
DRAFT: ANNOTATED 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)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-01a: Draft: Agenda of the 16th Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-01b: Annotated agenda of the 16th Working Party on Neritic Tunas
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-02: List of documents of the 16th Working Party on Neritic Tunas
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-03: Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 30th Sessions of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-04: Outcomes of the 30th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to neritic tunas (IOTC Secretariat)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-05: Review of current Conservation and Management Measures relating to neritic tuna species (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Progress on the recommendations of WPNT15 (IOTC Secretariat)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-06: Progress made on the recommendations and requests 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)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-07: 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)**
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-09: Analysis of Neritic Tuna in Malagasy Small-Scale Fisheries of the Mozambique Channel (A. M. Rasolomampionona)
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-10 Spatial and temporal variability of longtail tuna from Thai purse seine fishery in the Andaman Sea of Thailand (Kulanujaree N, Pheaphabrattana S, Maeroh K, Noranarttragoon P)
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-11: Artisanal fishing gears efficiency on kingfish species *Scomberomorous commerson* (I. W. Barasa and S. Ndegwa)
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-13: Trophic Dynamics and Reproductive Resilience: Implications for the Management of Kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis*) in Western Sri Lankan Waters (S. Athukoorala)
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-21: A systematic approach to estimating life-history parameters under data-limited scenarios for kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis*) in the western and southern part of Indonesian waters (B. Setyadji, M. Spencer, L. Kell, S. Wright and S. Ferson)
 - IOTC-2026-WPNT16-22: Stock structure of kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis*) in Indonesian waters inferred from parasite communities (P. Lestari, T. S. Syamsudin, E. Nurdin, A. S. Panggabean, C. P. Rura, F. Satria and L. Sadiyah)
- 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)**

- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-19: Towards new data for neritic tuna management in the Indian Ocean: a toolbox of genetic and epigenetic approaches (Chevrier T., Nieblas, A.E, Cowart D., Chanut J., Imbert Nguyen J., Bernard S. and Bonhommeau S.)
- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-20: Updates and Simplified Access to the IOTC Species Identification Website: iotcspecies.com (Fujino T)

5.2. Data for input into stock assessments (all)

6. STOCK ASSESSMENT UPDATES

6.1. Stock assessment updates (all)

- Longtail tuna
- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-14: Stock Assessment of Indian Ocean longtail tuna (*Thunnus tonggol*) using data-limited methods (Phillip G)
 - Kawakawa
- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-15: Stock Assessment of Indian Ocean kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis*) using data-limited methods (Phillip G)
 - Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel
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- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-16: Stock Assessment of Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus commerson*) using data-limited methods (Phillip G)
- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-12: Ensemble modeling for catch prediction and data-limited stock assessment of Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus commerson*, Lacepède, 1800) in the Persian Gulf and Oman Sea (southern Iranian waters) (S. A. Hashemi, F. Kaymaram and M. Doustdar)
- IOTC-2026-WPNT16-17: An application of the Bayesian Length Interval Catch Curve Analysis (FISHBLICC) to Indian Ocean longtail tuna and (*Thunnus tonggol*) and narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus commerson*) (Fu D)

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)

- Revision of the WPNT Program of Work (2027–2031) (IOTC Secretariat)

7.2. Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPNT meeting

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the WPNT for the next biennium

8.2. Date and place of the 17th and 18th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)

8.3. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 16th Working Party on Neritic Tunas (Chair)