
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 10TH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNAS, 23-31 OCTOBER 2008

1. REVIEW OF THE DATA

Review of the statistical data available for the tropical tuna species (Secretariat)

2. NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY AND STOCK STRUCTURE OF TROPICAL TUNAS

Review new information on the biology, stock structure of tropical tunas, their fisheries and associated environmental data

- Papers as provided by Members

3. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF YELLOWFIN

Data for input into stock assessments:

- Catch and effort
 - LL and other gears
- Catch at size
- Growth curves and age-length key
- Catch at age
- CPUE
 - Raw CPUE indices / Standardised CPUE indices (LL and other major gears)
 - factors influencing CPUE — such as change of targeting practices, environment and technology

Stock assessments

Selection of Stock Status indicators

4. REVIEW OF STOCK STATUS INDICATORS FOR SKIPJACK

Review of data:

- Catch and effort
 - PS, gillnet and other gears
- Catch at size
- CPUE
 - Raw CPUE indices / Standardised CPUE indices
 - factors influencing CPUE — such as change of targeting practices, environment and technology

Selection of Stock Status indicators

5. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF BIGEYE

Update the stock status indicators for bigeye [Secretariat]

6. DEVELOP TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE STATUS OF THE STOCKS

Yellowfin tuna

Skipjack tuna

7. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Update: Regional Tuna Tagging Programme – Indian Ocean
- Election of chairperson
- Feedback on WPTT inter-seasonal working procedure