
OUTCOMES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE 28th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

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PURPOSE

To inform participants at the 3rd Working Party on Social-Economics (WPSE03) meeting of the decisions and requests made by the Commission at its 29th session, held from 13-17 April 2025, specifically relating to the work of the WPSE.

BACKGROUND

At the 29th Session of the Commission 14 Conservation and Management Measures were adopted (consisting of 12 Resolutions and 2 Recommendations), as detailed below:

- Resolution [25/01](#) *On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission*
- Resolution [25/02](#) *On the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) programme*
- Resolution [25/03](#) *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence*
- Resolution [25/04](#)
- Resolution [25/05](#) *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*
- Resolution [25/06](#) *On a Regional Observer Scheme*
- Resolution [25/07](#) *On a management procedure for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence*
- Resolution [25/08](#) *On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC*
- Resolution [25/09](#) *On the conservation of shortfin and longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries*
- Resolution [25/10](#) *On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures*
- Resolution [25/11](#) *On Port State Measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing*
- Resolution [25/12](#) *On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures*
- Recommendation [25/13](#) *On promoting the objectives of IOTC through cooperation with the BBNJ Agreement (The agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction)*
- Recommendation [25/14](#) *On the limitation of fishing capacity*

At the 27th Session, the Commission adopted Resolution 23/10 Terms of Reference for a Working Party on Socio-Economics

The Working Party on Socio-Economics (WPSE) shall inform the Commission on the socio-economic status and dynamics of fisheries for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence and to assess and advise on potential impacts to CPCs arising from the Conservation and Management Measures, allocation of quotas and catch limits, and recommendations of the IOTC Scientific Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Commission also discussed the report of the TCAC meeting in 2025, which mentioned the Socio-economic indicators discussed at WPSE should be updated in the App

The complete report of the 29th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission is available for download from the IOTC website.

(para 6) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the consideration of operational, economic and social impacts of mitigation

approaches be confined to the WPSE, not the WPEB (which considers scientific matters).

RECOMMENDATION

That the WPSE

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2026-WPSE03-03 which outlined the main outcomes of the 28th Session of the Commission, specifically related to the work of the WPSE and **AGREE** to consider how best to provide the SC with the information it needs, in order to satisfy the Commission's requests, throughout the course of the current and next WPSE meetings.