



OUTCOMES OF THE 9th TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

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PURPOSE

To inform participants at the 10th Technical Committee on Management Procedure (TCMP10) of the outcomes of the 9th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedure (TCMP09), held in April 2025, relating to the work of the TCMP.

BACKGROUND

The TCMP09 meeting reviewed progress and results of the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) work on major IOTC tuna species, discussed elements of the Management Procedures that require a decision by the Commission, and included the presentation of MSE results. The Technical Committee on Management Procedure was intended as a formal communication channel to facilitate the exchange of information and views between fishery scientists and managers.

DISCUSSION

The TCMP discussed the application of management procedures for bigeye tuna and swordfish, and the actions for considerations of proposals of an amendment to the swordfish management procedure. The following extracts from the TCMP09 Report are provided here for the consideration:

(Para. 34) The TCMP **NOTED** that the application of the bigeye management procedure generated an unconstrained estimated TAC of 175,005 t which is more than 15% higher than the TAC set for 2024 and 2025. The TCMP **NOTED** that by applying the maximum 15% increase in the TAC as per Resolution 22/03, the MP recommended an annual TAC of 92,670 t for 2026-2028. Therefore, the TCMP **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the TAC advice for Bigeye tuna of 92,670 t resulting from the MP.

(Para. 46) The TCMP **RECOMMENDED** adopting Australia's proposal (IOTC-2025-S29-PropU) to amend the swordfish MP (as specified in Resolution 24/08), to ensure the current objective of at least 60% probability of being in Kobe green zone is met during 2034-2038. This involves a minor amendment to the Target CPUE in Annex I of Res 24/08, changing it from 0.7125 to 0.75. Further, the TCMP **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission establish a TAC (30527 t) for swordfish for 2026-2028 based on the revised MP **NOTING** that this TAC is the same as that from the original MP.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the TCMP:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2026-TCMP10-03 which outlined the outcomes of the 9th Technical Committee on Management Procedure, and **AGREE** to consider how best to provide the commission with the information it needs, in order to satisfy the Commission's requests, throughout the course of the current TCMP meeting.