
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 20TH WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

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Location: Cape Town, South Africa / Hybrid

Platform: Zoom

Time: 9:00 – 17:00 (Cape Town time, GMT+02:00)

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

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 Scientific Committee (SC) and Commission (COM) last meetings
 - 3.2. Review of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) relevant to the WPDCS
4. **PROGRESS OF IOTC-DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1. IOTC Data Section Activities
 - 4.1.1. Updates on Data-Related Requests from Working Parties
 - 4.1.2. Progress and Improvements in IOTC Data, including Capacity-Building Activities
 - 4.2. IOTC Data Overview
 - 4.3. Improving the Definition of IOTC Coastal Fisheries
 - 4.4. Improving the Management of Morphometric and Biological Data at the Secretariat
5. **UPDATES ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
 - 5.1. Updates on the Status of National Data Collection Systems
6. **REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)
 - 6.1. Finalisation of the review of ROS data fields (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)
 - 6.2. Updates on the status of the ROS and its Pilot Project
 - 6.3. Electronic Monitoring Systems in support of the IOTC ROS
7. **WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)
 - 7.1. Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2025-2028
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. Date and place of the 21st and 22nd sessions of the WPDCS: 2025 & 2026 (Chairs)
9. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**
 - 9.1. Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 20th session of the WPDCS (Chairs)