
**AGENDA FOR THE 17TH WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH:
DATA PREPARATORY MEETING**

Last updated: 22 March 2021

Date: 12 - 14 April 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams

Venue: Virtual

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

Chair: Dr Sylvain Bonhommeau (European Union); **Vice-Chairs:** Dr Mariana Tolotti (EU, France)/Mr Mohammed Koya (India)

- 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**
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 24th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4. REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT FOR BYCATCH SPECIES** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5. NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO BLUE SHARKS** (Chair)
 - 5.1. Review new information on the biology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for Blue sharks:
 - Catch and effort
 - Observer data
 - Catch at size
 - Catch at age
 - Biological indicators, including age-growth curves and age-length keys
 - 6. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF BLUE SHARKS** (Chair)
 - 6.1. Review of fishery dynamics by fleet (CPCs)
 - 6.2. Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - 6.3. Other abundance indices
 - 7. BLUE SHARK STOCK ASSESSMENT** (Chair)
 - 7.1. Discussion on blue shark assessment models to be developed and their specifications
 - 7.2. Identification of data inputs for the different assessment models and advice framework
 - 8. REVIEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO SILKY SHARKS** (Chair)
 - 8.1. Presentation of new information available on silky sharks
 - 8.2. Review of all data available on silky sharks
 - 8.3. Review of indicators for silky sharks
 - 9. OTHER MATTERS** (Chair)
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9.1. Collaboration with the IWC

9.2. Climate Change

10. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 17th SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH (DATA PREPARATORY) (Chair)