
**AGENDA FOR THE 28TH WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS:
DATA PREPARATORY MEETING**

Last updated: 1 June 2026

Date: 10 June - 12 June 2026

Location: Online

Venue: Virtual

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

Chair: Dr David Kaplan (European Union); Vice-Chair: Mr Mohamed Shimal

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Chair)

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Chair)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28(DP)-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 28th Working Party on Tropical Tunas (DP)
- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-01b: Draft: Annotated agenda of the 28th Working Party on Tropical Tunas (DP)
- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-02: Draft: List of documents for the 28th Working Party on Tropical Tunas (DP)

3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS

3.1 Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28(DP)-03 Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)

3.2 Outcomes of the 30th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28(DP)-04: Outcomes of the 30th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)

3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to tropical tunas (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28(DP)-05: Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to tropical tuna (IOTC Secretariat)

3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPTT27 (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28(DP)-06 Progress made on the recommendations of WPTT27 (IOTC Secretariat)

4 REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT FOR TROPICAL TUNA SPECIES (IOTC Secretariat)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-07a - Review of Indian Ocean tropical tuna statistical data (IOTC Secretariat)
- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-07b - Review of Indian Ocean skipjack tuna statistical data (IOTC Secretariat)

5 NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO TROPICAL TUNAS (Chair)

6 REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF SKIPJACK TUNA (Chair)

6.1 Review of fishery dynamics by fleet (CPCs).

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-8 - Fishing characteristics of the Korean tuan purse seine fishery in the Indian Ocean (Park H)

6.2 Nominal and standardised CPUE indices.

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-9 - An update of Bayesian Skipjack tuna CPUE Standardization for the Maldives Pole and Line Fishery, 1995 – 2025 (Shimal M, Medley P, Ahusan M, Adam S)
- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-10: Standardized catch per unit effort of skipjack tuna in the Indian Ocean for the European purse seine fleet operating on floating objects (Kaplan D, Grande M, Alonso R, Báez J, Duparc A, Uranga J, Imzilen T, Merino G, Correa G)
- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-11 - ABBI (Associative Behavior Abundance Index) for Skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) derived from echosounder buoys data in the Western Indian Ocean (Capello M)

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-12: Index of Abundance of Juvenile Skipjack Tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) in the Indian Ocean Derived from Echo-sounder Buoy Data (Uranga J)

7 SKIPJACK TUNA STOCK ASSESSMENT (Chair)

7.1 Discussion on skipjack tuna assessment models to be developed and their specifications.

- IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-13presentation: Stock assessment model of skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus Pelamis*)

7.2 Identification of data inputs for the different assessment models and advice framework.

7.3 Fishery indicators.

8 OTHER MATTERS (Chair)

9 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 28th SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS (DATA PREPARATORY) (Chair)