
**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
25TH SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION**

v9 May 2021

Date: 7-11 June 2021

Vice-Chairperson: Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea)

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 2. LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS**
- 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**
- 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
- 5. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN 2020 (S24)** (IOTC-2021-S25-02)
- 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC PROCEDURES**
 - 6.1. Finalisation of a permanent procedure to select the Executive Secretary (Chairperson of the small drafting group) (IOTC-2021-S25-03; IOTC-2021-S25-03_add1).
The Commission's agreement is sought on a revised proposal for a permanent procedure.
- 7. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**
 - 7.1. Overview of the 2021 SS4 Report (IOTC-2021-SS4-R)
- 8. REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC-2020-SC23-R)
 - 8.1. Overview of the 2020 SC23 Report (SC Chairperson)
 - 8.2. Discussion on any related conservation and management measures
- 9. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA** (IOTC-2021-TCAC07-R)
 - 9.1. Overview of the TCAC07 Report (TCAC Chairperson)
- 10. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES** (IOTC-2021-TCMP04-R)
 - 10.1. Overview of the TCMP05 Report (TCMP Chairperson)
- 11. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE** (IOTC-2021-CoC18-R)
 - 11.1. Overview of the CoC18 Report (CoC Chairperson)
 - 11.2. Adoption of the List of IUU Vessels
 - 11.3. Requests for accession to the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party
- 12. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** (IOTC-2021-SCAF18-R)
 - 12.1. Overview of the SCAF18 Report (SCAF Chairperson)
 - 12.2. Adoption of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Commission
 - 12.3. Schedule of meetings for 2022-2023
- 13. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

The following proposals for Conservation and Management Measures have been received:

PropA. On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (Indonesia)

PropB. On the conservation of cetaceans (Rep. of Korea)

PropC. On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence (European Union)

PropD. On harvest control rules for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence (European Union)

PropE. On management of fish aggregating devices in the IOTC area of competence (Kenya et al)

PropF. On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence (Maldives et al)

PropG. On harvest control rules for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence (Maldives).

- 13.1. Current Conservation and Management Measures that include a reference to the years 2020 or 2021 (IOTC-2021-S25-04)
This document aims to highlight to the Commission those CMMs that include a reference to the years 2020 or 2021 and might need further consideration.
- 13.2. Review of objections received under Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement (IOTC-2021-S25-05)
- 13.3. Any remaining proposals for Conservation and Management Measures (Contracting Parties), noting that, some proposals will be considered under other agenda items, as relevant.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1. Cooperation with other organisations and institutions (IOTC-2021-S25-06)
In accordance with the Commission's request in 2020, a draft Letter of Intent between IOTC and the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) is available for consideration.
- 14.2. Participation of the United Kingdom as a coastal State vis-à-vis "BIOT"*
- 14.3. Implementation of paragraph 6 of the UNGA Resolution 73/295 (FAO)**
- 14.4. Date and place of the 26th Session of the Commission and the meetings of its associated subsidiary bodies in 2022

15. ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION

Elections for the IOTC Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons are required. Nominations may be sent to the Executive Secretary between now and the commencement of this agenda item. Nominations may also be made when called for by the Vice-Chairperson during plenary.

- *The role of IOTC Chairperson is vacant.*
- *Vice-chairperson Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea) has completed two consecutive terms as Vice-Chairperson and is not eligible for re-election in this role.*
- *Vice-Chairperson Mr Adam Ziyad (Maldives) has completed one term in this role and is eligible for re-election.*

16. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 25th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Notes:

**From (IOTC-2019-S23-R): In 2019 the Commission noted the statement made by the Republic of Mauritius requesting the inclusion of an item on the Agenda of the meeting relating to the termination of the United Kingdom(BIOT)'s membership of the Commission as a coastal State following the adoption of the UNGA resolution 73/295 on May 22, 2019. The Chair concluded that this issue was a global one. The Chair also noted that the Commission as a specialised institution of the UN would need to abide by the Resolution of the UN General Assembly but given that the delegates present may not have had proper guidance from their capitals, the Chair requested Mauritius to allow us to take note of the issue but to put the issue of the termination of United Kingdom(BIOT)'s membership at the IOTC as a coastal State as an item on the agenda for the next session of the Commission. The matter was deferred in 2020 due to the Commission meeting being held in a reduced format*

***The Chair also invited the FAO to submit a further paper on how it proposes to implement paragraph 6 of the UNGA Resolution 73/295 bearing in mind instructions issued by the Office of Legal Affairs.*