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## AGENDA FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

Last updated: 1 June 2026

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**Date:** 8 - 9 June 2026

**Location:** Zoom

**Venue:** Virtual

**Time:** 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

**Chair:** Dr. Gorka Merino (European Union)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE WGFAD FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM** (IOTC Secretariat)
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 8th Working Group on FADs Meeting
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-01b: Draft: Annotated agenda of the 8th Working Group on FADs Meeting
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-02: Draft: List of documents of the 8th Working Group on FADs Meeting
4. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES, AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.1. Outcomes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
    - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-03: Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.2. Outcomes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission and previous decisions of the Commission in relation to FADs
    - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-04: Outcomes of the 30th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT ON FADS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-05: Preliminary evaluation of IOTC Form 3DA implementation and proposed improved dataflow (IOTC Secretariat)
6. **COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE SC AND SECRETARIAT ON FADS** (ALL)
  - 6.1. Resolution 24/02 On Management of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (DFADs) in the IOTC Area of Competence
    - Presentation on an update of the Implementation DFAD register (Developers)
  - 6.2. Resolution 23/01 *On Management of Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (AFADs)*
7. **REVIEW OF ANY NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FADS** (ALL)
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-06 Preliminary assessment of the behaviour of drifting FADs during stranding events and costs of a recovery vessel at sea (Murua J)
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-07 2nd International Workshop on Biodegradable drifting Fish Aggregating Device (Moreno G, Escalle L, Zudaire I, Roman M, Murua J, Morán G, Grande M, Chassot E, Ashigbui B, Arantzamendi L, Parreño D, Recio L, Restrepo V, Murua H)
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-08 Report from the international workshop on mitigation of dFAD loss and abandonment in the Pacific Ocean (Escalle L)
  - IOTC-2026-WGFAD08-09 SEARCULAR Project: Developing New Bio-FAD Designs
8. **WRAP UP, SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (Chair)
9. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FADS** (Chair)