

APPENDIX 38

SCHEDULE OF STOCK ASSESSMENTS FOR IOTC SPECIES AND SPECIES OF INTEREST FROM 2026-2030, AND FOR OTHER WORKING PARTY PRIORITIES

<i>Working Party on Neritic Tunas</i>					
Species	2026*	2027*	2028	2029*	2030
Bullet tuna	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment
Frigate tuna	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment
Indo-Pacific king mackerel	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment
Kawakawa	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation
Longtail tuna	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation
Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation

<i>Working Party on Billfish</i>					
Species	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Black marlin		Full assessment			Full assessment
Blue marlin			Full assessment		
Striped marlin		Full assessment			Full assessment
Swordfish	Full assessment	Run MP		Full assessment	Run MP
Indo-Pacific sailfish			Full assessment		

<i>Working Party on Tropical Tunas</i>					
Species	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Bigeye tuna	Indicators	Data Prep for MP	Data preparatory meeting	Indicators	Data Prep for MP

			Full assessment		
Skipjack tuna	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators	Data Prep for MP	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators
Yellowfin tuna	Indicators	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators	Indicators	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment

<i>Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch</i>					
Species	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	Data preparatory meeting	-	-	Data preparatory meeting	Data preparatory meeting
Blue shark	-	-	-	-	Full assessment
Oceanic whitetip shark	Indicator analysis*	-	-		Indicator analysis*
Scalloped hammerhead shark	Indicator analysis*	-	-	-	-
Shortfin mako shark	-			Full assessment	
Silky shark	Indicator analysis*	-	Indicator analysis*	-	-
Bigeye thresher shark	-	Indicator analysis*	-	-	-
Pelagic thresher shark	-	Indicator analysis*	-	-	-
Porbeagle shark	-	Indicator analysis*		-	-
Mobulid Rays	-	Interactions/ Indicators	-	Interactions/ Indicators	-
Marine turtles	-	-	Indicators	-	Indicators

Seabirds		Review of mitigation	–	Development of draft workplan	
Marine Mammals	-	–	–	Review of mitigation measures Review of handling guidelines	
Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM)	Pilot ecosystem fisheries overviews for selected				
Series of multi-taxa bycatch mitigation workshops	Focus: tbd	Focus: tbd	Focus: tbd	Focus: gillnets	Focus: tbd

*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	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Albacore	Stock assessment meeting (3days) (July)	–	A combined data and assessment meeting (5 days July)		–