
DRAFT: ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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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)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–01a Draft agenda of the Sixteenth Session of the Scientific Committee
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–01b Draft annotated agenda of the Sixteenth Session of the Scientific Committee
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–02 Draft list of documents of the Sixteenth Session of the Scientific Committee
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chair)
4. **DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–03 Outcomes of the Seventeenth Session of the Commission (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–04 Previous decisions of the Commission (Secretariat)
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2013** (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–05 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2013 (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–06 Standardisation of IOTC Working Party and Scientific Committee report terminology (Secretariat)
 - Presentation on the Technical workshops for the implementation of measures to reduce seabird bycatch in IOTC longline fisheries (Secretariat & Birdlife International)
 - Presentation on the Weight-of-Evidence approach to determine stock status for data poor species (Australia)
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs (CPCs)**
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–NR01–NR33 Presentation of National Reports (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
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–07 Status of development and implementation of national plans of action for seabirds and sharks, and implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–08 Best practice guidelines for the safe release and handling of encircled cetaceans (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–09 Best practice guidelines for the safe release and handling of encircled whale sharks (Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–10 Outcomes of at-sea trials into different line-weighting options for pelagic longline vessels (Birdlife International & Rep. of Korea)
 - IOTC–2013–SC16–18 Shark Year (multi-year research) Program (WPEB small working group & Secretariat)
 - 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
 - 7.6 IOTC–2013–SC16–11 Update on the inter-sessional work of the WPM small working group on Management Strategy Evaluation (WPM Chairperson: I. Mosqueira)
 - 7.7 IOTC–2013–SC16–12 Outcomes of the informal workshop on CPUE standardisation (Secretariat)
 - 7.8 IOTC–2013–SC16–19 Estimation of fishing capacity by tuna fishing fleets in the Indian Ocean (Secretariat)
 - 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)

- IOTC–2013–SC16–13 Examination of the effects of piracy on fleet operations and subsequent catch and effort trends (Secretariat)

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

- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES01 Status of the Indian Ocean Albacore Resource (ALB: *Thunnus alalunga*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES02 Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye tuna (BET: *Thunnus obesus*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES03 Status of the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna (SKJ: *Katsuwonus pelamis*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES04 Status of the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (YFT: *Thunnus albacares*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES05 Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna: 2012 (from CCSBT)

10.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species

- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES06 Status of the Indian Ocean bullet tuna (BLT: *Auxis rochei*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES07 Status of the Indian Ocean frigate tuna (FRI: *Auxis thazard*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES08 Status of the Indian Ocean kawakawa (KAW: *Euthynnus affinis*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES09 Status of the Indian Ocean longtail tuna (LOT: *Thunnus tonggol*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES10 Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific king mackerel (GUT: *Scomberomorus guttatus*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES11 Status of the Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (COM: *Scomberomorus commerson*) resource

10.3 Billfish

- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES12 Status of the Indian Ocean black marlin (BLM: *Makaira indica*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES13 Status of the Indian Ocean blue marlin (BUM: *Makaira nigricans*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES14 Status of the Indian Ocean striped marlin (MLS: *Tetrapturus audax*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES15 Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific sailfish (SFA: *Istiophorus platypterus*) resource
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES16 Status of the Indian Ocean swordfish (SWO: *Xiphias gladius*) resource

11. STATUS OF MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND SHARKS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chair)

11.1 Marine turtles

- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES24 Status of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean

11.2 Seabirds

- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES25 Status of seabirds in the Indian Ocean

11.3 Sharks

- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES17 Status of the Indian Ocean blue shark (BSH: *Prionace glauca*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES18 Status of the Indian Ocean oceanic whitetip shark (OCS: *Carcharhinus longimanus*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES19 Status of the Indian Ocean scalloped hammerhead shark (SPL: *Sphyrna lewini*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES20 Status of the Indian Ocean shortfin mako shark (SMA: *Isurus oxyrinchus*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES21 Status of the Indian Ocean silky shark (FAL: *Carcharhinus falciformis*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES22 Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye thresher shark (BTH: *Alopias superciliosus*)
- IOTC–2013–SC16–ES23 Status of the Indian Ocean pelagic thresher shark (PTH: *Alopias pelagicus*)

12. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (Secretariat)

- IOTC–2013–SC16–14 Update on the 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)

- IOTC–2013–SC16–15 Update on progress regarding Resolution 09/01 – on the performance review follow-up (Secretariat)

- 15. SCHEDULE AND PRIORITIES OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2014 AND 2015** (Secretariat)
- IOTC-2013-SC16-16 IOTC Science work plan 2014-18 (Secretariat)
 - IOTC-2013-SC16-17 Proposed schedule of Working Party and Scientific Committee meetings for 2014 and tentatively for 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)