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**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 15<sup>th</sup> WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**

**UPDATED: 1 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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**Date:** 24-26 October 2024

**Location:** Hybrid

**Venue:** Berjaya Beau Vallon Hotel, Seychelles

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chairperson:** Dr. Hilario Murua; **Vice-Chairperson:** Ann Preece

- 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 26th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.2. Outcomes of the 8th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.3. Outcomes of the 28th 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 WPM14 (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 MP (Resolution 24/07)**
  - 5.1. Tasks, responsibilities and timeline for running the MP as per Resolution 24/07
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA MP (Resolution 22/03)**
  - 6.1. Running the Bigeye MP as per Resolution 22/03
  - 6.2. Review of exceptional circumstances
  - 6.3. External peer-review
- 7. SWORDFISH MP (Resolution 24/08)**
  - 7.1. Tasks, responsibilities, and timeline for running the MP
  - 7.2. Running the Swordfish MP as per Resolution 24/08
  - 7.3. Review of Exceptional Circumstances
- 8. YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
  - 8.1. Future workplan
- 9. GENERAL MSE ISSUES** (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)
  - 9.1. Climate change scenarios in MSE
  - 9.2. MSE capacity building
  - 9.3. General discussion (e.g. catch uncertainty)
  - 9.4. Feedback on MSE and MP communication to TCMP

**10. CPUE STANDARDISATION (Chairperson)**

- 10.1. Update on the development of the joint CPUE indices for 2025/2026.
- 10.2. Advice on CPUE standardisation
- 10.3. Future workplan

**11. STOCK ASSESSMENT and STOCK STATUS GUIDANCE (Chairperson)**

- 11.1. Review the approach used to provide stock status and management advice relative to reference points

**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 (2025–2029) and research priorities

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1. Date and place of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 13.2. Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 13.3. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPM (Chairperson)