

## **DRAFT AGENDA OF THE IOTC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE – 12TH SESSION**

**20 November 2009**

### **1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**

### **3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**

The Third Session of the Commission decided that its subsidiary bodies would be open to the participation of observers from Member parties of FAO, from international organisations and from non-governmental organisations which had attended previous meetings or were admitted to attend Commission Sessions.

### **4. UPDATE ON COMMISSION AND SECRETARIATS ACTIVITIES**

The Secretariat will report on the outcomes of the 13th Session of the Commission and its own activities during the year 2009 and its proposal for activities in 2010 regarding, acquisition, processing and dissemination of information regarding tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean.

### **5. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL REPORTS**

Delegates from Member Parties and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties will report on their tuna fisheries, statistical systems and research programmes, as well as on measures taken to implement Scientific Committee recommendations.

### **6. REPORTS ON 2009 WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**

6.1 Billfish (IOTC-2009-WPB-R)

6.2 Ecosystems and Bycatch (IOTC-2009-WPEB-R).

6.3 Tropical Tunas (IOTC-2009-WPTT-R).

6.4 Fishing Capacity (IOTC-2009-WPFC-R)

6.4.1 Review of the draft of the report on the consultancy for estimating current fishing capacity.

6.5 Data Collection and Statistics (IOTC-2009-WPDCS-R).

### **7. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

The Scientific Committee is invited to bring to the attention of the Commission any actions that might need to be taken, arising from the recommendations of these Working Parties considering these resources.

Management Advice and/or Executive Summaries should be adopted by the Scientific Committee prior to their transmission to the Commission. The latest Executive Summaries are available from IOTC-2008-SC-R.

7.1 Tunas (IOTC-2009-SC-03)

7.1.1 Development of advice on the status of the albacore tuna resource.

7.1.2 Development of advice on the status of the yellowfin tuna resource.

7.1.3 Development of advice on the status of the bigeye tuna resource.

7.1.4 Development of advice on the status of the skipjack tuna resource.

## **7.2 Billfish (IOTC-2009-SC-04)**

7.2.1 Development of advice on the status of the swordfish resource

7.2.2 Development of advice on the status of the blue marlin, black marlin, striped marlin and indo-Pacific sailfish resources (new executive summaries were produced in 2009 and reviewed by the Working Party on Billfish).

## **7.3 Other species**

7.3.1 Development of advice on the status of the neritic tuna resources (IOTC-2009-SC-05).

7.3.2 Development of advice on the status of sharks (IOTC-2009-SC-06).

7.3.3 Development of advice on the status of sea turtles (IOTC-2009-SC-06).

7.3.4 Development of advice on the status of seabirds (IOTC-2009-SC-07)

7.3.5 Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna (from CCSBT) (IOTC-2009-SC-INFxx)

## **8. ACTIVITIES IN RELATION WITH THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA TAGGING PROGRAMME**

## **9. EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ACTS ON TUNA FISHERIES IN THE WEST INDIAN OCEAN**

*Parties are invited to report on the effect of piracy on their tuna fleets, catches and CPUEs.*

## **10. DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBSERVER REGIONAL SCHEME**

## **11. SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS IN 2010**

## **12. OTHER MATTERS**

12.1 Discussion on improving/updating formats for the provision of advice

12.1.1 Data summaries, fact sheets

12.1.2 Access to documents (IOTC, ITP) (should include the web site)

12.2 EU project TXOTX (Technical eXperts Overseeing Third country eXpertise) - update

12.3 EU project MADE (Mitigating Adverse Ecological Impacts of Open ocean fisheries) – update

12.4 IUCN red list workshop on tuna and billfish (30 November – 4 December 2009)

12.5 D4Science World User Meeting (25-26 November 2009)

12.6 South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Programme (SWIOFP) – update

12.7 Cooperation with Southwest Indian Ocean Fishery Commission on climate change

## **13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**