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## AGENDA FOR THE TENTH WORKING PARTY ON BILLFISH

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**Date:** 11–15 September 2012

**Location:** 15 On Orange Hotel  
15 Orange Street, Cape Town, South Africa

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chair:** Dr. Jeromé Bourjea; **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Miguel Neves dos Santos

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **OUTCOMES OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** (Secretariat)
4. **OUTCOMES OF SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION**
  - 4.1 Outcomes of the Sixteenth Session of the Commission (Secretariat)
  - 4.2 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relating to billfish (Secretariat)
5. **PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPB09** (Chair and Secretariat)
6. **MARLINS**
  - 6.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for marlins (Secretariat)
  - 6.2 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
  - 6.3 Review of new information on the status of marlins (all)
    - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
    - Stock assessments
    - Selection of Stock Status indicators for marlins
  - 6.4 Development of management advice for marlins (all)
  - 6.5 Update of marlin species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
7. **SAILFISH**
  - 7.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for sailfish (Secretariat)
  - 7.2 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
  - 7.3 Review of new information on the status of sailfish (all)
    - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
    - Stock assessments
    - Selection of Stock Status indicators for sailfish
  - 7.4 Development of management advice for sailfish (all)
  - 7.5 Update of sailfish species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
8. **SWORDFISH**
  - 8.1 Review of data available at the secretariat for swordfish (Secretariat)
  - 8.2 Review new information on the biology, stock structure, fisheries and associated environmental data (all)
    - Southwest Indian Ocean
    - Indian Ocean-wide
  - 8.3 Review of new information on the status of swordfish (all)
    - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
    - Stock assessments
    - Selection of Stock Status indicators for swordfish
  - 8.4 Development of management advice for swordfish (all)
  - 8.5 Update of swordfish Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
    - Southwest Indian Ocean
    - Indian Ocean-wide

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**9. EFFECT OF PIRACY ON BILLFISH FISHERIES (Chair)**

*SC14.46 (para. 127) In response to the request of the Commission (para. 40 of the S15 report), the SC RECOMMENDED that given the lack of quantitative analysis of the effects of piracy on fleet operations and subsequent catch and effort trends, and the potential impacts of piracy on fisheries in other areas of the Indian Ocean through the relocation of longliners to other fishing grounds, specific analysis should be carried out and presented at the next WPTT meeting by the CPCs most affected by these activities, including Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan, China.*

**10. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES**

10.1 Revision of the WPB work plan (Chair)

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 Risk-based approaches to determining stock status (Secretariat)

11.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPB meeting (Chair)

11.3 Date and place of the Eleventh Session of the Working Party on Billfish (Chair and Secretariat)

11.4 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the Tenth Session of the Working Party on Billfish (Chair)