
AGENDA FOR THE 25TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Last updated: 25 October 2022

Date: 5 - 9 December 2022**Location:** Eden Bleu, Seychelles/Hybrid**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 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)
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 26th Session of the Commission.
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
5. **SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2022** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2022
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2022 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC–2022–WPNT12–R Report of the 12th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.2 IOTC–2022–WPB20–R Report of the 20th Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.2.1 Blue Marlin stock assessment
 - 7.2.2 Indo-Pacific Sailfish stock assessment
 - 7.2.3 Revision of catch levels of Marlins under Resolution 18/05
 - 7.3 IOTC–2022–WPEB18–R Report of the 18th 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
 - 7.3.2 Other Matters
 - 7.4 IOTC–2022–WPTT24–R Report of the 24th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.4.1 Bigeye tuna stock assessment
 - 7.4.2 Update on the WGFAD03
 - 7.4.3 Bigeye Tuna MP
 - 7.4.4 Other Matters
 - 7.5 IOTC–2022–WPTmT08–R Report of the 8th Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
 - 7.5.1 Albacore Tuna stock assessment
 - 7.6 IOTC–2022–WPM13–R Report of the 13th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.6.1 Management Strategy Evaluation Progress
 - 7.6.2 Update on TCMP05
 - 7.7 IOTC–2022–WPDCS18–R Report of the 18th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.7.1 Update on WGEMS02
 - 7.8 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
 - 7.8.1 Data collection and capacity building
 - 7.8.2 Invited Expert(s) at the WP meetings
 - 7.8.3 Meeting participation fund

7.8.4 IOTC species identification guides: Tuna and tuna-like species

7.8.5 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

8.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species

8.3 Billfish

9. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND MARINE MAMMALS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)

9.1 Sharks

9.2 Marine turtles

9.3 Seabirds

9.4 Marine Mammals

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

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

11.2 Program of Work (2023–2027) and assessment schedule

11.2.1 Program of Work

11.2.2 Assessment schedule

11.2.3 Consultants

11.3 Schedule of meetings for 2023 and 2024

11.3.1 Data preparatory meetings

11.3.2 Final Meeting schedule

12 OTHER BUSINESS (Chairperson)

13 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 25th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)