
AGENDA FOR THE 5TH AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

Last updated: 12 September 2023

Date: 4 - 6 October 2023

Location: Zoom

Venue: Virtual

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

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

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Co-Chairs)**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Co-Chairs)**
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES, AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Update on Resolution 23/02
- 4. REVIEW OF ANY ADDITIONAL DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT ON FADS (IOTC Secretariat)**
- 5. COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE SC UNDER RESOLUTIONS 23/03 and 23/04 (All)**
 - 5.1. Alternative FAD management options
 - 5.1.1.Reducing mortality of juveniles of BET/YFT and facilitate recovery.
 - 5.1.2.Mitigating by-catch
 - 5.1.3.Mitigating habitat impact (FAD loss, beaching, etc.)
 - 5.2. On closures (area, period modalities, full closure, dFADs closure, exploring other gears etc.)
 - 5.2.1.Review of closures in tuna RFMOs
 - 5.2.2.Consequences of temporal/spatial closures
 - 5.2.3.Statistical analysis to assess the effect on spatial/temporal juvenile catch.
 - 5.2.4.Analyses from stock assessment model projections to evaluate recovery with alternative scenarios.
- 6. WRAP UP, SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Co-Chairs)**
- 7. REMARKS AND CLOSING OF THE 5th SESSION OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FADs (Co-Chairs)**