
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 21ST WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH: DATA PREPARATORY MEETING

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Date: 28-30 April 2025

Location: Online

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time, GMT+4)

Chair: Dr Charlene da Silva (South Africa)

Vice-Chair: Mr Mohammed Koya (India)

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
- 3. REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT FOR BYCATCH SPECIES AND BYCATCH DATA ESTIMATION APPROACHES** (All)
- 4. REVIEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO BLUE SHARK** (all)
 - 4.1. Review new information on the biology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for blue shark
 - Catch and effort
 - Observer data
 - Catch at size
 - Catch at age
 - Biological indicators, including age-growth curves and age-length keys
- 5. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF BLUE SHARK** (all)
 - 5.1. Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - 5.2. Other abundance indices
- 6. STOCK ASSESSMENT AND INDICATORS FOR BLUE SHARKS** (all)
 - 6.1. Review of indicators (all)
 - 6.2. Discussion on blue shark assessment models to be developed and their specifications
- 7. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 21st SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH (DATA PREPARATORY)** (Chair)