



SUMMARY OF UPDATES ON DATA-RELATED REQUESTS FROM OTHER WORKING PARTIES

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Purpose

To provide participants at the 18th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS18) with data-related requests made by the Scientific Committee and the other Working Parties and Working Groups to the WPDCS.

Recommendation

That the WPDCS **NOTE** paper IOTC-2022-WPDCS18-12 which details the data-related requests made to the WPDCS that should be addressed during the meeting.

Appendices

Appendix A: Paragraphs of reports from IOTC meetings along with the description of data-related requests made to the WPDCS.

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Meeting	Para.	Description
WPTT24(DP) (May 2022)	53	Although the WPTT RECOGNISED the challenges and difficulties, the WPTT REQUESTED that the development of a coordinated biological sampling program is discussed and considered at the next WPDCS and SC and that the WPTT/WPDCS <u>develop a sampling strategy, and minimum samples by CPCs, needed to obtain population and regional/seasonal specific growth and reproductive parameters</u> . The WPTT NOTED that the WCPFC Tuna Tissue Bank could be an example to follow, and start with, as an inventory of the biological samples available in IOTC
WGEMS02 (June 2022)	14-17	<p><i>Regional Observer Scheme</i></p> <p>The WGEMS NOTED the lack of clarity regarding the prescription in Para. 18 of Resolution 22/04 that data be provided by 1°x1° square and month.</p> <p>The WGEMS NOTED that if this prescription is to apply to observer data then it will introduce a significant loss of spatial-temporal resolution in the data submitted by CPCs, and in addition will require a complete revision of both the IOTC ROS data reporting templates and of the ROS regional database, which in turn handle data and relevant events down to their exact location in space and time.</p> <p>In addition, the WGEMS NOTED that if this prescription shall apply to the information made available to the IOTC Scientific Committee, then it will be in disagreement with the requirements of Resolution 12/02 which indicates a lower level of spatial resolution of 5°x5° squares in the case of publicly disseminated longline data</p> <p>For these reasons and considering how this prescription could also impact on EMS data reporting, the WGEMS SUGGESTED that <u>further clarity be made in this regard by the IOTC WPDCS and SC and if necessary, raised again by those bodies with the Commission</u>.</p>
WGFAD03 (October 2022)	120	The WGFAD NOTED that IOTC reporting templates do not need to be endorsed by the Commission and that the process would be to have them presented, discussed, and endorsed at the WPDCS and SC. The WGFAD REQUESTED the Secretariat <u>to develop new reporting guidelines for FADs and FAD-related activities</u> once a clear and common terminology would be adopted by the Commission, taking into consideration the suggestions of the small Working Group (see para. 138), the WPTT/WPEB, and the SC.