



## **PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA**

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### **Explanatory Memorandum:**

Since its establishment back in 2011, the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC) has been working without formal, explicit terms of reference (TOR) although Resolution 10/01 set out some general objectives or functions of TCAC.

For consistency and as a matter of principle, it would be appropriate to have one for the TCAC as is the case for other subsidiary bodies or Committees of IOTC.

As we are cautious that an overly prescriptive TOR may rather negatively affect or pre-empt the future discussions of TCAC, it is suggested that the Commission keeps the TOR of the TCAC simple, general and neutral, to the extent possible.

**RESOLUTION 26/xx**  
**ON TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA (TCAC)**

**Keywords:** Allocation, TCAC, TOR

**The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),**

RECALLING that the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC) was established following the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission;

CONSIDERING, however, that the TCAC has been working without formal Terms of Reference since then;

MINDFUL that the work of any subsidiary body of the Commission should be guided by clear terms of reference;

ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, the following:

1. The Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC) shall be governed *mutatis mutandis* by the IOTC Rules of Procedures.
2. The Terms of Reference (TOR) of the TCAC shall be the following:

***Objective***

The objectives of the TCAC shall be to discuss allocation criteria for the management of the tuna resources of the Indian Ocean and recommend an allocation system or any other relevant measures to the Commission.

***Composition***

The TCAC shall be composed of representatives designated by CPCs and fishing fleet(s) who may be accompanied by such experts or advisors as each CPC or fishing fleet may deem appropriate. The TCAC may also include, as observers, representatives of relevant intergovernmental organizations as well as non-governmental organizations admitted by the Commission.

***Mandate and Guiding Principles***

- a. The TCAC shall establish a work plan.
- b. The TCAC shall explore options and agree upon a list of criteria, associated indicator(s) and weighting principles which shall be used in developing an allocation system.
- c. The TCAC shall develop an allocation system or other alternative measures to address the issue of allocation, for consideration and adoption by the Commission.
- d. The TCAC may discuss any other issues it deems relevant to allocation criteria or system, and make necessary recommendations to the Commission.
- e. The TCAC should inform the relevant subsidiary bodies and/or the Commission of any data gaps or discrepancies identified in the discussions of TCAC.
- f. The TCAC may refer to relevant examples and/or precedents of other RFMOs, in order to achieve its objectives.
- g. The TCAC shall conduct its work in a cost-effective manner. Meetings of the TCAC may be in-person, virtual or hybrid mode.