
**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE
23RD SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION**

v16 June 2019

Date: 17-21 June 2019**Location:** Hyderabad, India **Venue:** Hotel Novotel Conference Centre**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily**Chairperson:** Susan Imende (Kenya)**Day 1 Monday morning**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION**
2. **LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS**
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**
4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** — IOTC-2019-S23-01d (draft agenda)
5. **UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN 2018 (S22)** — IOTC-2019-S23-03
6. **AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC PROCEDURES**
 - 6.1. **Outcomes of the work of the small drafting group on the rules of procedure relating to the appointment of an Executive Secretary** (verbal update from the small drafting group)
 - 6.2. **Proposal to amend Appendix V - the Compliance Committee terms of reference and rules of procedure** — IOTC-2019-S23-04 (European Union)
 - 6.3. **Amendments to the IOTC Financial Regulations** — IOTC-2019-SCAF16-09 (SCAF Chairperson)
 - 6.4. **Clarification on the eligibility of Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons of IOTC working parties** — IOTC-2019-S23-05

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7. **REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** — IOTC-2018-SC21-R
 - 7.1. **Overview of the 2018 SC21 Report** (SC Chairperson)
 - 7.2. **IOTC Strategic Science Plan 2020-2024** — IOTC-2019-S23-11
In accordance with Recommendation 12/15 On the best available science. A final draft Strategic Science Plan is provided for the Commission's consideration and prospective adoption.
 - 7.3. **The status of tropical and temperate tunas**

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- 7.4. **Matters related to ecosystems, bycatch and the status of sharks**
- 7.5. **The status of neritic tunas**
- 7.6. **The status of billfish**
8. **INTRODUCTION TO CMM PROPOSALS**
Proponents will be invited to provide a brief introduction to their proposals, and time will be made available to respond to requests for clarification. A schedule for considering the proposals over the course of the meeting will be developed.
 - **Proposal B: on an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of Competence (Rep. Korea)**

- Proposal K: on an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of Competence (European Union)
- Proposal S: on an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock (South Africa & Maldives)
- Proposal P: On a management procedure for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC Area of Competence (Australia et al)
- Proposal D: On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC Area of competence (Seychelles).
- Proposal I: On the conservation of mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence (European Union).
- Proposal O: On the conservation of mobula and manta rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence (Maldives).
- Proposal J: On a regional observer scheme (European Union)
- Proposal A: On the allocation of fishing opportunities for IOTC species (Maldives et al)
- Proposal M: Establishing a quota allocation system for the main targeted species in the IOTC Area of Competence (European Union).
- Proposal C: On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (Indonesia)
- Proposal N: On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (Maldives)
- Proposal E: Concerning the IOTC Record of Vessels Authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence (Seychelles)
- Proposal R: Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information (South Africa).
- Proposal F: On vessel chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence (Seychelles)
- Proposal Q: On vessel chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence (South Africa)
- Proposal G: Procedures on A FADs Management Plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs (...) of non-target species (Seychelles)
- Proposal H: Procedures on A FADs Management Plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs (...) of non-target species (European Union)
- Proposal L: On marking of fishing gear and prevention of marine pollution (European Union).

9. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA —IOTC-2019-TCAC05-R

9.1. Overview of the TCAC05 Report (Secretariat on behalf of the TCAC Chairperson)

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10. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES —IOTC-2019-TCMP03-R (available 16 June)

10.1. Overview of the TCMP03 Report (TCMP Chairperson)

10.2. Review the need for a continuation of the TCMP — IOTC-2019-S23-08

This review is in accordance with instructions in para 8 of Resolution 16/09 On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures.

11. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE —IOTC-2019-CoC16-R (available 15 June)

11.1. Overview of the CoC16 Report (CoC Vice-Chairperson)

11.2. Adoption of the List of IUU Vessels

11.3. Requests for accession to the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party

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12. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE —IOTC-2019-SCAF16-R (available 14 June)

12.1. Overview of the SCAF16 Report (SCAF Chairperson)

12.2. Programme of Work and Budget of the Commission**12.3. Schedule of meetings for 2020-2021****13. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE REVIEW —IOTC-2019-TCPR02-R****13.1. Overview of the TCPR02 Report (TCPR Chairperson)****13.2. Progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd IOTC Performance Review Panel —IOTC-2019-S23-06****13.3. Discussion on the institutional link with FAO — No document, but refer to IOTC Circular 2018-10**

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. While this matter has been discussed by the TCPR01, S22 and TCPR02, there has still been no clear direction or decision on the matter. In the meantime, the TCPRs work to develop the text of a new IOTC agreement has continued; however, a conclusion on the maintaining/changing the institutional link with FAO is required in order for the TCPR to be able to adapt the text of the IOTC Agreement accordingly and present it to the Commission by 2020.

13.4. Discussion on the amendments to the Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission —IOTC-2019-S23-07

Two texts are provided to the Commission: (1) a modernization of the current IOTC Agreement amended in track-changes in which IOTC remains as a FAO body and (2) a draft new agreement/convention where IOTC is independent of FAO. The development of the Agreement text is at a crossroads, and a decision on the institutional link with FAO is required if the TCPR is to be able to undertake further work.

Day 3 Wednesday afternoon**14. REPORT OF THE SCOPING STUDY ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA AND INDICATORS OF IOTC FISHERIES —**

IOTC-2019-S23-13_Rev1 (Consultant)

In 2018, the Commission adopted Resolution 18/09 on a scoping study of socio-economic data and indicators of IOTC fisheries. The Commission requested that the consultant's report should be presented by the consultant to the Commission in 2019.

15. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**15.1. Current Conservation and Management Measures that require action by the Commission in 2019 — IOTC-2019-S23-08****15.2. Review of objections received under Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement —IOTC-2019-S23-09****Day 4 Thursday morning****15.3. Any remaining proposals for Conservation and Management Measures.****Day 4 Thursday afternoon****16. CONSIDERATION OF THE IOTC REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME DRAFT STANDARDS —IOTC-2019-S23-10_Rev1****16.1. Overview of the process and outcomes related to the development of the ROS standards and guidelines.**

To underpin the observer training programme requested by the Commission, a draft set of Programme Standards and Guidelines has been developed and reviewed. The Commission is invited to consider adopting the standards so the implementation of the training programme can proceed.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**17.1. Cooperation with other organisations and institutions**

- Proposal for a Letter of Understanding with CCSBT — IOTC-2019-S23-12

The IOTC and CCSBT have cooperated since 2009 on transshipment at sea by large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels. Due to revisions in the respective CMMs for transshipment of the two Commissions, the arrangement was revised in 2015. A further revision is proposed in 2019.

- Other cooperation

17.2. Date and place of the 24th and 25th Sessions of the Commission and of its subsidiary bodies for 2019 and 2020

18. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION

The first term of Commission Vice-Chairperson, Jung-re Riley Kim, ends at the close of S23.

Day 5 Friday afternoon session

19. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 23RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION