
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON BYCATCH 2ND SESSION, 2006

1. REVIEW OF THE DATA ON BYCATCH

- Review of the data available in the IOTC database (Secretariat)
- Data from other sources

2. IDENTIFY MAJOR BYCATCH SPECIES

- Review of the list of major bycatch species (see table from 2005 below)

3. SHARKS

- Papers as provided by participants
- Review of any National Plans of Action for the reduction of shark bycatch in tuna fisheries
- Advice on interactions between sharks and tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean

Resolution 05/05 *Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC* stated: In 2006 the Scientific Committee (in collaboration with the Working Party on Bycatch) provide preliminary advice on the stock status of key shark species and propose a research plan and timeline for a comprehensive assessment of these stocks.

Review of data on the ratio of fin-to-body weight of sharks (as per Resolution 05/05, para 4).

4. SEABIRDS

- Papers provided by participants
- Review of any National Plans of Action for Reducing Incidental Catches of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries
- Advice on interactions between seabirds and tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean

Para 34 in the S9 Report stated: The Commission instructed the Scientific Committee to examine the interaction between seabird populations and tuna long line fishing in the southern part of the IOTC Area, and to identify sensitive areas and appropriate measures as regards to fishing gears which could address this issue effectively.

Similarly, Recommendation 05/09 *On incidental mortality of seabirds* stated: When feasible and appropriate, Scientific Committee should present to the Commission an assessment of the impact of incidental catch of seabirds resulting from the activities of all the vessels fishing for tunas and tuna-like species, in the IOTC Area.

5. TURTLES

- Papers provided by participants
- Review of any National Plans of Action for the reduction of turtle bycatch in tuna fisheries
- Advice on interactions between turtles and tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean

6. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Table 1 from IOTC-2005-WPBy-R. Non-tuna species that have catches recorded in the IOTC Database (1993-2002) and the percentage that particular species groups make up of the total catches of non-tunas

Gear	Group	Species	Especes	%93-02	
PS	Other / Autres	Non targeted, associated and dependent species	Espèces non ciblées, associées et dépendantes	0.01	
LL	Sharks / Requins	Blue shark	Peau bleue	9.01	
		Broadnose sevengill shark	Platnez		
Copper shark		Requin cuivre			
Dogfishes nei		Aiguillats nca			
Hammerhead sharks nei		Requins marteau nca			
Longfin mako		Petite taupe			
Oceanic whitetip shark		Requin océanique			
Porbeagle		Requin-taupe commun			
Requiem sharks nei		Requins nca			
Sharks nei other than oceanic whitetip shark and blue shark		Requins nca hors requin océanique et peau bleue			
Sharks various nei		Requins divers nca			
Shortfin mako		Taupe bleue			
Silky shark		Requin soyeux			
Smooth hammerhead		Requin marteau commun			
Smooth-hound		Emissole lisse			
Thresher sharks nei		Renards de mer nca			
Tiger shark		Requin tigre commun			
Tope shark		Requin-hâ			
Other / Autres	Butterfly kingfish	Thon papillon	0.71		
	Common dolphinfish	Coryphène commune			
	Dogtooth tuna	Bonite à gros yeux			
	Mackerels Indian, nei	Maquereaux (Indo-pacif.) nca			
	Non targeted, associated and dependent species	Espèces non ciblées, associées et dépendantes			
	Other non tuna-like fishes nei	Poissons non du type thon nca			
	Rays, stingrays, mantas nei	Raies, pastenagues, mantas nca			
BB	Other / Autres	Blue mackerel	Maquereau tacheté	8.04	
		Dogtooth tuna	Bonite à gros yeux		
		Mackerels Indian, nei	Maquereaux (Indo-pacif.) nca		
		Other non tuna-like fishes nei	Poissons non du type thon nca		
		Striped bonito	Bonite oriental		
GILL	Sharks / Requins	Blue shark	Peau bleue	65.44	
		Hammerhead sharks nei	Requins marteau nca		
Oceanic whitetip shark		Requin océanique			
Requiem sharks nei		Requins nca			
Sharks mackerel, porbeagles nei		Requins taupe nca			
Sharks various nei		Requins divers nca			
Shortfin mako		Taupe bleue			
Silky shark		Requin soyeux			
Thresher sharks nei		Renards de mer nca			
Other / Autres		Dogtooth tuna	Bonite à gros yeux		1.44
	Indian mackerel	Maquereau des Indes			
	Mackerels Indian, nei	Maquereaux (Indo-pacif.) nca			
	Non targeted, associated and dependent species	Espèces non ciblées, associées et dépendantes			
	Other non tuna-like fishes nei	Poissons non du type thon nca			
	Striped bonito	Bonite oriental			
LINE	Sharks / Requins	Blacktip reef shark	Requin pointes noires	0.82	
		Blue shark	Peau bleue		
Broadnose sevengill shark		Platnez			
Copper shark		Requin cuivre			
Dusky shark		Requin de sable			
Hammerhead sharks nei		Requins marteau nca			
Sharks mackerel, porbeagles nei		Requins taupe nca			
Sharks various nei		Requins divers nca			
Shortfin mako		Taupe bleue			
Smooth-hound		Emissole lisse			
Thresher sharks nei		Renards de mer nca			
Tope shark		Requin-hâ			
Other / Autres		Common dolphinfish	Coryphène commune		4.24
		Dogtooth tuna	Bonite à gros yeux		
	Mackerels Indian, nei	Maquereaux (Indo-pacif.) nca			
	Other non tuna-like fishes nei	Poissons non du type thon nca			
	Striped bonito	Bonite oriental			
OTHER	Sharks / Requins	Sharks various nei	Requins divers nca	8.96	
	Other / Autres	Blue mackerel	Maquereau tacheté	1.34	
Dogtooth tuna		Bonite à gros yeux			
Indian mackerel		Maquereau des Indes			
Mackerels Indian, nei		Maquereaux (Indo-pacif.) nca			
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Striped bonito		Bonite oriental			