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## **DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON NERITIC TUNAS**

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**Date:** 21–24 June 2016

**Location:** Mahé, Seychelles

**Venue:** Coral Strand Hotel, Beau Vallon

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chair:** Dr Farhad Kaymaram; **Vice-Chair:** Dr Mathias Igulu

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 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.2 Outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPNT05 (IOTC Secretariat)
4. **NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA FOR NERITIC TUNAS**
  - 4.1 Review of the statistical data available for neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.2 Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (general CPC papers)
5. **LONGTAIL TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
  - 5.1 Review new information on the biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for longtail tuna (CPC papers)
  - 5.2 Data for input into stock assessments:
    - Catch and effort
    - Catch at size
    - Growth curves and age-length key
    - Catch at age
    - CPUE indices and standardised CPUE indices
    - Tagging data
  - 5.3 Stock assessment updates
  - 5.4 Selection of Stock Status indicators
  - 5.5 Development of technical advice on the status of longtail tuna
6. **NARROW-BARRED SPANISH MACKEREL – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
  - 6.1 Review new information on the biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (CPC papers)
  - 6.2 Data for input into stock assessments:
    - Catch and effort
    - Catch at size
    - Growth curves and age-length key
    - Catch at age
    - CPUE indices and standardised CPUE indices
    - Tagging data
  - 6.3 Stock assessment updates
  - 6.4 Selection of Stock Status indicators
  - 6.5 Development of technical advice on the status of narrow-barred Spanish mackerel

**7. OTHER NERITIC TUNA SPECIES – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**

- 7.1 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
- 7.2 Data for input into stock assessments (all)
- 7.3 Stock assessment updates (all)
- 7.4 Stock status indicators for other neritic tuna species (all)
- 7.5 Development of management advice for other neritic tuna species (all)

**8. PROGRAM OF WORK (RESEARCH AND PRIORITIES)**

- 8.1 Revision of the WPNT Program of Work 2017–2021 (Chair)
- 8.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPNT meeting

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9.2 Date and place of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)
- 9.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)