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## AGENDA FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS: DATA PREPARATORY MEETING

Last updated: 1 June 2026

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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 (Maldives)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
  2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
    - IOTC-2026-WPTT28(DP)-01a: Draft agenda
    - IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-01b: Draft annotated agenda
    - IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-02: Draft list of documents
  3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
    - 3.1 Outcomes of the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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)
    - 6.2 Nominal and standardised CPUE indices.
      - IOTC-2026-WPTT28 (DP)-09 - An update of Bayesian skipjack tuna CPUE standardization for the Maldives pole and line fishery, 1995 – 2025 (Shimal et al)
      - 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 et al)
      - 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 (Baidai A, Duparc A, Imzilen T, Dupaix A, 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)
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**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 28<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS (DATA PREPARATORY)** (Chair)