
ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 22ND WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH: DATA PREPARATORY MEETING

Last updated: March 2026

Date: 15-17 April 2026

Location: Online

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time, GMT+4)

Chair: Dr Charlene da Silva (South Africa)

Vice-Chair: Dr Philippe Sabarros (EU, France) and Dr Yanan Li (China)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-01a: Agenda of the 21st Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Data Preparatory Meeting)
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-01b: Annotated agenda of the 21st Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Data Preparatory Meeting)
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-02: List of documents of the 21st Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Data Preparatory Meeting)
3. **REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT FOR BYCATCH SPECIES** (All)
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-03: Review of the statistical data and fishery trends for sharks (IOTC Secretariat)
4. **REVIEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO SHARKS** (All)
 - 4.1. Review new information on the biology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data for sharks
 - Catch and effort
 - Observer data
 - Catch at size
 - Catch at age
 - Biological indicators, including age-growth curves and age-length keys
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-06: Preliminary study of standardised catch per unit efforts (CPUE) of blue shark (*Prionace glauca*) in the Eastern Indian Ocean (I. Jatmiko, L. Sadiyah, F. Satria, S. A. Raup, D. R. Slamet and A. S. Januar)
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-07: Estimation of the Indonesian shark production (I. Jatmiko)
 - IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-INF01: Update of wire-leader used on longline fishery in Indonesia. (I. Jatmiko)

Information paper

- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-INF02: Considerations on tissue sampling for future close kin mark recapture studies in Indian Ocean sharks. (T. A. Patterson, J. P. Eveson)

5. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON INDICATORS FOR OCEANIC WHITETIP, SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD AND SILKY SHARK (Chair)

5.1. Review of indicators

- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-04: Sharks and rays basic indicators from the French purse seine and longline fisheries in the western Indian Ocean (P. Sabarros and C. Tellier).

Information papers:

- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-INF03: Species composition, commercial landings, distribution and some aspects of biology of shark (class pisces) of Pakistan: pelagic sharks (M. Moazzam and H. B. Osmany)
- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-INF05: Interactions between coastal fisheries and Critically Endangered scalloped hammerhead sharks in the Western Indian Ocean (D. van Beuningen, R. Bennett, N. Sidat, J. Siteo, S. Fernando, E. Nyale and P. Musembi)

5.2. Discussion on how these indicators can be used

- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-08: Quantitative risk assessment methods with potential application to shark bycatch in the Indian Ocean (C. Edwards)
- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-09: Preliminary assessment of the feasibility of carrying out risk assessments for silky shark, scalloped hammerhead shark and oceanic whitetip shark (C. da Silva)
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Information papers:

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Shark research plan

6.2. Seabird workplan

6.3. Handling guidelines compilation work

Information paper:

- IOTC-2026-WPEB22(DP)-INF04: Compilation of best-practice handling and release guidelines (Secretariat)

7. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 22nd SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH (DATA PREPARATORY) (Chair)