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**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS,  
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**1. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES**

- Summary of present IOTC data requirements
- Status and documentation of the IOTC Databases
  - i. Regular statistics (IOTC species)
  - ii. Bycatch (sharks, marine turtles, seabirds, marine mammals)
  - iii. Observer programmes
  - iv. Biological data
  - v. Fishing craft statistics
  - vi. Socio-economic data: fish prices
  - vii. Environmental data
- Data quality assessment at the IOTC compared to other T-RFMO's
- Progress achieved in 2009 and remaining problem areas
- Introduction to the new IOTC Database

**2. MAIN DATA ISSUES OUTSTANDING, BY SPECIES GROUP**

- Tropical tunas: report by the WPTT
- Billfish: report by the WPB
- Temperate tunas
- NTAD's: report by the WPEB
- Neritic tunas

**3. UPDATE ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS**

This section will aim at completing a table that will summarize information for all countries including :

- Brief summary of the fisheries for IOTC species existing at present
  - i. Domestic fisheries
  - ii. Foreign fisheries
- Types of data collection, main data sources, levels of coverage and institutions involved
  - i. Surface fisheries
  - ii. Longline fisheries
  - iii. Coastal fisheries
- Software used for data computerization, storage, processing and dissemination
- Summary of methods used for the verification of the data collected
- Summary of methods used to derive
  - i. Nominal catches
  - ii. Catch-and-Effort
  - iii. Length frequency data
  - iv. Levels of by-catch (or bycatch rates)
- Precision of the estimates, if available; or presumed quality
- Recent changes in the statistical system and/or recent revisions to historical data series and main changes resulting
- Type of logbook data collected

- i. Surface fisheries
  - ii. Longline fisheries
- Description of the observer programmes existing, types of data collected and main uses
- Any other data related activities that may be beneficial to the IOTC
- Publications or other types of data products disseminated and timeliness of dissemination

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE STATISTICS AT THE IOTC**

- Levels of coverage and precision recommended for catch, effort and size-frequency data for IOTC species and bycatch species
- Guidelines for the collection of size data (IOTC Resolution 08/01)
- Regional Scientific Observer Programmes (IOTC Resolution 09/04)
- Recommendations

#### **5. MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE IOTC-OFCE PROJECT**

- Sampling Programme for size-frequency data in Oman
- Logbook Workshop in Indonesia
- Collection of historical information in Yemen
- Fact finding mission to Comoros
- Future activities: continuation of the IOTC-OFCE Project

#### **6. DISSEMINATION OF THE IOTC DATA AND DOCUMENTS**

- Data for IOTC Meetings and the general public
- IOTC Data summary
- Development of an IOTC Field Manual
  - i. IOTC Manual for the reporting of data to the IOTC and new IOTC forms

#### **7. OTHER MATTERS**

- Report of the international working group on tuna purse seine and baitboat catch species composition derived from observer and port sampler data
- International Cooperation
  - i. Cooperation between IOTC and SWIOFC and SWIOFP on data collection issues
  - ii. Data related programmes existing which involve cooperation between two or more countries in the IOTC Region and main benefits to the IOTC
- IRD Tuna Atlas

#### **8. ADOPTION OF REPORT**