
AGENDA FOR THE 28TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**Last updated: 24 October 2025**

Date: 1 - 5 December 2025**Location:** Royal Garden Hotel, Shanghai, China/Hybrid**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily**Chair:** Dr Toshihide Kitakado (Japan)**Vice-Chair:** Dr Fayakun Satria (Indonesia)

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chairperson)
- 4. DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.1 Outcomes of the 29th Session of the Commission.
 - 4.2 Previous decisions of the Commission
- 5. SCIENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN 2025** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.1 Report of the Secretariat – Activities in support of the IOTC science process in 2025
- 6. NATIONAL REPORTS FROM CPCs** (CPCs)
- 7. REPORTS OF THE 2025 IOTC WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 IOTC-2025-WPSE02-R Report of the 2nd Session of the IOTC Working Party on Socio-Economics
 - 7.2 IOTC-2025-WPTmT09-R Report of the 9th Session of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas
 - 7.2.1 Albacore tuna stock assessment
 - 7.3 IOTC-2025-WPNT15-R Report of the 15th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - 7.4 IOTC-2025-WPB23-R Report of the 23rd Session of the Working Party on Billfish
 - 7.4.1 Blue marlin stock assessment
 - 7.4.2 Indo-Pacific sailfin marlin assessment
 - 7.4.3 Revision of catch levels of Marlins under Resolution 18/05
 - 7.5 IOTC-2025-WPEB21-R Report of the 21th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 7.5.1 Status of development and implementation of national plans of action for seabirds and sharks, and implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations
 - 7.5.2 Blue shark stock assessment
 - 7.5.3 Other matters
 - 7.6 IOTC-2025-WPTT27-R Report of the 27th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
 - 7.6.1 Bigeye tuna stock assessment
 - 7.6.2 Update on the WGFAD07
 - 7.6.3 Yellowfin tuna
 - 7.6.4 Other matters
 - 7.7 IOTC-2025-WPM16-R Report of the 16th Session of the Working Party on Methods
 - 7.7.1 Update on TCMP09
 - 7.7.2 Management Strategy Evaluation Progress
 - 7.7.3 Bigeye tuna MP (Resolution 22/03)
 - 7.7.4 Skipjack tuna MP (Resolution 24/07)
 - 7.7.5 Swordfish tuna MP (Resolution 24/08)
 - 7.8 IOTC-2025-WPDCS21-R Report of the 21th Session of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics
 - 7.8.1 Update on WGEMS05

7.8.2 Other matters

- 7.9 Summary discussion of matters common to Working Parties (capacity building activities; connecting science and management, etc.)
 - 7.9.1 Data collection and capacity building
 - 7.9.2 Invited Expert(s) at the WP meetings
 - 7.9.3 Meeting participation fund
 - 7.9.4 IOTC species identification guides: Tuna and tuna-like species
 - 7.9.5 Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the SC and its subsidiary bodies

8. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)

- 8.1 Tuna – Highly migratory species
- 8.2 Tuna and mackerel – Neritic species
- 8.3 Billfish

9. STATUS OF SHARKS, MARINE TURTLES, SEABIRDS AND MARINE MAMMALS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Chairperson)

- 9.1 Sharks
- 9.2 Marine turtles
- 9.3 Seabirds
- 9.4 Marine mammals

10. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME (IOTC Secretariat)

- 10.1 Consideration of Resolution 25/06 On a regional observer scheme

11. PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)

- 11.1 Progress on previous Recommendations from WPs and SC
- 11.2 Program of Work (2026–2030) and assessment schedule
 - 11.2.1 Program of Work
 - 11.2.2 Assessment schedule
 - 11.2.3 Consultants
- 11.3 Schedule of meetings for 2026 and 2027
 - 11.3.1 Data preparatory meetings
 - 11.3.2 Final meeting schedule

12 OTHER BUSINESS (Chairperson)

- 12.1 Election of a Chair for the next biennium (Chair and Secretariat)

13 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 28th SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (Chairperson)