



IOTC SPECIES EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES: TARGET AUDIENCE, CONTENT AND RESOURCING

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PURPOSE

To request the Scientific Committee (SC) to consider and document the target audience, content and resourcing required to develop the current and/or alternative species executive summaries.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the IOTC Secretariat, based on the management advice of the species working parties, develops Draft Executive Summaries for the Scientific Committee's consideration. The content is split into two components 1) the resource stock status summary, and 2) supporting information sourced from the relevant working party report, and provided as an appendix. These are collectively called 'Executive Summaries'.

DISCUSSION

Each year, the species Executive Summaries are becoming larger with **256** pages being produced for the 2015 summaries. The original intent was for the material to be in an 'Executive Summary' style/format, however the average length is now **10.7** pages.

The SC may wish to consider examining and defining the target audience, the most appropriate content, the location (including communication formats) of the material to be used by managers and/or scientists in interpreting the management advice to the Commission, and finally, developing a budget for the preferred option/s to be provided to the Commission for its consideration in 2016.

The following is a number of non-exhaustive options for the SC to consider:

- 1) Maintain the Executive Summaries in their current format;
- 2) Expand the Executive Summaries to incorporate additional content;
- 3) To reduce the Executive Summaries to only the current Stock status summary, as currently developed by the various Working Parties, and leaving all the remainder of the supporting information in the Working Party reports, as reference material.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Scientific Committee **NOTE** paper IOTC–2015–SC18–12 which requested that the Scientific Committee consider and document the target audience, content and resourcing required to develop the current and alternative species executive summaries.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: 2015 IOTC draft Executive Summaries

APPENDIX I

2015 IOTC DRAFT EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

<i>Executive Summaries</i> (Length)		Status summary	Supporting information (Appendix)	Total
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES01	Status of the Indian Ocean Albacore (ALB: <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>) resource	3	11	14
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES02	Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye tuna (BET: <i>Thunnus obesus</i>) resource	3	16	19
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES03	Status of the Indian Ocean skipjack tuna (SKJ: <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>) resource	3	16	19
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES04	Status of the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna (YFT: <i>Thunnus albacares</i>) resource	3	17	20
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES06	Status of the Indian Ocean bullet tuna (BLT: <i>Auxis rochei</i>) resource	1	6	7
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES07	Status of the Indian Ocean frigate tuna (FRI: <i>Auxis thazard</i>) resource	1	7	8
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES08	Status of the Indian Ocean kawakawa (KAW: <i>Euthynnus affinis</i>) resource	2	8	10
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES09	Status of the Indian Ocean longtail tuna (LOT: <i>Thunnus tonggol</i>) resource	2	7	9
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES10	Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific king mackerel (GUT: <i>Scomberomorus guttatus</i>) resource	2	5	7
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES11	Status of the Indian Ocean narrow-barred Spanish mackerel (COM: <i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>) resource	2	7	9
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES12	Status of the Indian Ocean black marlin (BLM: <i>Makaira indica</i>) resource	2	10	12
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES13	Status of the Indian Ocean blue marlin (BUM: <i>Makaira nigricans</i>) resource	2	9	11
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES14	Status of the Indian Ocean striped marlin (MLS: <i>Tetrapturus audax</i>) resource	2	11	13
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES15	Status of the Indian Ocean Indo-Pacific sailfish (SFA: <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>) resource	2	9	11
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES16	Status of the Indian Ocean swordfish (SWO: <i>Xiphias gladius</i>) resource	2	16	18
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES17	Status of the Indian Ocean blue shark (BSH: <i>Prionace glauca</i>)	3	7	10
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES18	Status of the Indian Ocean oceanic whitetip shark (OCS: <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>)	2	5	7
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES19	Status of the Indian Ocean scalloped hammerhead shark (SPL: <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>)	2	4	6
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES20	Status of the Indian Ocean shortfin mako shark (SMA: <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)	2	5	7
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES21	Status of the Indian Ocean silky shark (FAL: <i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>)	2	4	6
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES22	Status of the Indian Ocean bigeye thresher shark (BTH: <i>Alopias superciliosus</i>)	2	5	7
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES23	Status of the Indian Ocean pelagic thresher shark (PTH: <i>Alopias pelagicus</i>)	2	4	6
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES24	Status of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean	2	10	12
IOTC–2015–SC18–ES25	Status of seabirds in the Indian Ocean	2	6	8
	TOTAL Length	51	205	256
	Average length	2.13	8.54	10.67