
DRAFT: ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 15th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS

UPDATED: 16 OCTOBER 2024

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:** Dr Ann Preece

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-01a: Agenda of the 14th Working Party on Methods
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-01b: Annotated agenda of the 15th Working Party on Methods
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-02: List of documents of the 15th Working Party on Methods
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 26th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-03: 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)
 - IOTC-2024-TCMP08-R: Report 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)
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-04: Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-05: Review of Conservation and Management Measures relating to methods (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5. Progress on the recommendations of WPM14 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-06: Progress made on the recommendations and requests of WPM14 and SC26 (IOTC Secretariat)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 4.1. Review of OM and candidate MP development
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-08: 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 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
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-09: Running the IOTC bigeye tuna management procedure for 2024 (Williams A, Hillary R, Preece A)

6.2. Review of exceptional circumstances

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-10: Consideration of exceptional circumstances for the IOTC bigeye tuna management procedure for 2024 (Preece A, Williams A)

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

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-11: Application of the management procedure for Indian Ocean swordfish (Brunel T, Mosqueira I)

7.3. Review of Exceptional Circumstances

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-12: Consideration of exceptional circumstances for the IOTC Swordfish tuna management procedure for 2024 (Bromhead D, Preece A, Williams A, Brunel T, Mosqueira I)

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

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-INF02: Technical MSE Demonstration for Atlantic Blue Shark (Carruthers T)
- IOTC-2024-WPM15-INF03: Developing the Climate Test: Performance Metrics of Climate Robustness (Carruthers T)

9.2. MSE capacity building

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-INF04: MSE Capacity Building Workshop Summary Report

9.3. General discussion (e.g. catch uncertainty)

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-13: Iran's Approaches and Actions for Promoting and Developing Longline Tuna Fishing Methods (Joint Collaboration with UNIDO) (Roshan J)
- IOTC-2024-WPM15-14: Trend analysis of tropical tuna production in Sri Lanka (Ayeshya H, Jayasinghe R)
- IOTC-2024-WPM15-15: Stock Assessment for Pelagic Fish in the Andaman Sea Thailand (Prasertsook O)

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

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-INF01: Exploratory analysis of yellowfin tuna longline catch and effort data using VAST (Langley A)

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

- IOTC-2024-WPM15-INF05: A Bayesian length-based catch curve for multigear fisheries (Medley P)

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
 - IOTC-2024-WPM15-07: Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2025–2029) (IOTC Secretariat & Chairpersons)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1. Date and place of the 16th and 17th 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 15th Session of the WPM (Chairperson)