
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 16TH WORKING PARTY ON NERITIC TUNAS

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Date: 6–9 July 2026

Location: Seychelles

Venue: UNDP

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily (Seychelles time)

Chair: Dr Farhad Kaymaram; **Vice-Chair:** Dr Bram Setyadji

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Chair)**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Chair)**
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 30th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Progress on the recommendations of WPNT15 and SC28 (IOTC Secretariat)
- 4. NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA FOR NERITIC TUNAS**
 - 4.1. Review of the statistical data available for neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2. Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (general CPC papers)
- 5. NERITIC TUNA SPECIES – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 5.1. Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
 - 5.2. Data for input into stock assessments (all)
- 6. STOCK ASSESSMENT UPDATES**
 - 6.1. Stock assessment updates (all)
 - Longtail tuna
 - Kawakawa
 - Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel
 - 6.2. Stock status indicators for other neritic tuna species (all)
 - 6.3. Development of management advice for neritic tuna species (all)
- 7. PROGRAM OF WORK (RESEARCH AND PRIORITIES)**
 - 7.1. Revision of the WPNT Program of Work 2027–2031 (Chair)
 - 7.2. Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPNT meeting
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. Date and place of the 17th and 18th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)
 - 8.2. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 16th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)