



AGENDA FOR THE 21ST SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 04 October 2018

Date: 3 - 7 December 2018

Location: Seychelles

Venue: Eden Bleu Hotel, Eden Island

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr Hilario Murua (EU,Spain); **Vice-Chair:** Dr M. Shiham Adam (Maldives)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
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 22nd Session of the Commission.
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2018** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2018
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2018 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC-2018-WPNT08-R Report of the 8th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC-2018-WPB16-R Report of the 16th Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.2.1 Revision of catch levels of Marlin under Resolution 15/05
 - 7.3 IOTC-2018-WPEB14-R Report of the 14th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 7.3.1 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
 - 7.3.2 Outcomes from the Updated Ecological Risk Assessments for sharks and marine turtles
 - 7.3.3 Progress towards Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) in IOTC – Preliminary Ecosystem Report Cards (Chairperson)
 - 7.4 IOTC-2018-WPTT20-R Report of the 20th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.4.1 Review of the effect of the revised interim plan for rebuilding yellowfin tuna in the IOTC Area (Resolution 17/01) as amended in Proposal IOTC-2018-S22-08
 - 7.5 IOTC-2016-WPTmT06-R Report of the 6th Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
 - 7.6 IOTC-2018-WPM09-R Report of the 9th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.6.1 Management Strategy Evaluation joint tuna RFMO meeting (Chairperson)
 - 7.7 IOTC-2018-WPDCS14-R Report of the 14th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.8 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
8. **OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (TCMP)**
9. **EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ON FLEET OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT CATCH AND EFFORT TRENDS** (Chairperson)

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- 10. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
- 10.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
 - 10.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
 - 10.3 Billfish
- 11. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND MARINE MAMMALS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
- 11.1 Sharks
 - 11.2 Marine turtles
 - 11.3 Seabirds
 - 11.4 Marine Mammals
- 12. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat)
- 12.1 Consideration of Resolution 16/04 On the implementation of a Pilot Project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC
 - 12.1.1 Update on the Pilot Project approved by the Commission in 2017
 - 12.1.2 Minimum standards for the implementation of the ROS – Outcomes from the expert workshop
- 13. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL** (IOTC Secretariat)
- 13.1 Outcomes from the 1st Technical Committee on Performance Review
- 14. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
- 14.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC
 - 14.2 Program of Work (2019–2023) and assessment schedule
 - 14.3 Schedule of meetings for 2019 and 2020
- 15. IOTC SCIENTIFIC STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN** (Chairperson)
- 16. OTHER BUSINESS** (Chairperson)
- 17. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 20th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Chairperson)