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## OUTCOMES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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### PURPOSE

To inform participants at the 2nd Meeting of the Working Party on Social-Economics (WPSE02) of the recommendations arising from the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOTC Scientific Committee (SC) held from 2 -6 December 2024, specifically relating to the work of the WPSE.

### BACKGROUND

At the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the SC, the SC noted and considered the recommendations made by the WPSE in 2024 that included requests to develop and distribute social-economic indicators, to evaluate their relevance, applicability, and data needs, as well as to carry out targeted research of social-economic aspects of IOTC fisheries.

### DISCUSSION

The following extracts from the SC27 Report (2024) are provided here for the consideration and action of the WPSE02:

#### **Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Working Party on Socio-Economics (WPSE01)**

*(Para 150) The SC **NOTED** the report of the 1st Session of the Working Party on Socio-Economics (IOTC–2024–WPSE01–R) which was held back-to-back with the 13th meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC13) and attended by 69 participants.*

*(Para 151) The SC **NOTED** that the WPSE was **REQUESTED** by the TCAC to provide guidance on matters related to socio-economic indicators and inputs into the allocation regime.*

*(Para 152) The SC **NOTED** that the WPSE conducted a preliminary review of the information on socio-economic data and indicators for IOTC CPCs and fisheries, building on the scoping study undertaken in 2019 in accordance with Resolution 18/09.*

*(Para 153) The SC **NOTED** that the Programme of Work for the WPSE will be developed over time and that some inter-sessional work will be undertaken in the interim to identify a suite of socio-economic indicators that could be derived from data available in the CPCs and included in a dedicated section of the National Reports, with assistance from the Secretariat.*

*(Para 154) The SC **AGREED** to hold the next WPSE meeting online in 2025 during a two-day session, at least one month prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the TCAC.*

### RECOMMENDATION

That the WPSE:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2025–WGSE02–04 which outlined the main outcomes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee, specifically related to the work of the WPSE.
- 2) **CONSIDER** how best to progress these issues at the present meeting.