

DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE FIFTEENTH WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS

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Location: Hotel NH Aranzazu
San Sebastián, Spain.

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr. Hilario Murua; **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Shiham Adam

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
- 3. OUTCOMES OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Secretariat)
- 4. OUTCOMES OF SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION** (Secretariat)
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the Seventeenth Session of the Commission (Secretariat)
 - 4.2 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to tropical tunas (Secretariat)
- 5. PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPTT14** (Chair and Secretariat)
- 6. NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO TROPICAL TUNAS**
 - 6.1 Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)
- 7. BIGEYE TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 7.1 Review of the statistical data available for bigeye tuna (Secretariat)
 - 7.2 Review new information on the biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for bigeye tuna (CPC papers)
 - 7.3 Data for input into stock assessments (indicators):
 - Catch and effort
 - Catch at size
 - Growth curves and age-length key
 - Catch at age
 - CPUE indices and standardised CPUE indices
 - Tagging data
 - 7.4 Stock assessment updates
 - 7.5 Selection of Stock Status indicators
 - 7.6 Development of technical advice on the status of bigeye tuna
- 8. SKIPJACK TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 8.1 Review of the statistical data available for skipjack tuna (Secretariat)
 - 8.2 Review new information on the biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for skipjack tuna (CPC papers)
 - 8.3 Data for input into stock assessments (indicators):
 - Catch and effort
 - Catch at size
 - Growth curves and age-length key
 - Catch at age
 - CPUE indices and standardised CPUE indices
 - Tagging data
 - 8.4 Selection of Stock Status indicators
 - 8.5 Development of technical advice on the status of skipjack tuna

9. YELLOWFIN TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS

- 9.1 Review of the statistical data available for yellowfin tuna (Secretariat)
- 9.2 Review new information on the biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for yellowfin tuna (CPC papers)
- 9.3 Data for input into stock assessments (indicators):
 - Catch and effort
 - Catch at size
 - Growth curves and age-length key
 - Catch at age
 - CPUE indices and standardised CPUE indices
 - Tagging data
- 9.4 Selection of Stock Status indicators
- 9.5 Development of technical advice on the status of yellowfin tuna

10. ANALYSIS OF THE TIME-AREA CLOSURES (Noting Resolution 12/13)**11. EFFECT OF PIRACY ON TROPICAL TUNA CATCHES****12. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES**

- 12.1 Revision of the WPTT work plan
- 12.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPTT meeting

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the WPTT for the next biennium
- 13.2 Date and place of the Sixteenth Session of the WPTT
- 13.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the Fifteenth Session of the WPTT