



AGENDA FOR THE 18TH WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

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Chair: Dr Julien Barde (EU,France); **Vice-Chair:** Mr Nuwan Gunawardane (Sri Lanka)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairs)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 24th Session of the Scientific Committee and of the 26th Session of the Commission
 - 3.2. Review of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) relevant to the WPDCS
 - 3.3. Progress on the recommendations of WPDCS17
4. **REVIEW OF DATA REQUIREMENTS IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE WPDCS** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1. Data recording (logbooks)
 - 4.1.1. Res. 15/01 *On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence*
 - 4.1.2. Res. 19/02 *Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan*
 - 4.2. Data reporting (to the IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2.1. Res. 15/02 *On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)*
 - 4.2.2. Res. 17/05 *On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC*
 - 4.2.3. Res. 18/07 *On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC*
 - 4.2.4. Res. 21/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence*
 - 4.3. Regional Observer Scheme (ROS)
 - 4.3.1. Res. 22/04 *On a Regional Observer Scheme*
5. **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1. IOTC Secretariat report
 - 5.2. Updates on data-related requests from other Working Parties (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.3. Dissemination of IOTC reference data, datasets, and documents
6. **UPDATES ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
 - 6.1. Updates on the status of national data collection systems
 - 6.2. Overview of data processing procedures and proposed revisions of historical data

6.3. Main challenges encountered in reporting mandatory statistics to the Secretariat

7. **GLOBAL FISHERIES INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND BEST PRACTICES** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)

8. **REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)

8.1. Updates on the status of the ROS and its Pilot Project

8.2. Electronic Monitoring Systems in support of the IOTC ROS

9. **CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES: DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN COASTAL COUNTRIES** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)

10. **WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)

10.1. Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2023–2027

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1. Date and place of the 19th and 20th sessions of the WPDCS: 2023 & 2024 (Chairs)

11.2. Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 18th session of the WPDCS (Chairs)