

Amendment on the existing Resolution regarding administration and finance matters
(by Japan)

Background

The Technical Committee on Management Procedures (TCMP) has successfully carried out its task, leading to the adoption of the Management Procedures (MPs) for bigeye tuna, skipjack, and swordfish. On the other hand, paragraph 3 of Resolution 16/09 on the establishment of TCMP requires the meeting to be held in conjunction with the annual Session of the Commission, which extends meeting days for the annual meeting and increases meeting costs as well as workload. Given that the remaining species still need some work before seeking Commission's decision on MPs, and that the understanding of the MP has been developed among CPCs, we suggest making it possible to hold a TCMP meeting intersessionally. To facilitate full attendance by CPCs, meetings should be open to all CPCs and be held online. Under this suggestion, the Commission can still decide to have a TCMP meeting in conjunction with the annual Session, in particular when decision making on an MP is expected.

Suggested action

The Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF) considers the suggestion above, and if agrees, recommends the Commission adopt the following amendment to Resolution 16/09, in accordance with *Resolution 24/10 on the promotion of the implementation of IOTC CMMs*, paragraph 4.

Resolution 16/09

3. The TCMP shall meet prior to ~~and in conjunction with~~ the annual Commission Session. ~~To~~ facilitate full attendance by CPCs, meetings are open to all CPCs and are held online, unless otherwise decided by the Commission.