
AGENDA FOR THE 17TH WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS

Date: 23–28 October 2015

Location: Montpellier, France

Venue: Montpellier Aquarium

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr Shiham Adam (Maldives) **Vice-Chair:** Dr Gorka Merino (EU, Spain)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 17th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2 Outcomes of the 19th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to tropical tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPTT16 (IOTC Secretariat)
4. **NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO TROPICAL TUNAS**
 - 4.1 Review of the statistical data available for tropical tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2 Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (general CPC papers)
5. **BIGEYE TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 5.1 Review of the statistical data available for bigeye tuna (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.2 Review new information on bigeye tuna biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)
 - 5.3 Review of new information on the status of bigeye tuna (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for bigeye tuna
 - 5.4 Development of management advice for bigeye tuna, and update of bigeye tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
 - 5.5 Bigeye tuna Management Strategy Evaluation process update (all)
6. **SKIPJACK TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 6.1 Review of the statistical data available for skipjack tuna (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.2 Review new information on skipjack tuna biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)
 - 6.3 Review of new information on the status of skipjack tuna (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for skipjack tuna
 - 6.4 Development of management advice for skipjack tuna, and update of skipjack tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
 - 6.5 Skipjack tuna Management Strategy Evaluation process update (all)
7. **YELLOWFIN TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 7.1 Review of the statistical data available for yellowfin tuna (IOTC Secretariat)

- 7.2 Review new information on yellowfin tuna biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)
 - 7.3 Review of new information on the status of yellowfin tuna (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for yellowfin tuna
 - 7.4 Development of management advice for yellowfin tuna, and update of yellowfin tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
 - 7.5 Yellowfin tuna Management Strategy Evaluation process update (all)
- 8. DEVELOPMENT OF OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR TROPICAL TUNAS IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE**
- 9. WPTT PROGRAM OF WORK**
- 9.1 Revision of the WPTT Program of Work (2016–2020)
 - 9.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPTT meeting
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 10.1 Date and place of the 18th and 19th Sessions of the WPTT (Chair and IOTC Secretariat)
 - 10.2 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 17th Session of the WPTT (Chair)