

APPENDIX 37

**SCHEDULE OF STOCK ASSESSMENTS FOR IOTC SPECIES AND SPECIES OF INTEREST FROM 2025–2029, AND
FOR OTHER WORKING PARTY PRIORITIES**

<i>Working Party on Neritic Tunas</i>					
Species	2025**	2026*	2027*	2028	2029*
Bullet tuna	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation
Frigate tuna	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation
Indo-Pacific king mackerel	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation
Kawakawa	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment
Longtail tuna	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment
Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment

* Including data-limited stock assessment methods.

** Including species-specific catches, CPUE, biological information and size distribution as well as identification of data gaps and discussion of improvements to the assessments (stock structure); one day may be reserved for capacity building activities.

<i>Working Party on Billfish</i>					
Species	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Black marlin			Full assessment		
Blue marlin	Full assessment			Full assessment	
Striped marlin			Full assessment		
Swordfish		Full assessment	Data Prep for MP		Full assessment
Indo-Pacific sailfish	Full assessment			Full assessment	

<i>Working Party on Tropical Tunas</i>					
Species	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Bigeye tuna	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators	Data Prep and MP to be run	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators MP to be run
Skipjack tuna	Indicators Data Prep for SKJ MP	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators	Data Prep for MP and MP to be run	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment
Yellowfin tuna	Indicators	Indicators	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators	Indicators

<i>Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch</i>					
Species	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Blue shark	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	-	-	-	-
Oceanic whitetip shark	Indicator analysis	-	Data preparation	-	Data preparation
Scalloped hammerhead shark	-	Data preparatory meeting Assessment*	-	-	-
Shortfin mako shark	-	-	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment		-
Silky shark	-	Assessment*	-	Assessment*	-
Bigeye thresher shark	-	Assessment*	-	-	-
Pelagic thresher shark	-	Assessment*	-	-	-
Porbeagle shark	-	-	- Assessment*		-
Mobulid Rays	-	-	Interactions/ Indicators	-	Interactions/ Indicators
Marine turtles	Indicators	-	-	Indicators	-
Seabirds	Development of draft workplan	Review of mitigation measures in Res. 23/07	-	-	Development of draft workplan
Marine Mammals		-	-	-	
Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) approaches	Ecoregions pilot study ongoing				
Series of multi-taxa bycatch mitigation workshops	Focus: tbd	Focus: tbd	Focus: tbd	Focus: tbd	Focus: tbd
Shark research plan update		Shark research plan update workshop			

*Including data poor stock assessment methods; Note: the assessment schedule may be changed dependent on the annual review of fishery indicators, or SC and Commission requests.

<i>Working Party on Temperate Tunas</i>					
Species	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Albacore	Data preparatory Meeting (4 days) Stock assessment meeting (5 days) (July/August)	–	–	TBC	–