
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 10TH WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH

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Location: Queen's forum, Queen's Tower B 7th floor
Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan
Tokyo, Japan

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr. Rui Coelho; **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Evgeny Romanov

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **OUTCOMES OF THE 16th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
4. **OUTCOMES OF SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION**
 - 4.1. Outcomes of the 18th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat);
 - 4.2. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to Ecosystems and Bycatch (IOTC Secretariat).
5. **PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPEB09** (Chair and IOTC Secretariat)
6. **REVIEW OF DATA AVAILABLE ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH**
 - 6.1. Review of the statistical data available for ecosystems and bycatch species (IOTC Secretariat);
 - 6.2. Regional Observer Scheme – Update (IOTC Secretariat).
7. **REVIEW OF NATIONAL BYCATCH ISSUES IN IOTC MANAGED FISHERIES AND NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION** (sharks; seabirds; marine turtles) (CPCs and IOTC Secretariat)
 - 7.1. Assessing the need for an NPOA (IOTC Secretariat);
 - 7.2. Updated status of development and implementation of National Plans of Action for seabirds and sharks, and the implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations (CPCs).
8. **NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH SPECIES**
 - 8.1. Review new information on environment and ecosystem interactions and modelling, including climate change issues affecting pelagic ecosystems in the IOTC area of responsibility.
9. **GILLNET FISHERIES: PROBLEMS AND NEEDS** (recommendations from the SC / decisions of the Commission)
 - 9.1. Regional review of the data available for gillnet fleets operating in the Indian Ocean.
 - 9.2. Training for CPCs having gillnet fleets on species identification, bycatch mitigation and data collection methods and also to identify other potential sources of assistance – Development of plans of action.
10. **SHARKS AND RAYS**
 - 10.1. Review new information on the biology, stock structure, bycatch mitigation measures, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 10.2. Historical data series for sharks and rays, in particular for blue shark and oceanic whitetip shark;
 - 10.3. Indian Ocean Shark multi-Year Program (IO-ShYP)
 - Presentation of the IO-ShYP plan (IO-ShYP01 workshop 14-16 May 2014, Olhão Portugal);
 - Discussion on further development of IO-ShYP plan;
 - Adoption of IO-ShYP plan.

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- 10.4. Data for input into stock assessments (indicators), in particular for blue shark and oceanic whitetip shark (all);
- Catch and effort
 - Catch at size
 - Growth curves and age-length key
 - Catch at age
 - CPUE indices and standardised CPUE indices
 - Tagging data
- 10.5. Development of technical advice on the status of the shark stocks (all);
- 10.6. Update of shark species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all).

11. OTHER BYCATCH AND BYPRODUCT SPECIES INTERACTIONS

- 11.1. Review new information on other bycatch and byproduct, in terms of biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all).
- 11.2. Marine turtles
- Review new information on marine turtle biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all);
 - Development of technical advice on the status of marine turtle species (all).
- 11.3. Seabirds
- Review new information on seabird biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all);
 - Development of technical advice on the status of seabird species (all).
- 11.4. Marine mammals
- Review of data available at the Secretariat for marine mammals (IOTC Secretariat);
 - Review new information on marine mammal biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all);
- 11.5. Marine mammal identification cards (all).

12. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES

- 12.1. Revision of the WPEB Program of Work 2015–2019 (Chair)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1. Development of priorities for an Invited Expert/s at the next Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch meeting (Chair);
- 13.2. Date and place of the 11th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Chair and IOTC Secretariat);
- 13.3. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 10th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Chair).