
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 16th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**UPDATED: 1 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Date: 27-28 October 2025**Location:** Anse Royale, Mahe, Seychelles**Venue:** Laila Resort, Seychelles**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily**Chairperson:** Dr. Hilario Murua; **Vice-Chairperson:** Ann Preece

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 27th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 9th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3. Outcomes of the 29th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5. Progress on the recommendations of WPM15 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 4.1. Review of OM and candidate MP development
 - 4.2. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 4.3. Future workplan
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MP (Resolution 24/07)**
 - 5.1. Running the Skipjack MP as per Resolution 24/07
 - 5.2. Review of exceptional circumstances
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA MP (Resolution 22/03)**
 - 6.1. Review of exceptional circumstances
 - 6.2. External peer-review
- 7. SWORDFISH MP (Resolution 24/08)**
 - 7.1. Review of Exceptional Circumstances
- 8. YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 8.1. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 8.2. Future workplan
- 9. BLUE SHARK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 9.1. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 9.2. Future workplan

10. GENERAL MSE ISSUES (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)

- 10.1. Climate change scenarios in MSE
- 10.2. MSE capacity building
- 10.3. Feedback on MSE and MP communication to TCMP

11. CPUE STANDARDISATION (Chairperson)

- 11.1. Update on the development of the joint CPUE indices for 2026/2027.
- 11.2. Advice on CPUE standardisation
- 11.3. Future workplan

12. STOCK ASSESSMENT and STOCK STATUS GUIDANCE (Chairperson)

- 12.1. Review the approach used to provide stock status and management advice relative to reference points

13. WPM PROGRAM OF WORK (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

- 13.1. Revision of the timeline of the MSE development
- 13.2. Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2026–2030) and research priorities

14. OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1. Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the WPM for the next biennium (Secretariat)
- 14.2. Date and place of the 17th and 18th Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 14.3. Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 14.4. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 16th Session of the WPM (Chairperson)