
AGENDA FOR THE 15TH WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

Last updated: 11TH November 2019

Date: 27th – 30th November 2019
Location: Karachi, Pakistan
Venue: Marriot Hotel conference room
Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Mr Stephen Ndegwa (Kenya); **Vice-Chair:** Dr Julien Barde (EU,France)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 21st Session of the Scientific Committee and of the 23rd Session of the Commission
 - 3.2 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPDCS
 - 3.3 Progress on the recommendations of WPDCS14
4. **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1 IOTC Secretariat Report
 - 4.2 Dissemination of IOTC data sets and documents
 - 4.2.1 IOTC Data Summary: updates
 - 4.2.2 IOTC Data Dissemination: discussion of potential improvements
 - 4.2.3 Alternative data series
 - 4.3 Updates on data-related requests from other Working Parties
5. **UPDATE ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
 - 5.1 Update on national statistical systems, including the main challenges in collecting and reporting data to the IOTC Secretariat and proposals to improve future levels of compliance with IOTC data requirements.
 - 5.2 Further analysis of length frequency data and likely impacts on the assessments (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)
6. **REVIEW OF DATA REQUIREMENTS IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE WPDCS** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.1 Data reporting (to the IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.1.1 Resolution 15/02 *On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)*
 - 6.1.2 Resolution 17/05 *On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC*
 - 6.1.3 Resolution 18/07 *On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC*
 - 6.1.4 Resolution 19/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence*
 - 6.2 Data recording (logbooks)

6.2.1 Resolution 15/01 *On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence*

6.2.2 Resolution 19/02 *Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan*

7 REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)

7.1 Resolution 11/04 *On a regional observer scheme*

7.2 Resolution 16/04 *On the implementation of a pilot project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC*

7.3 Updates on the ROS supporting tools and the Regional Observer Database

7.3.1 Outcomes of the national workshops on the adoption of the ROS supporting tools

8 CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES: DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN COASTAL COUNTRIES, AND COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

9 FISHERIES INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SYSTEMS (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

9.1 Proposed metadata standards for the fisheries domain

9.2 Best practices for (meta)data access and visualization

10 WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

10.1 Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2020–204

11 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Date and place of the 16th and 17th Sessions of the WPDCS: 2020 & 2021 (Chair)

11.2 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)

11.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 15th Session of the WPDCS (Chair)