



DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 8th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS

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Date: 13-15 October 2017

Location: Seychelles

Venue: tbc

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chairperson: Dr. Toshihide Kitakado; **Vice-Chairperson:** Dr. Iago Mosqueira

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 19th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2 Outcomes of the 21st Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPM07 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
 - 3.5 Review of intersessional meetings related to the IOTC MSE process (Chairperson)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Vice-Chairperson)
 - 4.1 Conditioning of operating models
 - 4.2 Simulation platform
 - 4.3 Tentative Harvest Control Rules
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Chairperson and Consultant)
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 - 5.2 Simulation platform
 - 5.3 Tentative Harvest Control Rules
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA AND YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Chairperson and Consultant)
- 7. SWORDFISH MSE: UPDATE** (Vice-Chairperson and Consultant)
- 8. PRESENTATION AND EVALUATION OF MSE RESULTS** (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)
 - 7.1 Visualisation of MSE results
 - 7.2 Performance indicators
- 9. CPUE STANDARDISATION** (Chairperson and Consultant)
 - 9.1 Update on the status of the joint CPUE indices (yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna & albacore).
 - 9.2 Priorities for future development of the joint CPUE indices.
- 10 OTHER MATTERS** (Chairperson)
 - 10.1 Other matters
 - 10.2 Future considerations for WPM: methods to investigate management advice across multiple model structures for assessing stock status
- 11 WPM PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
 - 11.1 Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2018–2022)
- 12 OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 12.1 Presentation of stock status advice for data limited stocks (Chairperson)
 - 12.2 Meeting of the Joint t-RFMO Management Strategy Evaluation working group (Chairperson)

- 12.3 Date and place of the 9th and 10th Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 12.4 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium
- 12.5 Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 12.6 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 8th Session of the WPM (Chairperson)