
AGENDA FOR THE 4TH WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

Last updated: 30 May 2023

Date: 29 - 30 May 2023

Location: Zoom

Venue: Virtual

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

Co-Chair: Dr. Gorka Merino (European Union); **Co-Chair:** Mr. Avelino Munwane

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Co-Chairs)**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Co-Chairs)**
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 4th Working Group on FADs Meeting
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-01b: Draft: Annotated agenda of the 4th Working Group on FADs Meeting
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-02: Draft: List of documents of the 4th Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs Meeting
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES, AND PROGRESS (Secretariat)**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Scientific Committee
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-03: Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 6th Special Session of the Commission and the 27th Session of the Commission and previous decisions of the Commission in relation to FADs
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-04: Outcomes of the 6th Special Session and 27th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3. Resolution 23/09 *On A Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) Working Group*
- 4. REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT ON FADS (IOTC Secretariat)**
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-05: Review of the statistical data on FADs (IOTC Secretariat)
- 5. COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE SC UNDER RESOLUTIONS 23/02, 23/03 and 23/04 (All)**
 - 5.1. Resolution 23/02 *On Management of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (DFADs) in the IOTC Area of Competence*
 - 5.2. Resolution 23/03 *On Establishing a Voluntary Fishing Closure in the Indian Ocean for the Conservation of Tropical Tuna*
 - 5.3. Resolution 23/04 *On Establishing Catch Limits for Bigeye Tuna in the Area of IOTC Competence*
 - 5.4. Plan of work for the WGFAD leading up to the next session in October (All)
- 6. REVIEW OF ANY NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FADS**
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-06: Update on biodegradable dFADS: current status and prospects – Zudaire I, Moreno G, Murua J, Murua H, Tolotti M, Roman M, Hall M, Lopez J, Grande M, Merino G, Escalle L, Hamer P, Basurko O, Capello M, Dagorn L, Ramos ML, Abascal F, Báez JC, Pascual-Alayón P, Déniz S, Santiago J.
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-07: Energy efficiency of the purse seine fishery: FAD vs free swimming schools strategy – Basurko O, Castresana J, Grande M, Santiago J.
 - IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-08: Data from abandoned, lost or discarded drifting fish aggregating devices recovered at sea and ashore in the IOTC area - Shiham Adam M, Bealey R, Purves M

- IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-09: No evidence from long-term analysis of yellowfin tuna condition that Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices act as ecological traps – Dupaix A, Dagorn L, Duparc A, Guillou A, Deneubourg J-L, Capello M.
- IOTC-2023-WGFAD04-10: Review of strategies for reducing the negative environmental impacts of dFADs. (Kaplan D et al.)

7. WRAP UP, SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Co-Chairs)

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 4th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FADs (Co-Chairs)