



DRAFT: ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 17TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Location: Eden Bleu Hotel, Eden Island, 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)
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 17th Session of the Scientific Committee
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-01b: Draft: Annotated agenda of the 17th Session of the Scientific Committee
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-02: Draft: List of documents of the 17th Session of the Scientific Committee
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chair)
4. **DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the 18th Session of the Commission
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-03: Outcomes of the 18th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-04: Previous decisions of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2014** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2014
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-05: Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2014 (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.2 Revised: Guidelines for the presentation of CPUE standardisations and stock assessment models
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-06: Revised: Guidelines for the presentation of CPUE standardisations and stock assessment models (IOTC Secretariat)
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-NR01-35: National Reports (2014) from each IOTC CPC
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2014 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC-2014-WPNT04-R: Report of the 4th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC-2014-WPTmT05-R: Report of the 5th Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
 - 7.3 IOTC-2014-WPB12-R: Report of the 12th Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.4 IOTC-2014-WPEB10-R: Report of the 10th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - IO-ShYP: Shark year program
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-07: 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 (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 7.5 IOTC-2014-WPTT16-R: Report of the 16th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.6 IOTC-2014-WPDCS10-R: Report of the 10th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.7 IOTC-2014-WPM05-R: Report of the 5th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - IOTC-2014-SC17-INF01: Management strategy evaluation for the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna fishery (Bentley N & Adam MS)
 - 7.8 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

- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES01: Status of the Indian Ocean Albacore (ALB: *Thunnus alalunga*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES02: Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye tuna (BET: *Thunnus obesus*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES03: Status of the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna (SKJ: *Katsuwonus pelamis*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES04: Status of the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (YFT: *Thunnus albacares*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES05: Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna: 2013 (from CCSBT)

9.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species

- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES06: Status of the Indian Ocean bullet tuna (BLT: *Auxis rochei*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES07: Status of the Indian Ocean frigate tuna (FRI: *Auxis thazard*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES08: Status of the Indian Ocean kawakawa (KAW: *Euthynnus affinis*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES09: Status of the Indian Ocean longtail tuna (LOT: *Thunnus tonggol*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES10: Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific king mackerel (GUT: *Scomberomorus guttatus*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES11: Status of the Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (COM: *Scomberomorus commerson*) resource

9.3 Billfish

- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES12: Status of the Indian Ocean black marlin (BLM: *Makaira indica*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES13: Status of the Indian Ocean blue marlin (BUM: *Makaira nigricans*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES14: Status of the Indian Ocean striped marlin (MLS: *Tetrapturus audax*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES15: Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific sailfish (SFA: *Istiophorus platypterus*) resource
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES16: Status of the Indian Ocean swordfish (SWO: *Xiphias gladius*) resource

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

10.1 Sharks

- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES17: Status of the Indian Ocean blue shark (BSH: *Prionace glauca*)
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES18: Status of the Indian Ocean oceanic whitetip shark (OCS: *Carcharhinus longimanus*)
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES19: Status of the Indian Ocean scalloped hammerhead shark (SPL: *Sphyrna lewini*)
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES20: Status of the Indian Ocean shortfin mako shark (SMA: *Isurus oxyrinchus*)
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES21: Status of the Indian Ocean silky shark (FAL: *Carcharhinus falciformis*)
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES22: Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye thresher shark (BTH: *Alopias superciliosus*)
- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES23: Status of the Indian Ocean pelagic thresher shark (PTH: *Alopias pelagicus*)

10.2 Marine turtles

- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES24: Status of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean

10.3 Seabirds

- IOTC–2014–SC17–ES25: Status of seabirds in the Indian Ocean

11. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC–2014–SC17–08: Update on the implementation of the regional observer scheme (IOTC Secretariat)

12. EVALUATION OF CLOSED AREAS AS MANAGEMENT OPTIONS (Chair)

S18, Para. 23: *NOTING that the objective of Resolution 12/13 was to decrease the overall pressure on the main targeted stocks in the Indian Ocean, in particular yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna, and also to evaluate the impact of the current time/area closure and any alternative scenarios on tropical tuna*

populations, the Commission REQUESTED that the SC (via the WPTT in 2014) undertake an analysis of the combined impacts of the two closed areas in the Indian Ocean (contained in Resolution 12/13 and the UK(OT) MPA), with the objective of determining the utility of closed areas in managing highly migratory species.

13. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL (IOTC Secretariat)

- **IOTC–2014–SC17–09:** 2014: Update on progress regarding Resolution 09/01 – on the performance review follow-up (IOTC Secretariat)

14. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IOTC Secretariat)

14.1 Program of Work (2015–2019) and assessment schedule

- **IOTC–2014–SC17–10:** Revision of the program of work (2015–19) for the IOTC science process (IOTC Secretariat)

14.2 Schedule of meetings for 2015 and 2016

- **IOTC–2014–SC17–11 Rev_1:** Proposed schedule of Working Party and Scientific Committee meetings for 2015 and 2016 (IOTC Secretariat)

15. OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

15.3 **TBA**

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