
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 14th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS

UPDATED: 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

Date: 26-28 October 2023

Location: Hybrid

Venue: Donostia – San Sebastián (Spain)

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chairperson: Dr. Hilario Murua; **Vice-Chairperson:** Vacant

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 6th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3. Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5. Progress on the recommendations of WPM13 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 4.1. Review of OM and candidate MP development
 - 4.2. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 4.3. Future workplan
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 5.1. Candidate MP development
 - 5.2. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 5.3. Future workplan
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA MP (Resolution 22/03)**
 - 6.1. MP implementation: review of exceptional circumstances
 - 6.2. Future workplan
 - 6.3. External peer-review
- 7. SWORDFISH MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 7.1. Review of OM and candidate MP development
 - 7.2. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 7.3. Future workplan
- 8. YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 8.1. Future workplan
- 9. GENERAL MSE ISSUES** (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)
 - 9.1. General discussion (e.g. catch uncertainty)
 - 9.2. Climate change scenarios in MSE
 - 9.3. MSE capacity building

10. CPUE STANDARDISATION (Chairperson)

- 10.1. Update on the development of the joint CPUE indices for 2024/2025.
- 10.2. Advice on CPUE standardisation
- 10.3. Future workplan

11. STOCK ASSESSMENT and STOCK STATUS GUIDANCE (Chairperson)

- 11.1. Model selection and weighting
- 11.2. Data poor and/or other approaches
- 11.3. Review the approach used to provide stock status and management advice relative to reference points
- 11.4. Stock status categorization for Indian Ocean skipjack.

12. WPM PROGRAM OF WORK (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

- 12.1. Revision of the timeline of the MSE development
- 12.2. Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2024–2028) and research priorities

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1. Election of the Chair and Vice-chair for the Working Party on Methods (all)
- 13.2. Date and place of the 15th and 16th Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 13.3. Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 13.4. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 14th Session of the WPM (Chairperson)