



## SUMMARY OF UPDATES ON DATA-RELATED REQUESTS FROM OTHER WORKING PARTIES

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### Purpose

To provide participants at the 19<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS19) with data-related requests made by the Scientific Committee and the other Working Parties and Working Groups to the WPDCS.

### Recommendation

That the WPDCS **NOTE** paper IOTC-2023-WPDCS19-12 which details the data-related requests made to the WPDCS that should be addressed during the meeting.

### Appendices

**Appendix A:** Paragraphs of reports from IOTC meetings along with the description of data-related requests made to the WPDCS.

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Meeting	Para.	Description
WPDCS18 (November 2022)	51	The WPDCS <b>NOTED</b> from paper IOTC-2022-WPDCS18-07_Rev1 the status of reporting matrix by the CPCs for the statistical year 2021, with only 33% of the CPCs having submitted complete forms 1-DR for 2021 and almost 50% of the CPCs not having submitted the matrix for that year.
	67	The WPDCS <b>NOTED</b> the reporting of discard data to the Secretariat (through form 1DI) by several CPCs in 2021 with more detailed information available on the condition of the discards from various fisheries. However, the WPDCS <b>NOTED</b> that discard data are still unavailable for many CPCs and fisheries overall and that the values of discards reported appear to be very low and widely underestimated for most fisheries. The WPDCS therefore <b>URGED</b> CPCs to increase the collection and reporting of discard data to the Secretariat, <b>RECALLING</b> that the data should be extrapolated to each fishery as per Res. 15/02.
SC25 (December 2022)	90	The SC <b>REQUESTED</b> the WGFAD to discuss further the FAD definition and report to the WPEB and WPDCS in 2023.
WPNT13 (July 2023)	44	The WPNT <b>NOTED</b> with great concern the paucity of size-frequency data available at the Secretariat for many neritic fisheries, particularly for Indo-Pacific king mackerel and bullet tuna, and <b>REQUESTED</b> all CPCs to work to find and report historical data that may not have been reported and to develop and implement procedures for the collection of size data when necessary
	75	The WPNT <b>NOTED</b> that the size data presented in this study would be of interest to the wider scientific community and so <b>REQUESTED</b> that Indonesia share these data with the Secretariat so that they can be included in the morphological database that is under development for all species managed by the IOTC.
WGEMS03 (March 2023)	30	The WGEMS <b>NOTED</b> that most comments and feedback received on the previous version of the draft of IOTC Electronic Monitoring Programme standards, including Annexes 1 and 2 (see document IOTC-2022-WPDCS18-34) were only made by a limited number of scientists who focused on the development and implementation of EMS for longline fisheries. Therefore, the WGEMS <b>ENCOURAGED</b> scientists involved in purse seine, gillnet fisheries, and coastal fisheries to carefully review the annexes 1 and 2 of the document IOTC-2023-WGEMS03-06 and provide feedback to the group at the next sessions of the WPDCS and WGEMS, <b>RECALLING</b> that those annexes are a living document that is expected to change and improve over time and with the technological evolution of EMS.
	43	The WGEMS <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the WPDCS consider and endorse the WGEMS Programme of Work (2024-2028), as provided in Appendix V.
WPB21 (September 2023)	107	From a general point of view, the WPB <b>ACKNOWLEDGED</b> the necessity of sharing raw morphometric data to increase sample size and identify the main factors explaining the variability in relationships and conversion factors and <b>REQUESTED</b> the Secretariat to present the progress made on developing an electronic exchange format, a biological database, and a summary of the status of all biological data available at the Secretariat at the next session of the WPDCS.

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<b>WPEB19</b>	<b>9</b>	The WPEB <b>ACKNOWLEDGED</b> that the WGEMS is currently working on the identification of all ROS data elements that could be reasonably collected through Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) and will report back any findings to the WPDCS
<b>WPTT25</b> <b>(October 2023)</b>  <b>[Report not adopted yet]</b>	<b>78</b>	The WPTT discussed the possibility of imposing a unit of effort for the different fishing gears in order to accurately standardize CPUE. The WPTT <b>QUERIED</b> whether the information on the number of crew or days at sea has been collected to calculate appropriate effort indices. The WPTT <b>NOTED</b> that logbooks contain some information on the number of hooks or crew that could be used to correct for this. The WPTT further <b>NOTED</b> that logbook data also include the number of poles. The WPTT <b>AGREED</b> that consistent reporting of pole and line effort for a long time and the issue of effort units should be further discussed at the WPDCS.