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## AGENDA FOR THE 19<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

PREPARED BY: IOTC SECRETARIAT, LAST UPDATED: 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

**Location:** Mumbai, India / Hybrid

**Platform:** Zoom

**Time:** 9:00 – 17:00 (Mumbai time, GMT+05:30)

**Chair:** Dr Julien Barde (EU,France); **Vice-Chair:** Dr Nuwan Gunawardane (Sri Lanka)

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1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairs)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.1. Outcomes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee and of the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission
  - 3.2. Review of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) relevant to the WPDCS
  - 3.3. Progress on the recommendations of WPDCS18
4. **REVIEW OF DATA REQUIREMENTS IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE WPDCS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.1. Data recording (logbooks)
    - 4.1.1. Res. 15/01 *On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence*
  - 4.2. Data reporting (to the IOTC Secretariat)
    - 4.2.1. Res. 15/02 *On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)*
    - 4.2.2. Res. 19/02 *Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan*
    - 4.2.3. Res. 19/07 *On vessels chartering in the IOTC area of competence*
    - 4.2.4. Res. 21/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence*
    - 4.2.5. Res. 23/01 *On the management of Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (aFADs)*
5. **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 5.1. IOTC Secretariat report
  - 5.2. Updates on data-related requests from other Working Parties (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 5.3. Dissemination of IOTC reference data, datasets, and documents
    - 5.3.1. Res. 12/02 *Data confidentiality policy and procedures*
6. **UPDATES ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
  - 6.1. Updates on the status of national data collection systems
  - 6.2. Overview of data processing procedures and proposed revisions of historical data
  - 6.3. Main challenges encountered in reporting mandatory statistics to the IOTC Secretariat

7. **GLOBAL FISHERIES INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND DATA MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)
8. **REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)
  - 8.1. Updates on the status of the ROS and its Pilot Project
  - 8.2. Electronic Monitoring Systems in support of the IOTC ROS
9. **CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES: DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN COASTAL COUNTRIES** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)
10. **WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)
  - 10.1. Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2024–2027
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - 11.1. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the WPDCS for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 11.2. Date and place of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> sessions of the WPDCS: 2024 & 2025 (Chairs)
12. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**
  - 12.1. Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the WPDCS (Chairs)