
DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 17th WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**UPDATED: 1 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Date: 26-27 October 2026**Location:** Tenerife, Spain**Venue:** IEO**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily**Chair:** Ann Preece (AUS); **Vice-chair:** Dr Giancarlo Correa (EU.ESP)

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 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 10th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3. Outcomes of the 30th Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4. Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPM (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5. Progress on the recommendations of WPM16 (IOTC Secretariat and Chairperson)
- 4. ALBACORE MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 4.1. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 4.2. Future workplan
- 5. SKIPJACK TUNA MP (Resolutions 24/07 & 25/03)**
 - 5.1. Review of exceptional circumstances
 - 5.2. Others scientific work requested by the Commission
- 6. BIGEYE TUNA MP (Resolution 22/03 & 25/04)**
 - 6.1. Review of exceptional circumstances
- 7. SWORDFISH MP (Resolution 24/08 & 26/02)**
 - 7.1. Review of Exceptional Circumstances
- 8. YELLOWFIN TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 8.1. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 8.2. Future workplan
- 9. BLUE SHARK TUNA MSE: UPDATE** (Developers)
 - 9.1. Discussion and feedback on MSE development
 - 9.2. Future workplan
- 10. GENERAL MSE ISSUES** (Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)
 - 10.1. Climate change scenarios in MSE
 - 10.2. MSE capacity building
 - 10.3. Feedback on MSE and MP communication to TCMF

11. CPUE STANDARDISATION (Chairperson)

- 11.1. Update on the development of the joint CPUE indices for 2027/2028.
- 11.2. Advice on CPUE standardisation
- 11.3. Future workplan

12. STOCK ASSESSMENT and STOCK STATUS GUIDANCE (Chairperson)

- 12.1. Review the approach used to provide stock status and management advice relative to reference points

13. WPM PROGRAM OF WORK (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

- 13.1. Revision of the timeline of the MSE development
- 13.2. Revision of the WPM Program of Work (2027–2031) and research priorities

14. OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1. Date and place of the 18th and 19th Sessions of the WPM (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 14.2. Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) at the next WPM meeting (Chairperson)
- 14.3. Adoption of the Report of the 17th Session of the WPM (Chairperson)