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## ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 24TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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**Date:** 6 - 10 December 2021

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 12:00 – 16:00 daily

**Chair:** Dr Toshihide Kitakado (Japan)

**Vice-Chair:** Dr Denham Parker (South Africa)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–01a:** Draft: Agenda of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–01b:** Draft: Annotated agenda of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–02:** Draft: List of documents of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chairperson)
4. **DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.1 Outcomes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–03:** Outcomes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–04:** Previous decisions of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2021** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2021
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–05: Report of the Secretariat** – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2021 (IOTC Secretariat)
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–NR01–30:** National Reports (2021) from each IOTC CPC
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2021 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
  - 7.1 **IOTC–2021–WPNT11–R:** Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
    - 7.1.1 Indo-Pacific King Mackerel stock assessment
    - 7.1.2 Frigate Tuna stock assessment
    - 7.1.3 Bullet Tuna stock assessment
  - 7.2 **IOTC–2021–WPB19–R:** Report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfish
    - 7.2.1 Black Marlin stock assessment
    - 7.2.2 Striped Marlin stock assessment
    - 7.2.3 Revision of catch levels of Marlins under Resolution 18/05
  - 7.3 **IOTC–2021–WPEB17–R:** Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
    - 7.3.1 Status of development and implementation of national plans of action for seabirds and sharks, and implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations
      - **IOTC–2021–SC24–06:** Status of development and implementation of national plans of action for seabirds and sharks, and implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations (IOTC Secretariat)
    - 7.3.2 Blue shark stock assessment
    - 7.3.3 Other Matters
  - 7.4 **IOTC–2021–WPTT23–R:** Report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas

- 7.4.1 Yellowfin tuna stock assessment
  - 7.4.2 Update on the WGFAD02
  - 7.4.3 Other Matters
  - 7.5 **IOTC–2021–WPM12–R**: Report of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Methods
    - 7.5.1 Management Strategy Evaluation Progress
    - 7.5.2 Update on TCMP04
    - **IOTC-2021-TCMP04-R**: Report of the 4th session of the TCMP
  - 7.6 **IOTC–2021–WPDCS17–R**: Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
    - 7.6.1 Update on WGEMS01
  - 7.7 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
    - 7.7.1 Data collection and capacity building
    - 7.7.2 Invited Expert(s) at the WP meetings
    - 7.7.3 Meeting participation fund
    - 7.7.4 IOTC species identification guides: Tuna and tuna-like species
    - 7.7.5 Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the SC and its subsidiary bodies
- 8. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)**
- 8.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES01**: Status of the Indian Ocean Albacore (ALB: *Thunnus alalunga*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES02**: Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye tuna (BET: *Thunnus obesus*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES03**: Status of the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna (SKJ: *Katsuwonus pelamis*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES04**: Status of the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (YFT: *Thunnus albacares*) resource
    - **IOTC–2020–SC24–ES05**: Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna: 2021 (from CCSBT)
  - 8.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES06**: Status of the Indian Ocean bullet tuna (BLT: *Auxis rochei*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES07**: Status of the Indian Ocean frigate tuna (FRI: *Auxis thazard*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES08**: Status of the Indian Ocean kawakawa (KAW: *Euthynnus affinis*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES09**: Status of the Indian Ocean longtail tuna (LOT: *Thunnus tonggol*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES10**: Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific king mackerel (GUT: *Scomberomorus guttatus*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES11**: Status of the Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (COM: *Scomberomorus commerson*) resource
  - 8.3 Billfish
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES12**: Status of the Indian Ocean black marlin (BLM: *Makaira indica*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES13**: Status of the Indian Ocean blue marlin (BUM: *Makaira nigricans*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES14**: Status of the Indian Ocean striped marlin (MLS: *Tetrapturus audax*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES15**: Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific sailfish (SFA: *Istiophorus platypterus*) resource
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES16**: Status of the Indian Ocean swordfish (SWO: *Xiphias gladius*) resource
- 9. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND MARINE MAMMALS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)**
- 9.1 Sharks
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES17**: Status of the Indian Ocean blue shark (BSH: *Prionace glauca*)
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES18**: Status of the Indian Ocean oceanic whitetip shark (OCS: *Carcharhinus longimanus*)
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES19**: Status of the Indian Ocean scalloped hammerhead shark (SPL: *Sphyrna lewini*)
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES20**: Status of the Indian Ocean shortfin mako shark (SMA: *Isurus oxyrinchus*)
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES21**: Status of the Indian Ocean silky shark (FAL: *Carcharhinus falciformis*)
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES22**: Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye thresher shark (BTH: *Alopias superciliosus*)

- **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES23:** Status of the Indian Ocean pelagic thresher shark (PTH: *Alopias pelagicus*)
- 9.2 Marine turtles
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES24:** Status of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean
- 9.3 Seabirds
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES25:** Status of seabirds in the Indian Ocean
- 9.4 Marine Mammals
  - **IOTC–2021–SC24–ES26:** Status of cetaceans in the Indian Ocean
- 10. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat)**
  - 10.1 Consideration of Resolution 16/04 On the implementation of a Pilot Project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC
    - 10.1.1 Update on the Pilot Project approved by the Commission in 2017
      - **IOTC–2021–SC24–07:** Update on the implementation of the regional observer scheme (IOTC Secretariat)
- 11. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)**
  - 11.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–10:** Progress on SC23 recommendations (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 11.2 Program of Work (2022–2026) and assessment schedule
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–08:** Revision of the program of work (2022–26) for the IOTC science process (IOTC Secretariat)
      - 11.2.1 Program of Work
      - 11.2.2 Assessment schedule
      - 11.2.3 Consultants
  - 11.3 Schedule of meetings for 2022 and 2023
    - **IOTC–2021–SC24–09:** Proposed schedule of Working Party and Scientific Committee meetings for 2022 and 2023 (IOTC Secretariat)
      - 11.3.1 Data preparatory meetings
      - 11.3.2 Final Meeting schedule
- 12 OTHER BUSINESS (Chairperson)**
  - 12.1 Election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the SC for the next biennium
- 13 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)**