
**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 20TH WORKING PARTY ON
TROPICAL TUNAS**

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Date: 29 October – 03 November 2018

Location: Seychelles

Venue: (TBC)

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 daily

Chair: Dr Shiham Adam (Maldives) **Vice-Chair:** Dr Gorka Merino (EU, Spain)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1 Outcomes of the 20th Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.2 Outcomes of the 22nd Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to tropical tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPTT19 (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 3.5 Outcomes of the 2nd Technical Committee on Management Procedures (TCMP02)
4. **NEW INFORMATION ON FISHERIES AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO TROPICAL TUNAS**
 - 4.1 Review of the statistical data available for tropical tunas (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 4.2 Review new information on fisheries and associated environmental data (general CPC papers)
5. **BIGEYE TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 5.1 Review of the statistical data available for bigeye tuna (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 5.2 Review new information on bigeye tuna biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)
 - 5.3 Review of new information on the status of bigeye tuna (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for bigeye tuna
 - 5.4 Update on Management Strategy Evaluation Progress (OM formulation)
 - 5.5 Development of management advice for bigeye tuna (all)
 - 5.6 Update of bigeye tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
6. **SKIPJACK TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 6.1 Review of the statistical data available for skipjack tuna (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 6.2 Review new information on skipjack tuna biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)
 - 6.3 Review of new information on the status of skipjack tuna (all)
 - Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for skipjack tuna
 - 6.4 Update on Management Strategy Evaluation Progress (OM formulation)
 - 6.5 Development of management advice for skipjack tuna (all)
 - 6.6 Update of skipjack tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)
7. **YELLOWFIN TUNA – REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON STOCK STATUS**
 - 7.1 Review of the statistical data available for yellowfin tuna (IOTC Secretariat)
 - 7.2 Review new information on yellowfin tuna biology, ecology, stock structure, their fisheries and associated environmental data (CPC papers)

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- 7.3 Review of new information on the status of yellowfin tuna (all)
- Nominal and standardised CPUE indices
 - Stock assessments
 - Selection of Stock Status indicators for yellowfin tuna
- 7.4 Update on Management Strategy Evaluation Progress (OM formulation)
- 7.5 Development of management advice for yellowfin tuna (all)
- 7.6 Update of yellowfin tuna Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all)

8. DEVELOPMENT OF OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR TROPICAL TUNAS IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE

9. WPTT PROGRAM OF WORK

- 9.1 Revision of the WPTT Program of Work (2019–2023)
- 9.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPTT meeting

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)
- 10.2 Date and place of the 21st and 22nd Sessions of the WPTT (Chair and IOTC Secretariat)
- 10.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 20th Session of the WPTT (Chair)