

APPENDIX 36

SCHEDULE OF STOCK ASSESSMENTS FOR IOTC SPECIES AND SPECIES OF INTEREST FROM 2024–2028, AND FOR OTHER WORKING PARTY PRIORITIES

<i>Working Party on Neritic Tunas</i>					
Species	2024*	2025**	2026*	2027*	2028*
Bullet tuna	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation
Frigate tuna	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation
Indo-Pacific king mackerel	Assessment	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation
Kawakawa	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Assessment
Longtail tuna	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	Data preparation	Assessment
Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel	Data preparation	Data preparation	Assessment	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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Black marlin	Full assessment			Full assessment	
Blue marlin		Full assessment			Full assessment
Striped marlin	Full assessment			Full assessment	
Swordfish		Indicators**	Full assessment		Indicators**
Indo-Pacific sailfish		Full assessment*			Full assessment*

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

** Including biological parameters, standardized CPUE, and other fishery trend.

<i>Working Party on Tropical Tunas</i>					
Species	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Bigeye tuna	Indicators MP to be run	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	Indicators	Indicators MP to be run	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment
Skipjack tuna	Indicators	Indicators	Data preparatory meeting	Indicators	Indicators

			Full assessment		
Yellowfin tuna	Data preparatory meeting	Indicators	Indicators	Data preparatory meeting	Indicators
	Full assessment			Full assessment	

Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch					
Species	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Blue shark	-	Data preparatory meeting Full	-	-	-
Oceanic whitetip shark	Data preparation	Indicator analysis	-	Data preparation	-
Scalloped hammerhead shark	-	-	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	-	-
Shortfin mako shark	Data preparatory meeting Full assessment	-	-	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. 23/06	-	-
Marine Mammals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of mitigation measures • Review of handling guidelines 		-	-	-

Data preparatory meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods for using available data for assessments • Considering the shark research plan • Consider effectiveness of mitigation measures for a range of taxa 				
Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) approaches	Ecoregions pilot study	ongoing			

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<i>Working Party on Temperate Tunas</i>					
Species	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Albacore		Data preparatory Meeting (4 days) (April/May/June) Stock assessment meeting (5 days) (July/August)	–	–	TBC