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Dear Madam / Sir

MEETING OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAMME STANDARDS

During its 2020 Session, the Scientific Committee noted the steps forward in the definition of Electronic Monitoring (EM) Programme Standards presented at the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) and acknowledged that these will require additional contributions and development if EMS is to be implemented at a regional level. For this reason, the Scientific Committee recommended that an ad-hoc Working Group on the development of EM Programme Standards (WGEMS) be convened to further progress with the definition of minimum EM standards. The WGEMS will then report to the WPDCS.

Following the endorsement of the formation of an ad hoc WGEMS by the Commission in June 2021, a meeting of the working group is now being planned to be held by video-conference from 15 – 17 November 2021.

A draft agenda for the meeting attached below. Dr Hilario Murua (WPM chair and former SC Chair) has agreed to chair the meeting on an ad interim basis until elections for the WGEMS Chair and Vice-Chair take place, during the meeting.

A WGEMS meeting page will be created on the IOTC website and all interested parties are requested to register in order to receive the meeting link to participate.

Yours sincerely



Dr. Toshihide Kitakado
Chairperson, Scientific Committee

Attachments:

- Draft Agenda

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Annex 1

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAMME STANDARDS (WGEMS)

Date: 15 – 17 November 2021

Location: Online

Venue: Zoom

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time) daily

Chairperson (provisional): Dr. Hilario Murua

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
- 3. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP**
- 4. THE IOTC REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME AND REGIONAL OBSERVER PILOT PROJECT**
 - 4.1. Current projects related to Electronic Monitoring and Electronic Reporting
- 5. EMS PROGRAMME PROGRESS IN TUNA RFMOs**
 - 4.1 IATTC
 - 4.2 ICCAT
 - 4.3 WCPFC
 - 4.4 Others
- 6. EMS PROGRAMME INITIATIVES IN IOTC**
 - 5.1 Review of CPCs EMS pilot projects and programmes
- 7. EMS PROGRAMME STANDARDS**
 - 7.1. EMS capabilities to collect ROS Minimum Data Standards
 - 7.2. EMS Programme Standards
 - 7.2.1. Objectives and Institutional arrangements
 - 7.2.2. EM Data Standards (systems, collection, storage, review, reporting, etc.)
- 8. PLAN AND FUTURE MEETINGS**
 - 8.1. Development of the TORs of the WG - General discussion
 - 8.2. Revision of the WG Program of Work (2022–2023)
 - 8.3. Next meetings
 - 8.4. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022-2023
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 1st Session of the WGEMS