



OUTCOMES OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE WGEMS

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PURPOSE

To inform participants at the 6th Working Group on Electronic Monitoring Systems (WGEMS06) of the recommendations arising from the 28th Session of the IOTC Scientific Committee (SC) held from 1-5 December 2025, specifically relating to the work of the WGEMS. The recommendations from the Commission are not included as a Commission meeting has not been held since the last WGEMS

1. Updates from the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee

Below find an extract from the Report of the SC relating to WGEMS.

7.6.1 Update on WGEMS04

(para. 142) The SC **NOTED** the report of the 4th ad hoc working group meeting on Electronic Monitoring Standards ([IOTC -2024-WGEMS04-R](#)), including the recommendation to convene an in-person meeting to address outstanding issues and finalise changes to the data fields for each gear type. The meeting was attended by 80 participants (cf. 89 in 2023).

(para. 237) The SC **NOTED** the report of the 5th ad hoc working group meeting on Electronic Monitoring Standards (IOTC - 2025-WGEMS05-R). The meeting was attended by 43 participants (cf. 80 in 2024).

(para. 238) The SC **ACKNOWLEDGED** that the WPDCS conducted a comprehensive review of all ROS data fields for purse seine, longline, and pole-and-line fisheries but did not address the gillnet-specific fields due to the absence of gillnet fishery experts at the meeting.