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**DRAFT: ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> 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)
  - **IOTC-2015-SC18-01a:** Draft: Agenda of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
  - **IOTC-2015-SC18-01b:** Draft: Annotated agenda of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
  - **IOTC-2015-SC18-02:** Draft: List of documents of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
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 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission
    - **IOTC-2015-SC18-03:** Outcomes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
    - **IOTC-2015-SC18-04:** Previous decisions of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
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
    - **IOTC-2015-SC18-05:** Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2015 (IOTC Secretariat)
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
  - **IOTC-2015-SC18-NR01-37:** National Reports (2015) from each IOTC CPC
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2015 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
  - 7.1 **IOTC-2015-WPNT05-R:** Report of the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
  - 7.2 **IOTC-2015-WPB13-R:** Report of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfish
  - 7.3 **IOTC-2015-WPEB11-R:** Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
    - 7.3.1 **IOTC-2015-SC18-06:** 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)
    - 7.3.2 **IOTC-2015-SC18-14:** Updates on at-sea trials into different line-weighting options for Korean tuna longline vessels (Kim Y, Kim ZG, Lee SI, Choi GC, Jo GS, Jung J, Park HW, Park JY, Rollinson D & Wanless RM)
  - 7.4 **IOTC-2015-WPM06-R:** Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
  - 7.6 **IOTC-2015-WPTT17-R:** Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
    - 7.6.1 **IOTC-2015-SC18-13:** Proposals for improved figures in the tropical tunas executive summaries (A. Fonteneau and F. Marsac)
  - 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)
- IOTC–2015–SC18–12: IOTC species executive summaries: target audience, content and resourcing (IOTC Secretariat)
- 9.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
- IOTC–2015–SC18–ES01: Status of the Indian Ocean Albacore (ALB: *Thunnus alalunga*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES02: Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye tuna (BET: *Thunnus obesus*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES03: Status of the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna (SKJ: *Katsuwonus pelamis*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES04: Status of the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (YFT: *Thunnus albacares*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES05: Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna: 2014 (from CCSBT)
- 9.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
- IOTC–2015–SC18–ES06: Status of the Indian Ocean bullet tuna (BLT: *Auxis rochei*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES07: Status of the Indian Ocean frigate tuna (FRI: *Auxis thazard*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES08: Status of the Indian Ocean kawakawa (KAW: *Euthynnus affinis*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES09: Status of the Indian Ocean longtail tuna (LOT: *Thunnus tonggol*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES10: Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific king mackerel (GUT: *Scomberomorus guttatus*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES11: Status of the Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (COM: *Scomberomorus commerson*) resource
- 9.3 Billfish
- IOTC–2015–SC18–ES12: Status of the Indian Ocean black marlin (BLM: *Makaira indica*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES13: Status of the Indian Ocean blue marlin (BUM: *Makaira nigricans*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES14: Status of the Indian Ocean striped marlin (MLS: *Tetrapturus audax*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES15: Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific sailfish (SFA: *Istiophorus platypterus*) resource
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES16: Status of the Indian Ocean swordfish (SWO: *Xiphias gladius*) resource
- 10. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES AND SEABIRDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
- 10.1 Sharks
- IOTC–2015–SC18–ES17: Status of the Indian Ocean blue shark (BSH: *Prionace glauca*)
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES18: Status of the Indian Ocean oceanic whitetip shark (OCS: *Carcharhinus longimanus*)
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES19: Status of the Indian Ocean scalloped hammerhead shark (SPL: *Sphyrna lewini*)
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES20: Status of the Indian Ocean shortfin mako shark (SMA: *Isurus oxyrinchus*)
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES21: Status of the Indian Ocean silky shark (FAL: *Carcharhinus falciformis*)
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES22: Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye thresher shark (BTH: *Alopias superciliosus*)
  - IOTC–2015–SC18–ES23: Status of the Indian Ocean pelagic thresher shark (PTH: *Alopias pelagicus*)
- 10.2 Marine turtles
- IOTC–2015–SC18–ES24: Status of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean
- 10.3 Seabirds
- IOTC–2015–SC18–ES25: Status of seabirds in the Indian Ocean
- 11. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat)
- IOTC–2015–SC18–07: Update on the 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)
- **IOTC–2015–SC18–08:** 2015: 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 (2016–2020) and assessment schedule
    - **IOTC–2015–SC18–09:** Revision of the program of work (2016–20) for the IOTC science process (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 14.2 Schedule of meetings for 2016 and 2017
    - **IOTC–2015–SC17–10:** Proposed schedule of Working Party and Scientific Committee meetings for 2016 and 2017 (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 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)
    - **IOTC–2015–SC18–11:** 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 18<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Chairperson)