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## AGENDA FOR THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 05 November 2019

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**Date:** 2 - 6 December 2019

**Location:** Karachi, Pakistan

**Venue:** Karachi Marriot Hotel

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Interim 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission.
    - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
  5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2019** (IOTC Secretariat)
    - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2019
  6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
  7. **REPORTS OF THE 2019 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
    - 7.1 IOTC–2019–WPNT09–R Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
    - 7.2 IOTC–2019–WPB17–R Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfish
      - 7.2.1 Indo Pacific Sailfish stock assessment
      - 7.2.2 Blue marlin stock assessment
      - 7.2.3 Revision of catch levels of Marlins under Resolution 18/05
    - 7.3 IOTC–2019–WPEB15–R Report of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Resolution 17/05 and the conservation of sharks in IOTC fisheries - Response to Commissions request to improve shark data collection
      - 7.3.3 Progress towards Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) in IOTC (Chairperson)
    - 7.4 IOTC–2019–WPTT21–R Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
      - 7.4.1 Bigeye tuna stock assessment
      - 7.4.2 Yellowfin tuna assessment update
      - 7.4.3 Joint tuna RFMO FAD working party meeting
    - 7.5 IOTC-2019-WPTmT07-R Report of the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
      - 7.5.1 Albacore Tuna stock assessment
    - 7.6 IOTC–2019–WPM10–R Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Methods
      - 7.6.1 Management Strategy Evaluation Progress (Chairperson)
    - 7.7 IOTC–2019–WPDCS15–R Report of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 THIRD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (TCMP)**
  9. **STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
    - 9.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
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- 9.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
- 9.3 Billfish

**10. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND MARINE MAMMALS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)**

- 10.1 Sharks
- 10.2 Marine turtles
- 10.3 Seabirds
- 10.4 Marine Mammals

**11. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat)**

- 11.1 Consideration of Resolution 16/04 On the implementation of a Pilot Project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC
  - 11.1.1 Update on the Pilot Project approved by the Commission in 2017

**12. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL (IOTC Secretariat)**

- 12.1 Outcomes from the 2nd Technical Committee on Performance Review

**13. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)**

- 13.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC
- 13.2 Program of Work (2020–2024) and assessment schedule
- 13.3 Schedule of meetings for 2020 and 2021

**14 OTHER BUSINESS (Chairperson)**

- 14.1 Election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the next biennium (Chair and Secretariat)

**15 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 22nd SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)**