
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 9TH WORKING PARTY ON NERITIC TUNAS

LAST UPDATED: 26 JUNE 2017

Date: 1–5 July 2019

Location: Victoria, Seychelles

Venue: H Resort, Beauvallon

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr Farhad Kaymaram; **Vice-Chair:** Dr Mathias Igulu

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Chair)**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Chair)**
- 3. DATA LIMITED WORKSHOP (see Annex 1)**
- 4. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the 21st Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2 Outcomes of the 23rd Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPNT08 (IOTC Secretariat)
- 5. NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA FOR NERITIC TUNAS**
 - 5.1 Review of the statistical data available for neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.2 Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (general CPC papers)
- 6. NERITIC TUNA SPECIES – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 6.1 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 6.2 Data for input into stock assessments (all)
 - 6.3 Stock assessment updates (all)
 - 6.4 Stock status indicators for other neritic tuna species (all)
 - 6.5 Development of management advice for neritic tuna species (all)
- 7. PROGRAM OF WORK (RESEARCH AND PRIORITIES)**
 - 7.1 Revision of the WPNT Program of Work 2020–2024 (Chair)
 - 7.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPNT meeting
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the WPNT for the next biennium
 - 8.2 Date and place of the 10th and 11th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)
 - 8.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 9th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)

ANNEX 1: IOTC INFORMAL WORKSHOP ON DATA-LIMITED STOCK ASSESSMENT

Date: July 1-2, 2019

Venue: Seychelles

Co-chairs: Drs. Farhad Kaymaram (Iran) and Toshihide Kitakado (Japan)

Invited expert: Dr Shijie Zhou

- 1. Introductory items**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Past discussion on data-limited stock assessment within IOTC’s working parties**
- 4. Tutorial on data-limited stock assessment**
 - 4.1. Catch only methods
 - 4.2. Other data poor methods
 - 4.3. Comparison of models – assumptions, data and limits
 - 4.4. Software availability
- 5. Current availability of data for IOTC neritic species**
 - 5.1. Time series of catch
 - 5.2. Abundance indices
 - 5.3. Length and age information
 - 5.4. Biological information
- 6. Initial consideration of best available methods within data-limited stock assessment for IOTC neritic species**
 - 6.1. Longtail tuna
 - 6.2. Narrow-barred Spanish Mackerel
 - 6.3. Kawakawa
 - 6.4. Other species
- 7. General discussion on improvement of data quality and data collection toward mid/long-term future stock assessment**
- 8. Recommendations to WPNT**
- 9. Adoption of report**