
AGENDA FOR THE 17TH WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

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Date: 29th November – 3rd December 2021

Location: Online

Platform: Zoom

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 daily (Seychelles time, GMT+04:00)

Chair: Mr Stephen Ndegwa (Kenya); **Vice-Chair:** Dr Julien Barde (EU,France)

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** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 23rd Session of the Scientific Committee and of the 25th Session of the Commission
 - 3.2 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPDCS
 - 3.3 Progress on the recommendations of WPDCS16
4. **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1 IOTC Secretariat Report
 - 4.2 Dissemination of IOTC data sets and documents
 - 4.2.1 IOTC Data Summary: updates
 - 4.2.2 IOTC Data Dissemination: discussion of potential improvements
 - 4.3 Updates on data-related requests from other Working Parties
5. **UPDATE ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
 - 5.1 Update on national statistical systems, including the main challenges in collecting and reporting data to the IOTC Secretariat and proposals to improve future levels of compliance with IOTC data requirements.
6. **REVIEW OF DATA REQUIREMENTS IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE WPDCS** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.1 Data reporting (to the IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.1.1 Resolution 15/02 *On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)*
 - 6.1.2 Resolution 17/05 *On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC*
 - 6.1.3 Resolution 18/07 *On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC*
 - 6.1.4 Resolution 21/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence*
 - 6.2 Data recording (logbooks)

6.2.1 Resolution 15/01 *On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence*

6.2.2 Resolution 19/02 *Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan*

7 REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)

7.1 Updates on the status of the ROS and its Pilot Project

7.2 Electronic Monitoring Systems in support of the IOTC ROS

8 CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES: DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN COASTAL COUNTRIES, AND COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

9 FISHERIES INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SYSTEMS (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

10 WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)

10.1 Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2022–2026

11 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the WPDCS for the next biennium (Secretariat)

11.2 Date and place of the 18th and 19th Sessions of the WPDCS: 2022 & 2023 (Chair)

11.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 17th Session of the WPDCS (Chair)