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## DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH

Updated: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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**Date:** 10 - 14 September 2017

**Location:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Venue:** Protea Hotel, Victoria Junction

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chair:** Dr Sylvain Bonhommeau (EU, France); **Vice-Chair:** Dr Reza Shahifar (I.R. Iran) & Dr Ross Wanless (South Africa)

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
  - 3.1 Outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.2 Outcomes of the 22<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to Ecosystems and Bycatch (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPEB14 (IOTC Secretariat)
4. **REVIEW OF DATA AVAILABLE ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH**
  - 4.1. Review of the statistical data available for ecosystems and bycatch species (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **REVIEW OF NATIONAL BYCATCH ISSUES IN IOTC MANAGED FISHERIES AND NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION** (sharks; seabirds; marine turtles) (CPCs and IOTC Secretariat)
  - 5.1. Review of applications for 'not applicable' NPOA status (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 5.2. Updated status of development and implementation of National Plans of Action for seabirds and sharks, and the implementation of the FAO guidelines to reduce marine turtle mortality in fishing operations (CPCs).
6. **NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RELATING TO ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH SPECIES**
  - 6.1. Review new information on environment and ecosystem interactions and modelling, including climate change issues affecting pelagic ecosystems in the IOTC area of responsibility (all)
7. **ECOSYSTEM MODELING AND REPORT CARDS** (recommendations from the SC / decisions of the Commission)
  - 7.1. Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) approaches and ecosystem report cards results
8. **BYCATCH, SPECIES INTERACTIONS, AND ECOSYSTEM RISK ASSESSMENTS**
  - 8.1. Review new information on other bycatch and by-product, in terms of biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all)
  - 8.2. Seabirds
    - Review new information on seabird biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all);
    - Review of mitigation measures in Resolution 12/06 (all);
    - Development of management advice on the status of seabird species (all).
  - 8.3. Sharks and rays (all)
    - Review new information on shark and ray biology, stock structure, bycatch mitigation measures, fisheries and associated environmental data (all);
    - Review of new information on the status of sharks (all);

- Development of management advice on the status of shark stocks and update of other shark species Executive Summaries for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all).

8.4. Marine turtles (all)

- Review new information on marine turtle biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all);
- Review of mitigation measures in Resolution 12/04 (all);
- Development of management advice on the status of marine turtle species and update of the Executive Summary for the consideration of the Scientific Committee (all).

8.5. Marine mammals (all)

- Review new information on marine mammal biology, ecology, fisheries interactions and bycatch mitigation measures (all);
- Development of management advice on the status of marine mammal species (all).

**9. ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS (EBSAs) IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

**10. WPEB PROGRAM OF WORK**

- 10.1. Revision of the WPEB Program of Work 2019–2023 (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 10.2. Development of priorities for an Invited Expert/s at the next Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch meeting (Chairperson)

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1. Update: Workshop on mitigating sea turtle interactions and mortalities (all)
- 11.2. Pilot project in view of promoting the regional observer scheme of IOTC (IOTC Secretariat)
- 11.3. Date and place of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)
- 11.4. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (Chairperson)