
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 22ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

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Date: 21–25 May 2018

Location: Bangkok, Thailand, Windsor Suites Hotel

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chairperson: Vacant; **Vice-Chairperson:** Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION**
2. **LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS** (Secretariat)
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Secretariat)
4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
IOTC-2018-S22-01a, IOTC-2018-S22-01b, IOTC-2018-S22-02
5. **AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE** — IOTC-2018-S22-03a, IOTC-2018-S22-03b
 - 5.1. Appointment of an Executive Secretary (introduced by the Chairperson of the small drafting group)
In March, the IOTC ViceChairperson wrote to the FAO Council presenting the draft Rules of Procedure on the selection and appointment of the Executive Secretary of the Commission developed by the IOTC small working group, for submission to the FAO Committee on Constitutional Legal Matters (CCLM) and for review by the FAO Secretariat. The draft rules of procedure are provided in doc S22-03a; and the FAO Secretariat's observations on the proposed amendments are provided in doc S22-03b.
 - 5.2. Proposal to amend Appendix V - the Compliance Committee terms of reference and rules of procedure (introduced by the European Union) — IOTC-2018-S22-04
6. **BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES BEING PROPOSED IN 2018** (with Contracting Parties) — IOTC-2018-S22-PropA to N
Proponents of each conservation and management measure proposal are invited to give a brief introduction to their proposal before proposals are allocated to a relevant agenda item
7. **REPORT OF THE 20TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC20)** (with the Scientific Committee Chairperson) — IOTC-2018-SC20-R
 - 7.1. Overview of the 2017 SC Report
 - 7.2. The status of tropical and temperate tunas
 - Yellowfin stock status - examination and follow-up of the Resolution 17/01 on an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence — IOTC-2018-S22-08 (European Union)
 - 7.3. Matters related to ecosystems, bycatch and the status of sharks
 - Follow up of the Resolution 17/05 on Shark Finning and on the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC regarding shark finning and need to assess the opportunity to prohibit the removal of shark fins on-board for all shark fisheries in IOTC — IOTC-2018-S22-06 (European Union)
 - Proposal B on management measures for the conservation of blue shark caught in association with IOTC fisheries (European Union).
 - Proposal C on bioFAD experimental project (European Union)
 - Proposal H on a scoping study of socio-economic indicators of IOTC fisheries (Seychelles et al)
 - Proposal L on the conservation of mobula and manta rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC Area of competence (Maldives et al).

- 7.4.** The status of neritic tunas
- 7.5.** The status of billfish
- Proposal A on management measures for the conservation of billfish: striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin and Indo-Pacific sailfish (European Union)
- 7.6.** Matters affecting all IOTC species
- Proposal D on a Regional Observer Scheme (European Union)
 - Proposal J on a Regional Observer Scheme (Mauritius)
 - Proposal F on procedures on a Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) Management Plan, Including a Limitation on the Number of FADs, More Detailed Specifications of Catch Reporting from FAD sets, and the Development of Improved FAD Design to Reduce the Incidence of Entanglement of Non-Target Species (proposed amendment to Res 17/08, Japan)
- 8. REPORT OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA (TCAC04)** (with the TCAC Chairperson) — IOTC-2018-TCAC04-R
- 8.1.** Overview of the TCAC04 Report
- 8.2.** Proposals related to allocation
- Proposal K on the allocation of fishing opportunities for IOTC species (Maldives et al)
- 9. REPORT OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (TCMP02)** (with the TCMP Chairperson) — IOTC-2018-TCMP02-R (available 21 May)
- 10. REPORT OF THE 15TH SESSION OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (CoC15)** (with the Compliance Committee Chairperson) — IOTC-2018-COC15-R (available 18 May)
- 10.1.** Overview of the CoC15 Report (including the report from the 1st meeting of the Working Party on Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures)
- 10.2.** Adoption of the List of IUU Vessels
- 10.3.** Requests for accession to the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party
- 10.4.** Recommendation to extend the application of the Resolution 15/11 on the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties that should remain active until it is replaced by other management measures limiting the fishing effort in IOTC — IOTC-2018-S22-07 (European Union)
- 10.5.** Proposals related to Compliance
- Proposal E on measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC (European Union)
 - Proposal G on establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC Area of competence (proposed amendment to Res17/03, Japan and European Union)
 - Proposal I on vessel chartering in the IOTC Area of competence (South Africa et al).
 - Proposal M on establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (Maldives)
- 11. REPORT OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE REVIEW (TCPR01)** (with the TCPR Chairperson) — IOTC-2018-TCPR-R
- 11.1.** Overview of the TCPR01 Report
- 11.2.** Progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd IOTC Performance Review Panel — IOTC-2018-S22-09a
- 11.3.** Progress on the implementation of recommendations/actions allocated to the Commission — IOTC-2018-S22-09b
- 11.4.** The TCPR work plan
- 11.5.** Maintaining/changing the institutional link with FAO as it relates to the drafting of the new IOTC Agreement
- In 2016, the Commission requested the TCPR to make a recommendation on whether the IOTC should remain within the FAO framework or become a separate legal entity. At the first TCPR meeting in February this year, some CPCs indicated that they were not in a position to make such a recommendation. In the meantime, the*

TCPR has established a small drafting group to develop proposed language for the new IOTC Agreement. Under the proposed work plan, the TCPR will need a decision from the Commission on the institutional link with FAO by the conclusion of S23 at the latest in order to adapt the agreement accordingly and present it to the Commission in 2020.

12. REPORT OF THE 15TH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (SCAF15)
(with the SCAF Chairperson) — IOTC-2018-SCAF15-R (available 18 May)

- 12.1. Programme of Work and Budget of the Commission (introduced by the Secretariat)
- 12.2. Schedule of meetings for 2019-2020 (Chairperson)

13. PROGRESS ON REQUESTS FOR ACTION MADE BY THE COMMISSION IN 2017 (S21) (introduced by the Secretariat) — IOTC-2018-S22-05

14. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- 14.1. Consideration of current Conservation and Management Measures that require action by the Commission in 2018 and 2019 (introduced by the Secretariat) — IOTC-2018-S22-10
- 14.2. Review of objections received under Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement (introduced by the Secretariat) — IOTC-2018-S22-11
- 14.3. Proposals for Conservation and Management Measures (Contracting Parties)
 - Proposal N on the implementation of a limit of fishing capacity of contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (updating Res 15/11, Maldives)
- 14.4. Deliberating on any outstanding proposals
- 14.5. Recapping the status of proposals submitted in 2018

15. OTHER BUSINESS

- 15.1. Cooperation with other organisations and institutions (Secretariat)
- 15.2. Migration of the IOTC website (Secretariat)
- 15.3. Date and place of the 23rd and 24th Sessions of the Commission and of its subsidiary bodies for 2018 and 2019

16. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION (with Contracting Parties)

17. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 22nd SESSION OF THE COMMISSION