ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 22nd WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

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Location: San Sebastian, Spain / Hybrid

Platform: Zoom

Time: 9:00 – 17:00 (Spain time, GMT+01:00)

Chair: Dr Nuwan Gunawardane (Sri Lanka); **Vice-Chair:** Dr Yang Wang (China)

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (CHAIRS)

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-01a**: Agenda of the 22nd WPDCS
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-01b**: Annotated agenda of the 22nd WPDCS
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-02**: List of documents of the 22nd WPDCS

2 THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES, AND PROGRESS (IOTC SECRETARIAT)

2.1 Outcomes of the Scientific Committee (SC) and Commission (COM) last meetings

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-03**: Outcomes of the 28th session of the SC (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-04**: Outcomes of the 30th session of the COM (IOTC Secretariat)

2.2 Review of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) relevant to the WPDCS

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-05**: Review of current data-related CMMs and data reporting forms updates (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-06**: Updated calculations of tropical tuna catch limits for 2027 / 2028 (IOTC Secretariat)

3 DATA-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND DATA OVERVIEW

3.1 Activities carried out in 2026

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-07:** Report on IOTC data section activities and other working parties' request (IOTC Secretariat).
- **IOTC-2026-WEMS06-R**: Outcomes of the 6th Session of the IOTC ad-hoc WGEMS - Working Group on the Development of Electronic Monitoring Programme Standards (WGEMS chairs)

3.2 IOTC data status and overview

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-08:** 2025 Fisheries Data Reporting to the IOTC: Status and Issues (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-09:** Review of statistical data reported by CPCs exhibiting significant changes in recent years (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-10:** Compilation and review of discard data reported to the IOTC (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-11:** Evaluation of IOTC Form 3DA implementation and proposed improvements (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-12**: Progress on the Regional Observer Scheme (ROS) system (IOTC Secretariat)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-13**: Regional Observer Scheme (ROS) data review (IOTC Secretariat)

3.3 Other data-related activities

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-14:** Report on progress of IOTC-OFCF Japan Project for JFY2026 activities and planned activities for JFY2027 (OFCF)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-15:** Capacity building for IOTC species identification using digital solutions: advantages and challenges (Fujino and Gunawardane)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-16:** Explore Ocean patterns and trends at your fingertips with the newly released Indian Ocean Digital Atlas (IODA) (Marsac et al)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-18:** Proposed standard operating procedures for collecting tissue samples from IOTC species for genetic research (Williams and Preece)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-19:** Update of IOTC coastal fisheries characterization with the FAO matrix approach (IOTC Secretariat)

4 UPDATES ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS (CPCS)

4.1 Data Collection

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-20:** National system for Data Collection and monitoring statistics on industrial and artisanal tuna fishing in Madagascar (progress and challenges) (Betkou)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-21:** Status of landing-based data collection from longline vessels in the Antsinanana region, Madagascar, in 2025: implications for a national standardized protocol (Narilova and Bé)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-22:** Evolution of South Africa's large pelagic fisheries data system, 1997 to present (da Silva and West)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-23:** National report of Pakistan: tuna and tuna-like Fisheries, catch statistics and data collection, 2021–2025 (Pakistan Marine Fisheries Department)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-24:** A digital citizen-science approach to strengthening fish size-frequency data collection: a mobile application for improving IOTC statistical reporting by Sri Lanka (Gunawardane et al)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-25:** MatsyaMetri: An Augmented Reality-based Mobile Application for Length-Frequency Sampling of IOTC Tuna and Tuna-like Species (Varghese et al)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-29:** Estimating the Required Catch Sample Weight for Small-scale Purse Seiners in Thailand's Andaman Sea (Noranarttragoon and Pheaphabrattana)

4.2 Data Revisions

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-26:** Update on the state of Oman's fisheries statistical programme (MFAWR)
- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-27:** Report on the review of re-estimation methodology of Indonesia's annual shark catch data in IOTC for 1950-2023 (MMAF)

5 WPDCS PROGRAMME OF WORK (CHAIRS & IOTC SECRETARIAT)

5.1 Revision of the WPDCS Programme of Work 2027-2030

- **IOTC-2026-WPDCS22-28**: Revision of the WPDCS Programme of Work (Chairs and IOTC Secretariat)

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Date and place of the 23rd and 24th sessions of the WPDCS: 2027 & 2028 (Chairs and IOTC Secretariat)