
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2012 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC-2012-WPTmT04-R: Report of the Fourth Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC-2012-WPB10-R: Report of the Tenth Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.3 IOTC-2012-WPEB08-R: Report of the Eighth Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 7.4 IOTC-2012-WPM04-R: Report of the Fourth Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.5 IOTC-2012-WPTT14-R: Report of the Fourteenth Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.6 IOTC-2012-WPNT02-R: Report of the Second Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.7 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities – stock assessment course; connecting science and management, etc.)
8. **EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ON FLEET OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT CATCH AND EFFORT TRENDS** (Chair)
9. **STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chair)
 - 9.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
 - 9.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
 - 9.3 Billfish
10. **STATUS OF MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND SHARKS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chair)
 - 10.1 Marine turtles
 - 10.2 Seabirds
 - 10.3 Sharks
11. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (Secretariat)
12. **OUTLOOK ON TIME-AREA CLOSURES** (Chair)
13. **IMPACT OF CATCHING BIGEYE TUNA AND YELLOWFIN TUNA JUVENILES AND SPAWNERS** (Chair)
14. **PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL** (Secretariat)
15. **SCHEDULE AND PRIORITIES OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2013 AND TENTATIVELY FOR 2014** (Secretariat)
16. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Chair)
 - 16.1 Revised 'Guidelines for the Presentation of Stock Assessment Models'
17. **REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Chair)