
DRAFT AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION – 13TH SESSION

13 March 2009

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP), Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries' (OPRT), International Game Fish Association (IGFA), International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), the Indian Ocean – South East Asian Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding (IOSEA), the Pew Environmental Group.

4. REPORT OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL

In line with the agreed plan of action at the first Joint Meeting of tuna RFMOs, the IOTC agreed in 2007 to implement a process of Performance Review. The IOTC formed a Review Panel, consisting of an independent legal expert, an independent scientific expert, six IOTC Members and a non-governmental organisation observer, which concluded its report to the Commission in January 2009 (Document IOTC-2009-PRP-R)

5. CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COMMISSION

In 2008, the Commission agreed to wait until the Performance Review was concluded before making a decision on how to proceed on this matter.

6. REPORT OF THE 11TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (IOTC-2008-SC-R)

7. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

8. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Including a proposed amendment to the scheme for the calculation of contributions to the administrative budget of the commission contained in the annex to the financial regulations (Document IOTC-2009-S13-04)

9. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES The following proposals for measures have been presented:

- Prop A: To mitigate the impacts of fishing on sea turtles. Submitted by France
- Prop B: On establishing a logbook on at-sea discharge of non degradable waste and waste waters for vessels of more than twenty-four meters. Submitted by France
- Prop C: Concerning incidental catches of sharks. Submitted by France
- Prop D: On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area. Submitted by the United Kingdom (BIOT) and Seychelles
- Prop E: On marine turtles. Submitted by Australia
- Prop F: IOTC resolution on a regional scheme on port state measures to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop G: On an observers regional scheme. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop H: On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties. Submitted by the European Community

- Prop I: A resolution for the conservation and management of the swordfish stock in the IOTC area of competence. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop J: An IOTC resolution for the conservation and management of the yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna stocks in the IOTC area of competence. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop K: On an IOTC Yellowfin Tuna Catch Documentation Scheme. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop L: IOTC resolution to prohibit the use of large scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop M: An IOTC resolution for the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC. Submitted by the European Community
- Prop N: An IOTC resolution concerning trade related measures. Submitted by the European Community

10. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- Relationships with other organisations: ACAP (IOTC-2008-S13-03) and CCSBT (no document)
- Concerns about vandalism on oceanographic buoys

11. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM

12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 12TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THE 14TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0900	Opening Ceremony/ Plenary	Compliance Committee	Plenary	SCAF	
1100	Plenary	Compliance Committee	Plenary	Compliance Committee	
1200 -1400 LUNCH					
1400	Plenary	SCAF	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
1600	Compliance Committee	SCAF	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary

SCAF: Standing Committee on Administration and Finance