



ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 15TH WORKING PARTY ON NERITIC TUNAS

LAST UPDATED: JUNE 2025

Date: 7–11 July 2025

Location: Seychelles

Venue: Eden Bleu Hotel, Seychelles

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily (Seychelles time)

Chair: Dr Farhad Kaymaram; **Vice-Chair:** Mr Bram Setyadji

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Chair)

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Chair)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 15th Working Party on Neritic Tunas
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-01b: Annotated agenda of the 15th Working Party on Neritic Tunas
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-02: List of documents of the 15th Working Party on Neritic Tunas

3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS

3.1. Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-03: Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)

3.2. Outcomes of the 28th the 29th Sessions of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-04: Outcomes of the 28th and 29th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)

3.3. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-05: Review of current Conservation and Management Measures relating to neritic tuna species (IOTC Secretariat)

3.4. Progress on the recommendations of WPNT14 (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-06: Progress made on the recommendations and requests of WPNT14 and SC27 (IOTC Secretariat)

4. NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA FOR NERITIC TUNAS

4.1. Review of the statistical data available for neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-07: Review of the statistical data available for neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)

4.2. Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (all)

4.3. Tools for the improvement of data collection

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-13: Digital ID tool for IOTC tuna and tuna-like species using ODK (Open Data Kit (T. Fujino)

5. NERITIC TUNA SPECIES – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS

5.1. Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-09: The Status of Tuna Stocks with Special Reference to Neritic Tunas in Pakistan (S. Saeed, S. A. Hassan, M. Tariq, M. A. Wassan and M. F. Khan)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-10: Status of neritic tuna in Pakistan with special emphasis on the distribution and abundance of longtail tuna (*Thunnus tonggol*) in the coastal and offshore waters of Pakistan (M. Moazzam Khan)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-11: Neritic Tuna and Seerfish Fisheries from Small-scale Purse Seiners in the Andaman Sea of Thailand (S. Pheaphabrattana, P. Noranarttragoon, K. Maeroh)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-12: Monitoring neritic tuna exploitation by foreign vessels in Madagascar's EEZ (2024-2025) (M. A. Rasolomampionona)

- IOTC-2025-WPNT-19: Spatial and temporal size of kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis*) caught by artisanal gears (I. W. Barasa and S. Ndegwa)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT-20: Neritic tuna with special reference to the fishery and biology of *Thunnus tonggol* in the Indian Waters (P. Abdul Azeez, E. M. Abdussamad, M. K. Koya, K. M. Rajesh, S. Surya, S. J. Kizhakudan, G. George)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT-21: Biological characteristics and spawning potential of neritic tunas (*Euthynnus affinis* and *Thunnus tonggol*) in the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia (E. M. Faizal)

5.2. Stock assessment updates (all)

- IOTC–2025–WPNT15–14: Assessment on Kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis* Cantor, 1849) using data limited approach in the eastern Indian Ocean (R. K. Sulistyaningsih, L. Sadiyah, F. Satria, B. Setyadji, and P. Suadela)
- IOTC–2025–WPNT15–15: A multi-species ratio approach to estimate eastern little tuna abundance independent of fishing effort (B. Setyadji, M. Spencer, L. Kell, S. Wright and S. Ferson)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-18: Length based data limited methods: Application on the Narrow barred Spanish mackerel in the Persian Gulf & Oman Sea (F. Kaymaram, A. Vahabnezhad, S. A. Hossainy and M. Darvishi)

5.3. Development of management advice for neritic tuna species (all)

6. STOCK IDENTIFICATION METHODS AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (all)

6.1. Population structure and connectivity in stock assessments (all)

6.2. Recent and ongoing stock structure studies relevant to IOTC's neritic species (all)

- IOTC–2025–WPNT15–16: Molecular identification, feeding and reproductive parameters of neritic tuna species occurring in Sri Lanka. (D. Herath)
- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-17: Genome scans reveal extensive population structure in three neritic tuna and tuna-like species in the Indian Ocean (P. Feutry, S. Foster, P. M. Grewe, J. Aulich, M. Lansdell, N. Clear, A. Williams, G. Johnson, T. D. Wudianto, U. Shahid, M. Ahusan, P. Lestari, M. Taufik, A. Priatna, A. Zamroni, H. B. Usmani, J. Farley, H. Murua, F. Marsac and C. R. Davies)

Information papers:

- IOTC–2025–WPNT15–INF01: *Scomberomorus guttatus* and *lineolatus* identified in Sri Lanka by DNA barcoding (D. R. Herath, T. Fujino, S. Yatawaka, T. Balawardhana and R.P.P.K. Jayasinghe)

6.3. Approaches to determining population structure (all)

Information papers:

- IOTC-2025-WPNT15-INF02: Identification unit stock and fisheries management (F. Kaymaram)

6.4. Associated sampling requirements (all)

7. PROGRAM OF WORK (RESEARCH AND PRIORITIES)

7.1. Revision of the WPNT Program of Work 2026–2030 (Chair)

- IOTC–2025–WPNT15–08: Revision of the WPNT Program of Work (2026–2030) (IOTC Secretariat)

7.2. Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPNT meeting

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Date and place of the 16th and 17th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)

8.2. Nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas (all)

8.3. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 15th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)