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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE  
30<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION**V3 April 2026

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**Date:** 11-15 May 2026**Chairperson:** Mr Adam Ziyad (Maldives)**Vice Chairpersons:** Mr Qayiso Mketsu (South Africa) and Mr Marco Valletta (European Union)

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 2. LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS**
- 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**
- 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (IOTC-2026-S30-01(a and b))**
- 5. DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE IOTC**
- 6. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN 2025 (S29) (IOTC-2026-S30-02)**
  - 6.1. Feedback from the Small Working Group on reviewing IOTC Processes
    - IOTC-2026-S30-07 - *Discussions and recommendations from the small informal working group to review IOTC processes*
  - 6.2. Implementation of the DFAD Register
- 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE**
  - IOTC-2026-S30-08 - *On Amending the IOTC Rules of Procedures (Japan)*
- 8. REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (IOTC-2025-SC28-R)**
  - 8.1. Overview of the 2025 SC28 Report (SC Chairperson)
  - 8.2. Discussion on any related conservation and management measures
  - 8.3. Report of the Working Party on Socio-Economics (WPSE02) (IOTC-2026-WPSE03-R)
- 9. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**
  - PropA. On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures (cf Res 25/12) - South Africa*
  - PropB. On the prohibition to use driftnets (cf Res 17/07) – European Union*
  - PropC. On the conservation of mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 19/03) – European Union*
  - PropD. Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 19/04) – European Union*
  - PropE. On vessel chartering in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 19/07) – European Union*
  - PropF. Proposed terms of reference of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (Korea)*
  - PropG. On establishing interim catch limits for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC area of competence (cf. Res 21/01) (South Africa)*
  - PropH. On an Interim Plan for Rebuilding the Indian Ocean Yellowfin Tuna Stock in the IOTC Area of Competence (cf. Res 21/02) (Tanzania, Kenya, Mauritius)*
  - PropI. On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence (cf. Res 25/03) (Mauritius)*
  - PropJ. On establishing interim catch limits for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence (Australia, European Union)*
  - PropK. On the conservation of mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf. Res 19/03) (Maldives)*
  - PropL. On Mandatory Statistical Reporting Requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs). (cf. Res 15/02) (Maldives)*
  - PropM. On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) programme (cf. Res 25/02) (Seychelles)*

*PropN. On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf. Res 25/08) (Japan)*

*PropO. On a high seas boarding and inspection scheme (European Union, France OT)*

*PropP. On Establishing a Programme for Transshipment by Large-scale Fishing Vessels (cf. Res 25/05) (European Union)*

*PropQ. On promoting the objectives of IOTC through cooperation with the BBNJ agreement (Maldives)*

9.1. Current Conservation and Management Measures that require action by the Commission in 2026 (IOTC-2026-S30-03)

- IOTC-2026-S30-06 - *Questions relevant to the DFAD Register*
- IOTC-2026-S30-12 - *Discussion paper on the implementation of the DFAD Register*
- IOTC-2026-S30-14 - *Discussion paper on labour standards on fishing vessels in IOTC fisheries*

9.2. Review of objections received under Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement (IOTC-2026-S30-04)

- IOTC-2026-S30-10 - *Koreas Statement on Resolution 25/03*

9.3. Proposals for new or revised Conservation and Management Measures (noting that, some proposals will be considered under other agenda items, as relevant).

## 10. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA (IOTC-2026-TCAC15-R and IOTC-2026-TCAC16-R)

10.1. Overview of the TCAC15 and TCAC16 Reports (TCAC Chairperson)

10.2. Future Direction of the TCAC

## 11. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (IOTC-2026-TCMP10-R)

11.1. Overview of the TCMP10 Report (TCMP Chairpersons)

## 12. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (IOTC-2026-CoC23-R)

12.1. Overview of the CoC23 Report (CoC Chairperson)

12.2. Adoption of the List of IUU Vessels

12.3. Requests for accession to the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party

12.4. Review of CPCs Compliance Reports

## 13. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (IOTC-2026-SCAF23-R)

13.1. Overview of the SCAF23 Report (SCAF Chairperson)

13.2. SCAF feedback on draft rules of Procedure for the IOTC Working Capital Fund

13.3. Adoption of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Commission (see also IOTC-2026-SCAF23-08)

13.4. Schedule of meetings for 2027-2028

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1. Cooperation with other organisations and institutions (IOTC-2026-S30-05)

- IOTC-2026-S30-09 - *Exploration of the IOTC E-PSM system for potential adaptation for ICCAT*
- IOTC-2026-S30-INF01 - *Guide for the identification of IOTC species*
- IOTC-2026-S30-INF07 - *Common Oceans Program Tuna Project II - Update*

14.2. Update on the BBNJ agreement process

*The Secretariat will provide a brief update on the progress of the BBNJ agreement process.*

- IOTC-2026-S30-11 - *The interaction between Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and 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*
- IOTC-2026-S30-13 - *A brief summary of developments related to the BBNJ process*

14.3. Climate Change

14.4. Regarding the tenure of the Executive Secretary

*The first term of the Executive Secretary ends in 2026. The IOTC Chair will provide an update on the status of the tenure going forward.*

14.5. Date and place of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission and the meetings of its associated subsidiary bodies in 2027.

## 15. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 30<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION