
AGENDA FOR THE 2ND AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

Last updated: 29 September 2021

Date: 4 - 6 October 2021

Location: Zoom

Venue: Virtual

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

Chair: Dr Gorka Merino (European Union); **Vice-Chair:** TBD

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. Resolution 15/09 –Terms of Reference (Update)
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Commission and previous decisions of the Commission in relation to FADs
 - 3.3. Resolution 19/02 on FADs
4. **REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT ON FADS** (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **REVIEW OF DEFINITIONS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS ACROSS TUNA RFMOS** (All)
 - 5.1. Review of definitions
 - 5.2. Outcomes of the Joint tuna RFMO meeting Working Group on FADs:
6. **MANAGEMENT MEASURES OF FAD MANAGEMENT PLANS** (All)
 - 6.1. FAD numbers
 - Towards setting FAD limits in the t-RFMOs
 - Discussion on determining the appropriate number of FADs at sea.

Thematic Discussion, steps towards defining FAD limits.
 - 6.2. Ecological impacts of FADs.
 - 6.2.1 Methods to reduce the incidental mortality of FADs.
 - Release mechanisms and verification
 - 6.2.2 Methods to reduce the loss of FADs
 - 6.2.3 Viability of construction of biodegradable FADs, definitions and realistic timeframes including options.

Thematic discussion, towards reducing ecological impacts of FADs.
7. **TOWARDS A PLAN FOR IOTC**
8. **WRAP UP, SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (Chair)

9. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR (All)

10. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 2nd SESSION OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FADs (Chair)