



## PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 29<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION

V2 March 2025

**Date:** 13-17 April 2025

**Chairperson:** Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea)

**Vice Chairpersons:** Mr Adam Ziyad (Maldives), Mr Qayiso Mketsu (South Africa)

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 2. LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS**
- 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**
- 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
- 5. DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE IOTC**
- 6. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN 2024 (S28) (IOTC-2025-S29-02)**
- 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE**
  - IOTC-2025-S29-06 - *On Amending the IOTC Rules of Procedures, Appendix V (European Union)*
  - IOTC-2025-S29-08 - *Working paper regarding the IOTC meeting operation (Japan)*
- 8. REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (IOTC-2024-SC27-R and IOTC-2025-SSC01-R)**
  - 8.1. Overview of the 2024 SC27 Report and Special Session of the SC held in 2025 (SC Chairperson)
    - IOTC-2025-S29-07 - *Draft IOTC Strategic Science Plan 2025-2029 (SC Chair)*
  - 8.2. Discussion on any related conservation and management measures
  - 8.3. Procedures governing IOTC Scientific Working Parties and Working Groups
- 9. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

*The following proposals for Conservation and Management Measures have been received:*

*PropA. On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (cf Res 24/05) – Korea*

*PropB. On establishing a programme for transshipment by fishing vessels (cf Res 24/05) – Indonesia*

*PropC. On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC conservation and management measures (cf Res 17/02 and Res 24/10) – South Africa*

*PropD. On the limitation of fishing capacity – Japan*

*PropE. On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf Res 17/05 and 18/02) – Japan*

*PropF. On establishing catch limits for bigeye tuna in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 23/04) – Japan and the European Union*

*PropG. On a high seas boarding and inspection scheme - European Union, Seychelles and India*

*Prop H. On establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 24/03) – Somalia*

*PropI. On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (cf Res 24/01) – Mauritius*

- PropJ. On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 21/01) - European Union*
- PropK. On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf Res 17/05) – European Union*
- PropL. On the prohibition to use driftnets (cf. Res 17/07) – European Union*
- PropM. On a regional observer scheme (cf. Res 24/04) – European Union*
- PropN. Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence (cf. Res 19/04) – European Union*
- PropO. On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (cf. Res 24/05) – European Union*
- PropP. On crew labour standards – European Union*
- PropQ. On the conservation of shortfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries – European Union*
- PropR. On promoting the implementation of the BBNJ agreement (agreement under the United Nations convention on the law of the sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction) – Maldives*
- PropS. Mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCS) – Maldives*
- PropT. On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf Res 18/02, 17/05, 13/05, 13/06, and 12/09) – Maldives, Pakistan, South Africa*
- PropU. On a management procedure for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence – Australia*
- PropV. Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence (cf. Res 19/04) – Australia*
- PropW. On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) programme (cf. Res 06/03) – Australia*
- PropX. On an interim catch distribution for yellowfin tuna (cf. Res 21/01) – Pakistan, South Africa*
- PropY. On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence - South Africa, Indonesia, Maldives)*

- 9.1. Current Conservation and Management Measures that require action by the Commission in 2025 (IOTC-2025-S29-03)
  - IOTC-2025-S29-10 - IOTC dFAD register Design Specifications (IOTC Secretariat)
- 9.2. Review of objections received under Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement (IOTC-2025-S29-04)
- 9.3. Proposals for new or revised Conservation and Management Measures (noting that, some proposals will be considered under other agenda items, as relevant).
  - IOTC-2025-S29-09 - Working paper from the Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and Kenya with regards to the Allocation of Fishing Opportunities for Stocks of Tropical Tunas by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (Tanzania and Kenya)

## **10. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA (IOTC-2024-TCAC13-R and IOTC-2025-TCAC14-R)**

- 10.1. Overview of the TCAC13 and TCAC14 Reports (TCAC Chairperson)
- 10.2. Future Direction of the TCAC

## **11. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (IOTC-2025-TCMP09-R)**

- 11.1. Overview of the TCMP09 Report (TCMP Chairpersons)

**12. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (IOTC-2025-CoC22-R)**

- 12.1. Overview of the CoC22 Report (CoC Chairperson)
- 12.2. Adoption of the List of IUU Vessels
- 12.3. Requests for accession to the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party
- 12.4. Review of CPCs Compliance Reports

**13. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (IOTC-2025-SCAF22-R)**

- 13.1. Overview of the SCAF22 Report (SCAF Chairperson)
- 13.2. SCAF feedback on draft rules of Procedure for the IOTC Working Capital Fund
- 13.3. Adoption of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Commission (see also IOTC-2025-SCAF22-08)
- 13.4. Schedule of meetings for 2026-2027

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 14.1. Cooperation with other organisations and institutions (IOTC-2025-S29-05)
  - 14.1.1. Discussion on the application for observer status by the Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation
- 14.2. Date and place of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission and the meetings of its associated subsidiary bodies in 2026 – including discussion on need for a Special Session in 2025 to address yellowfin tuna management.

**15. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 29th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**