


AGENDA FOR THE IOTC ROS REPORTING WORKSHOP FOR LONGLINE FISHERIES

Date: 26th March – 29th May 2026

Location: Protea Hotel by Marriott Johannesburg Balalaika Sandton, South Africa 

Time: 9:00 – 16:00 (Johannesburg time, GMT+2)

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - Agenda of the IOTC ROS reporting workshop for longline fisheries
2. **THE IOTC REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - Review of the IOTC Regional Observer scheme
 - IOTC CMMs relevant to data collection and reporting under ROS
3. **MAPPING NATIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMS WITH THE IOTC REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME** (IOTC Secretariat and participants)
 - Status of the National observer programmes (CPCs)
4. **OBSERVATIONS AT THE SEA (ROS)** (IOTC Secretariat)
 - Status of at-sea observations from longline fisheries available at the IOTC
 - Alternative formats and data gaps
 - Observer data and EMS data
 - Observer coverage
5. **IOTC REPORTING FORMS AND OBSERVER TRIP REPORTS** (IOTC Secretariat and participants)
 - Review of IOTC forms and data elements
 - Overview terminology, data fields, and data catalogue
 - Exercise: report observations at sea with IOTC data forms and reconstruct historical data
6. **IOTC SUPPORTING MATERIALS FOR REPORTING ROS DATA** (IOTC Secretariat and participants)
 - ROS reporting guidelines and glossary
 - ROS observer manual
 - *Exercise:* report observations at sea with IOTC data forms and reconstruct historical data
7. **WRAP-UP SESSION AND FEEDBACK**
 - Open discussion about difficulties/setbacks hindering non-reporting data to IOTC
 - Outputs of the workshop