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## ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 25TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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**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)
  - **IOTC–2022–SC25–01a:** Draft: Agenda of the 25th Session of the Scientific Committee
  - **IOTC–2022–SC25–01b:** Draft: Annotated agenda of the 25th Session of the Scientific Committee
  - **IOTC–2022–SC25–02:** Draft: List of documents of the 25th 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 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–03:** Outcomes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–04:** Previous decisions of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
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
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–05:** Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2022 (IOTC Secretariat)
6. **NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
  - **IOTC–2022–SC25–NR01–30:** National Reports (2022) from each IOTC CPC
7. **REPORTS OF THE 2022 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
  - 7.1 **IOTC–2022–WPNT12–R:** Report of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
  - 7.2 **IOTC–2022–WPB20–R:** Report of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18<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
    - 7.3.2 Other Matters
      - **IOTC-2022-SC25-INF01** - draft cooperation agreement between IOTC and IOSEA
  - 7.4 **IOTC–2022–WPTT24–R:** Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
    - 7.4.1 Bigeye tuna stock assessment
    - 7.4.2 Update on the WGFAD03
      - **IOTC-2022-WGFAD03-R: Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the WGFAD**
        - 7.4.3 Bigeye Tuna MP
        - 7.4.4 Other Matters
  - 7.5 **IOTC–2022–WPTmT08–R:** Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas

- 7.5.1 Albacore Tuna stock assessment
- 7.6 **IOTC–2022–WPM13–R:** Report of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Methods
- 7.6.1 Management Strategy Evaluation Progress
- 7.6.2 Update on TCMP05
- **IOTC-2022-TCMP05-R:** Report of the 5th session of the TCMP
- 7.7 **IOTC–2022–WPDCS18–R:** Report of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
- 7.7.1 Update on WGEMS02
- **IOTC-2022-WGEMS02-R:** Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the WGEMS
- 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
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES01:** Status of the Indian Ocean Albacore (ALB: *Thunnus alalunga*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES02:** Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye tuna (BET: *Thunnus obesus*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES03:** Status of the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna (SKJ: *Katsuwonus pelamis*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES04:** Status of the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (YFT: *Thunnus albacares*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES05:** Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna: 2021 (from CCSBT)
- 8.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES06:** Status of the Indian Ocean bullet tuna (BLT: *Auxis rochei*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES07:** Status of the Indian Ocean frigate tuna (FRI: *Auxis thazard*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES08:** Status of the Indian Ocean kawakawa (KAW: *Euthynnus affinis*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES09:** Status of the Indian Ocean longtail tuna (LOT: *Thunnus tonggol*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES10:** Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific king mackerel (GUT: *Scomberomorus guttatus*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES11:** Status of the Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (COM: *Scomberomorus commerson*) resource
- 8.3 Billfish
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES12:** Status of the Indian Ocean black marlin (BLM: *Makaira indica*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES13:** Status of the Indian Ocean blue marlin (BUM: *Makaira nigricans*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES14:** Status of the Indian Ocean striped marlin (MLS: *Tetrapturus audax*) resource
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–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–2022–SC25–ES17:** Status of the Indian Ocean blue shark (BSH: *Prionace glauca*)
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES18:** Status of the Indian Ocean oceanic whitetip shark (OCS: *Carcharhinus longimanus*)
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES19:** Status of the Indian Ocean scalloped hammerhead shark (SPL: *Sphyrna lewini*)
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES20:** Status of the Indian Ocean shortfin mako shark (SMA: *Isurus oxyrinchus*)
- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES21:** Status of the Indian Ocean silky shark (FAL: *Carcharhinus falciformis*)

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- **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES22:** Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye thresher shark (BTH: *Alopias superciliosus*)
  - **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES23:** Status of the Indian Ocean pelagic thresher shark (PTH: *Alopias pelagicus*)
  - 9.2 Marine turtles
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES24:** Status of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean
  - 9.3 Seabirds
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–ES25:** Status of seabirds in the Indian Ocean
  - 9.4 Marine Mammals
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–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–2022–SC25–07:** 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–2022–SC25–10:** Progress on SC24 recommendations (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 11.2 Program of Work (2023–2027) and assessment schedule
    - 11.2.1 Program of Work
      - **IOTC–2022–SC25–08:** Revision of the program of work (2023–27) for the IOTC science process (IOTC Secretariat)
    - 11.2.2 Assessment schedule
    - 11.2.3 Consultants
  - 11.3 Schedule of meetings for 2023 and 2024
    - **IOTC–2022–SC25–09:** 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)**
- 13 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)**