



DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 18TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Date: 23–27 November 2015

Location: Bali, Indonesia

Venue: HARRIS Hotel & Residences Sunset Road - Bali

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr Tsutomu Nishida; **Vice-Chair:** Mr Jan Robinson

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
 2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
 3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chairperson)
 4. **DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the 19th Session of the Commission,
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
 5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2015** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2015
 6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
 7. **REPORTS OF THE 2015 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC–2015–WPNT05–R Report of the 5th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC–2015–WPB13–R Report of the 13th Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.3 IOTC–2015–WPEB11–R Report of the 11th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 7.3.1 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
 - 7.3.2 Seabird bycatch mitigation trials: Updates
 - 7.4 IOTC–2015–WPM06–R Report of the 6th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.4.1 Special session on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)
 - 7.5 IOTC–2015–WPDCS11–R Report of the 11th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.6 IOTC–2015–WPTT17–R Report of the 17th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.7 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
 - 7.7.1 Revision of the IOTC *Guidelines for the presentation of CPUE standardisations and stock assessment models*
 8. **EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ON FLEET OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT CATCH AND EFFORT TRENDS** (Chairperson)
 9. **STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
 - 9.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
 - 9.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
 - 9.3 Billfish
 10. **STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES AND SEABIRDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
 - 10.1 Sharks
 - 10.2 Marine turtles
 - 10.3 Seabirds
 11. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat)
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- 12. DEVELOPMENT OF OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT MEASURES (INCLUDING CLOSURES) IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE** (Chairperson)
- 13. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL** (IOTC Secretariat)
- 14. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 14.1 Program of Work (2016–2020) and assessment schedule
 - 14.2 Schedule of meetings for 2016 and 2017
 - 14.3 Consideration of Resolution 15/09 *On a fish aggregating devices (FADs) working group*
- 15. OTHER BUSINESS** (Chairperson)
 - 15.1 Review of publication deadlines for IOTC data summaries and other datasets for use by Working Parties (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 15.2 Development of harmonised ‘Terms and Definitions’ for the IOTC’s compendium of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs): Science (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 15.3 Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)
- 16. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 18th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Chairperson)