



## AGENDA FOR THE 23RD SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 26 October 2020

**Date:** 7 - 11 December 2020

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 12:00 – 16:00 daily

**Chair:** Dr Toshihide Kitakado (Japan)

**Vice-Chair:** Dr Denham Parker (South Africa)

- 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 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.
  - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
- 5. SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2020** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2020
- 6. NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
- 7. REPORTS OF THE 2020 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
  - 7.1 IOTC-2020-WPNT10-R Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
    - 7.1.1 Longtail tuna stock assessment
    - 7.1.2 Narrow-barred Spanish Mackerel stock assessment
    - 7.1.3 Kawakawa stock assessment
  - 7.2 IOTC-2020-WPB18-R Report of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfish
    - 7.2.1 Swordfish stock assessment
    - 7.2.2 Revision of catch levels of Marlins under Resolution 18/05
  - 7.3 IOTC-2020-WPEB16-R Report of the 16<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 Shortfin mako shark stock assessment
    - 7.3.3 Other Matters
  - 7.4 IOTC-2020-WPTT22-R Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
    - 7.4.1 Skipjack tuna stock assessment
    - 7.4.2 Yellowfin tuna assessment update
    - 7.4.3 Other Matters
  - 7.5 IOTC-2020-WPM11-R Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Methods
    - 7.5.1 Management Strategy Evaluation Progress (Chairperson)
  - 7.6 IOTC-2020-WPDCS16-R Report of the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
  - 7.7 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
- 8. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN** (Chairperson)
  - 8.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
  - 8.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
  - 8.3 Billfish

**9. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND MARINE MAMMALS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

(Chairperson)

- 9.1 Sharks
- 9.2 Marine turtles
- 9.3 Seabirds
- 9.4 Marine Mammals

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

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

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

- 11.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC
- 11.2 Program of Work (2021–2025) and assessment schedule
- 11.3 Schedule of meetings for 2021 and 2022

**12 OTHER BUSINESS (Chairperson)**

**13 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 23rd SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)**