
DRAFT: ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 14th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS

UPDATED: 16 OCTOBER 2023

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)
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–01a: Agenda of the 14th Working Party on Methods
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–01b: Annotated agenda of the 14th Working Party on Methods
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–02: List of documents of the 14th Working Party on Methods
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–03: 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)
 - IOTC-2023-TCMP06-R: Report 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)
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–04: Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–05: Review of Conservation and Management Measures relating to methods (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5. Progress on the recommendations of WPM13 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
 - IOTC–2023–WPM14–06: Progress made on the recommendations and requests of WPM13 and SC25 (IOTC Secretariat)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 4.1. Review of OM and candidate MP development
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-13: Conditioning IOTC Albacore OMs using the ABC approach (Hillary R, Mosqueira I)
 - 4.2. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 4.3. Future workplan
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 5.1. Candidate MP development
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-16: Status of the Skipjack OM (Edwards C)
 - 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
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-11: Consideration of Exceptional Circumstances for the Bigeye Tuna MP 2023 (Preece A, Williams A)
- 6.2. Future workplan
- 6.3. External peer-review

7. SWORDFISH MSE: UPDATE (Developers)

- 7.1. Review of OM and candidate MP development
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-14: IOTC Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation Update (Brunel T, Mosqueira I)
- 7.2. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
- 7.3. Future workplan

8. YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE (Developers)

- 8.1. Future workplan
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-08: A close-kin mark recapture pilot study for Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (Williams A, Tremblay-Boyer L, Hillary R, Preece A)

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
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-10: Utilizing the capacities of international organizations to accelerate catch modifications, UNIDO project in Iran as a case study (Roshan JM)
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-12: Maximum Sustainable Yield Assessment for Pelagic Fish in the Andaman Sea Thailand (Prasertsook O)
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-15: Effort creep in tuna fishery stock assessments: preliminary investigation (Hoyle S)
- 11.3. Review the approach used to provide stock status and management advice relative to reference points
 - IOTC-2023-WPM14-09: Application of DPSIR framework in tuna fisheries management in the Indian Ocean with special reference to Sri Lanka (Jayasinghe RPPK, Bandaranayake KHK, Thanusanth S)
- 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

- IOTC–2023–WPM14–17: Schedule of Work for the Development of Management Procedures for Key Species in the IOTC Area (Bromhead D)

12.2. Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2024–2028) and research priorities

- IOTC–2023–WPM14–07: Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2024–2028) (IOTC Secretariat & Chairpersons)

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)