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## **DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**

Late update: 23 August 2011

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**Date:** 18–19 October 2011

**Location:** Paradise Island Resort, Lankanfinolhu,  
North Malé Atoll, Maldives

**Time:** 14:00 – 18:00 daily

1. **ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR** (Secretariat)
2. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** (Chair)
  - 3.1 IOTC–2011–WPM04–01a: Draft agenda for the Fourth Working Party on Methods
  - IOTC–2011–WPM04–01b: Draft annotated agenda for the Fourth Working Party on Methods.
4. **OUTCOMES OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**
  - 4.1 IOTC–2011–WPM04–03 (Secretariat).
5. **PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPM03**
  - 5.1 IOTC–2011–WPM04–04 (Chair).
6. **REFERENCE POINTS AND HARVEST CONTROL RULES FOR IOTC STOCKS**
7. **OBJECTIVES OF MSE FOR IOTC STOCKS**
  - 7.1 Review of relevant IOTC decisions
  - 7.2 Implicit and explicit objectives.
8. **CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK ON MSE STEPS**
  - 8.1 Conditioning of Operating Models
  - 8.2 Harvest Control Rules
  - 8.3 Simulations
  - 8.4 Outcomes and performance indicators.
9. **PRESENTATION OF MSE OUTPUTS**
10. **DIALOGUE PROCESS FOR MSE IN IOTC**
11. **PROPOSAL OF A PROTOCOL FOR MSE DEVELOPMENT**
12. **ADVANCES IN CPUE STANDARDISATION FOR INDIAN OCEAN FLEETS**
13. **METHODS FOR SYNTHESIS OF STOCK ASSESSMENT RESULTS ACROSS MODELS**
14. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - 14.1 Date and place of the Fifth Session of the WPM
  - 14.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPM meeting
  - 14.3 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium (if necessary)
  - 14.4 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the Fourth Session of the WPM.