
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 12th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**UPDATED: 14 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Date: 18-20 October 2021**Location:** Online**Venue:** Microsoft Teams**Time:** 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time) daily**Chairperson:** Dr. Hilario Murua; **Vice-Chairperson:** Daniela Rosa

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 23rd Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2 Outcomes of the 4th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3 Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5 Progress on the recommendations of WPM11 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
 - 3.6 Review of intersessional meetings related to the IOTC MSE process (Chairperson)
 - 2021 MSE Task Force Meeting
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 4.1 Review of the progress on development new Operating Models based on 2019 ALB stock assessment
 - 4.2 Feedback on MSE OM development
 - 4.3 Future steps and timeline
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 5.1 Progress on the development of Skipjack MSE/MP
 - 5.2 Review of OM and MP development
 - 5.3 Discussion on MSE development
 - 5.4 Future steps and timeline
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 6.1. Review of Operating Models based on WPM, SC feedback, and latest stock assessment results
 - 6.2. Revision of Management Procedures and Performance Indicators
 - 6.3. Evaluation of new set of Management Procedures
- 7. SWORDFISH MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 7.1. Progress on the development of Swordfish MSE/MP
 - 7.2. Review the conditioning of Operating Models based on 2020 Stock assessment
 - 7.3. Discussion on MSE development
- 8. YELLOFIN TUNA TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 8.1. Review of the progress on development new Operating Models based on 2021 YFT stock assessment
 - 8.2. Feedback on MSE OM development
 - 8.3. Future steps and timeline
- 9. GENERAL MSE ISSUES** (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)
 - 9.1. General discussion (e.g. catch uncertainty)

- 9.2. Consideration of reconditioning OMs based on recent stock assessments
- 9.3. Consideration of Exceptional Circumstances
- 9.4. MSE capacity building
- 9.5. Internal and External Peer review

10. JOINT CPUE STANDARDISATION (Chairperson and Consultant)

- 10.1. Update on the development of the joint CPUE indices for 2021 & 2020.
- 10.2. Future workplan

11. STOCK STATUS GUIDANCE (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)

- 11.1. Review the approach used to provide stock status and management advice relative to reference points

12. WPM PROGRAM OF WORK (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

- 12.1. Revision of the timeline of the MSE developmet
- 12.2. Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2021–2025) and research priorities

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1. Date and place of the 13th and 14th Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 13.2. Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 13.3. Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)
- 13.4. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 12th Session of the WPM (Chairperson)