
AGENDA FOR THE 7TH WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

Last updated: 1 June 2025

Date: 9 - 10 June 2025**Location:** Zoom**Venue:** Virtual**Time:** 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)**Co-Chair:** Dr. Gorka Merino (European Union); **Co-Chair:** Mr. Avelino Munwane (Mozambique)**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Co-Chairs)****2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Co-Chairs)**

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 7th Working Group on FADs Meeting
- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-01b: Draft: Annotated agenda of the 7th Working Group on FADs Meeting
- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-02: Draft: List of documents of the 7th Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs Meeting

3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES, AND PROGRESS (Secretariat)**3.1. Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Scientific Committee**

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-03: Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)

3.2. Outcomes of the 29th Session of the Commission and previous decisions of the Commission in relation to FADs

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-04: Outcomes of the 29th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)

4. REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT ON FADS (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-05: Overview of Data and Information Held by the Secretariat on Purse Seine Fisheries Using Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices in the IOTC Area of Competence (IOTC Secretariat)

5. COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE SC AND SECRETARIAT ON FADS (ALL)**5.1. Resolution 24/02 On Management of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (DFADs) in the IOTC Area of Competence**

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-06 Drifting Towards Inequity: Redesigning dFAD Governance for Transboundary Ecological Justice (Heile A, Bailey M)

5.2. Resolution 23/01 On Management of Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (AFADs)

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-07 Recommendations for anchored FAD data and management (Pearce J et al.)

5.3 Development of a form to collect data on ALDFG

- IOTC2025-WGFAD07-10 Proposed form for the collection of data on Abandoned, Lost and Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) (IOTC Secretariat)
- IOTC2025-WGFAD07-11 Data Collection for Assessing Impacts of FAD Stranding Events (Uyarra M, Zudaire I, Salgado A, Grande M, Murua J, Erauskin E, Bullock R, Grimm H, Santiago J)
- IOTC2025-WGFAD07-12 Evaluating needs for the set up and maintenance of land-based FAD retrieval programs (Murua J, Andrés M, Zudaire I, Grande M, Uyara M, Salgado A, Pollock K, Santiago J)

6. REVIEW OF ANY NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FADS

- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-08 Reducing drifting Fish Aggregating Devices number and impacts through cooperation (Dupaix A, Guillotreau P, Deneubourg J, Capello M, Laurent D)
- IOTC-2025-WGFAD07-09 Is bycatch under-represented in purse seine fisheries (Dyer E, Perraudeau M, Purves M)

7. **WRAP UP, SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (Co-Chairs & IOTC Secretariat)
 - 7.1. Election of Chair of the WGFAD for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)
8. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 7th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FADs** (Co-Chairs)