
DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE IOTC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

6 December 2010

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

The Third Session of the Commission decided that its subsidiary bodies would be open to the participation of observers from Member parties of FAO, from international organisations and from non-governmental organisations which had attended previous meetings or were admitted to attend Commission Sessions.

4. UPDATE ON COMMISSION AND SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

The Secretariat will report on the outcomes of the 14th Session of the Commission and its own activities during the year 2010. It will also outline the technical activities planned for 2011 regarding, acquisition, processing, and dissemination of information regarding tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean, and the workplan for the IOTC Secretariat.

5. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL REPORTS

Delegates from Member Parties and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties will report on their tuna fisheries, statistical systems and research programmes, as well as on measures taken to implement Scientific Committee recommendations. National Reports should follow the new template provided in the IOTC Circular 72 which is available on the web site

6. REPORTS ON 2010 WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

- 6.1 Billfish (IOTC-2010-WPB-R)
- 6.2 Ecosystems and Bycatch (IOTC-2010-WPEB-R).
- 6.3 Tropical Tunas (IOTC-2010-WPTT-R).
- 6.4 Data Collection and Statistics (IOTC-2010-WPDCS-R).

7. PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE KOBE II WORKSHOPS AND THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL

8. EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF PIRACY ACTS ON TUNA FISHERIES IN THE WEST INDIAN OCEAN

Parties are invited to report on the effect of piracy on their tuna fleets, catches and CPUEs.

9. STATUS OF TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE RESOURCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

The Scientific Committee is invited to bring to the attention of the Commission any actions that might need to be taken, arising from the recommendations of these Working Parties considering these resources.

Management Advice and/or Executive Summaries should be adopted by the Scientific Committee prior to their transmission to the Commission. The latest Executive Summaries are available from IOTC-2009-SC-R.

9.1 Tunas (IOTC-2010-SC-03)

- 9.1.1 Development of advice on the status of the albacore tuna resource.

9.1.2 Development of advice on the status of the yellowfin tuna resource.

9.1.3 Development of advice on the status of the bigeye tuna resource.

9.1.4 Development of advice on the status of the skipjack tuna resource.

9.2 Billfish (IOTC-2010-SC-04)

9.2.1 Development of advice on the status of the swordfish resource

9.2.2 Development of advice on the status of the blue marlin, black marlin, striped marlin and indo-Pacific sailfish resources

9.3 Other species

9.3.1 Development of advice on the status of the neritic tuna resources (IOTC-2010-SC-05).

9.3.2 Development of advice on the status of sharks (IOTC-2010-SC-06).

9.3.3 Development of advice on the status of sea turtles (IOTC-2010-SC-07).

9.3.4 Development of advice on the status of seabirds (IOTC-2010-SC-08)

9.3.5 Report on biology, stock status and management of southern bluefin tuna (from CCSBT) (IOTC-2009-SC-Inf02)

10. OUTLOOK ON TIME-AREA CLOSURES ISSUES

The Commission, at its 14th Session, has tasked the Scientific Committee to evaluate the effect of the time-area closures set out in Resolution 10/01 at its 2011 meeting. However, some considerations can be discussed during the present session, based on the experience of time-closures in other oceans and preliminary analyses on the Indian Ocean presented to the Scientific Committee.

11. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBSERVER REGIONAL SCHEME

11.1 Report of the Technical Meeting on the IOTC Regional Observer Scheme (IOTC-2010-ROS-R)

11.2 Adoption of an IOTC Manual for observers, and Observer Trip Report Template

11.3 National Implementation by CPCs

The IOTC Regional Observer Scheme started on July 1st, 2010 (Resolution 10/04). CPCs should report on the action taken for its implementation in their respective countries

12. IMPLEMENTATION OF A MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION (MSE)

13. SCHEDULE OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS IN 2011

14. OTHER MATTERS

14.1 Rules for the appointment of invited experts and consultants

14.2 EU project TXOTX (Technical eXperts Overseeing Third country eXpertise) - update

14.3 EU project MADE (Mitigating Adverse Ecological Impacts of Open ocean fisheries)- update

14.4 The research project of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)

14.5 South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Programme (SWIOFP) – update

14.6 Cooperation with Southwest Indian Ocean Fishery Commission (SWIOFC)

14.7 Arrangements for the Tagging Symposium

14.8 Update on FAO Activities on tuna fisheries

14.9 Discussions on improving/updating formats for the provision of Scientific Advice

15. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE NEW BIENNUM

16. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT