

DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 18 November 2013

Date: 2–6 December 2013

Location: The Lotte Hotel Busan, Rep. of Korea

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 2013 (Secretariat)**
- 6. NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs (CPCs)**
- 7. REPORTS OF THE 2013 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC-2013-WPNT03-R Report of the Third Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC-2013-WPEB09-R Report of the Ninth Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - Best practice guidelines for the safe release and handling of encircled cetaceans
 - Best practice guidelines for the safe release and handling of encircled whale sharks
 - Shark year program
 - 7.3 IOTC-2013-WPB11-R Report of the Eleventh Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.4 IOTC-2013-WPTT15-R Report of the Fifteenth Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.5 IOTC-2013-WPDCS09-R Report of the Ninth Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - Revision to historical data sets held by the Secretariat
 - 7.6 IOTC-2013-SC16-11 Update on the inter-sessional work of the WPM small working group
 - 7.7 IOTC-2013-SC16-12 Outcomes of the informal workshop on CPUE standardisation
 - 7.8 IOTC-2013-SC16-19 Estimation of fishing capacity by tuna fishing fleets in the Indian Ocean
 - 7.9 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. REVIEW OF THE RESOLUTION 12/11: IMPLEMENTATION OF A LIMITATION OF FISHING CAPACITY OF CONTRACTING PARTIES AND COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES (Chair)**
- 10. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chair)**
 - 10.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
 - 10.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
 - 10.3 Billfish
- 11. STATUS OF MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND SHARKS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chair)**
 - 11.1 Marine turtles
 - 11.2 Seabirds
 - 11.3 Sharks
- 12. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (Secretariat)**
- 13. OUTLOOK ON TIME-AREA CLOSURES (Chair)**
 - 13.1 An evaluation of the closure area, specifying in its advice if a modification is necessary, its basic scientific rationale with an assessment of the impact of such a closure on the tropical tuna stocks, notably yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna;

- 13.2 An evaluation of the closure time periods, specifying in its advice if a modification is necessary, its basic scientific rationale with an assessment of the impact of such a closure on the tropical tuna stocks, notably yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna;
- 13.3 An evaluation of the impact on yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna stocks by catching juveniles and spawners taken by all fisheries. The IOTC Scientific Committee shall also recommend measures to mitigate the impacts on juvenile and spawners.

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 2014 AND 2015 (Secretariat)

16. OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

- 16.1 Election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the next biennium (Chair and Secretariat)

17. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chair)