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**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON  
TROPICAL TUNAS**

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**Date:** 5 November – 10 November 2016

**Location:** Seychelles

**Venue:** International Conference Centre Seychelles (TBC)

**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 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 tropical tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPTT17 (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 (all)
  - 5.5 Update of bigeye tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (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 (all)
  - 6.5 Update of skipjack tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (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 (all)
  - 7.5 Update of yellowfin tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (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 (2017–2021)
  - 9.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPTT meeting
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 10.1 Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 10.2 Date and place of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the WPTT (Chair and IOTC Secretariat)
  - 10.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPTT (Chair)