
OUTCOMES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE 28th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

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PURPOSE

To inform participants at the 2nd Working Party on Social-Economics (WPSE02) meeting of the decisions and requests made by the Commission at its 28th session, held from 12-16 May 2024, specifically relating to the work of the WPSE.

BACKGROUND

At the 28th Session, the Commission **CONSIDERED** and **ADOPTED** 11 proposals as Conservation and Management Measures (consisting of 10 Resolutions and 1 Recommendations) as detailed below

Resolutions

- Resolution 24/01 *On Climate Change as It Relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission*
- Resolution 24/02 *On Management of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in the IOTC Area of Competence*
- Resolution 24/03 *On Establishment a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the IOTC Area of COMPETENCE*
- Resolution 24/04 *On a Regional Observer Scheme*
- Resolution 24/05 *On Establishing a Programme for Transshipment by Large-Scale Fishing Vessels*
- Resolution 24/06 *On a Ban on Discards of Bigeye Tuna, Skipjack Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, and Non-Targeted Species Caught by Vessels in the IOTC Record of Authorisation That Operate in the IOTC Area of Competence*
- Resolution 24/07 *On a Management Procedure for Skipjack in the IOTC Area Of Competence*
- Resolution 24/08 *On a Management Procedure for Swordfish in the IOTC Area of Competence*
- Resolution 24/09 *To promote compliance by nationals of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures*
- Resolution 24/10 *On the Promotion of the Implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures*
- Recommendation 24/11 *On Marine Pollution*

At the 27th Session, the Commission adopted Resolution 23/10 Terms of Reference for a Working Party on Socio-Economics

The Working Party on Socio-Economics (WPSE) shall inform the Commission on the socio-economic status and dynamics of fisheries for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence and to assess and advise on potential impacts to CPCs arising from the Conservation and Management Measures, allocation of quotas and catch limits, and recommendations of the IOTC Scientific Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Commission also discussed the report of the TCAC meeting in 2023 and made some general comments which have relevance for the WPSE (IOTC–2024–S28–R):

*(Para 78) The Commission **NOTED** paper IOTC-2024-S28-07 which provided an outline presented by a CPC for working towards further progress on the development of an allocation of fishing opportunities for IOTC species. The text of the document included a revision to the allocation proposal distributed by the outgoing independent Chair of the TCAC.*

*(Para 79) The Commission **THANKED** the authors of the document for providing a document to advance the allocation process and many CPCs expressed their commitment to contribute to improving the text before the next TCAC meeting.*

The complete report of the 28th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission is available for download from the IOTC website.

RECOMMENDATION

That the WPSE

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2025–WPSE02–03 which outlined the main outcomes of the 28th Session of the Commission, specifically related to the work of the WPSE and **AGREE** to consider how best to provide the SC with the information it needs, in order to satisfy the Commission’s requests, throughout the course of the current and next WPSE meetings.