

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

La Jolla, California (USA)

02-06 June 2025

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA – ANNOTATED VERSION**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Tropical Tuna - Talks on Stock Assessment and Recommendations for Management	Harvest Strategies of Tropical Tuna - Talks on MSE/HS and Recommendations for Management	Temperate Tuna and Other Species - Talks on Stock Assessment MSE/HS and Recommendations for Management	Ecosystem and Bycatch - Talks and Recommendations	Staff recommendations, Other business, Discussion -SAC Recommendations
Lunch					
Afternoon	Discussion session 1	Discussion session 2	Discussion session 3	Discussion session 4	Discussion - SAC Recommendations

Documents

**Monday 02 June**

<b>9:00 am</b>	1. Opening of the meeting	
<b>9:15 am</b>	2. Adoption of the agenda	
<b>9:30 am</b>	3. The fishery in the EPO	
	a. The tuna fishery in 2024	SAC-16-01
	4. Tropical tunas: stock assessments and data collection	
<b>10:00 am</b>	a. Stock status indicators (SSIs)	SAC-16-02
<b>10:30-10:45 am</b>	Coffee break	
<b>10:45 am</b>	b. Yellowfin (YFT) benchmark assessment	SAC-16-03
<b>11:45 am</b>	c. Skipjack (SKJ) risk analysis	SAC-16-04
<b>12:30-2 pm</b>	Lunch break	
<b>2:00 pm</b>	d. Improving the IATTC traditional purse-seine port sampling program	SAC-16-05
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Discussion session 1* – additional Q&amp;A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations</b>	
<b>4:00-4:15 pm</b>	Coffee break	
<b>4:15 pm</b>	<b>Discussion session 1* (cont.)</b>	

**\* The items below can be included in Discussion session 1 upon request by the SAC<sup>1</sup>:**

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| i.   | Enhanced monitoring program (EMP): 2024 report         | SAC-16 INF-H |
| ii.  | Relationship between EMP and observer estimates        | SAC-16 INF-I |
| iii. | Details on improving traditional port sampling program | SAC-16 INF-J |
| iv.  | Longline observer program reports                      | SAC-16 INF-B |
| v.   | SKJ Spatiotemporal modelling                           | SAC-16 INF-D |

<sup>1</sup> The agenda for the SAC-16 meeting has been structured considering the priority issues in 2025 and the inclusion of ample space for discussion at the request of the SAC. One or more of the following topics may be presented at the request of the SAC if time allows.

- vi. Review of previous SAC recommendations SAC-16 INF-G
- vii. Strengthening of the operation of the SAC meetings

5:30 pm Closure

### Tuesday 03 June

- 9:00 am 5. Tropical tuna: development of harvest strategies
  - a. BET Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) SAC-16-06
- 10:30-10:45 am Coffee break
- 10:45 am b. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: tropical tunas SAC-16-11
- 11:30 am c. Strategic Science Plan (2026-2030): workplan for stock assessments and development of harvest strategies for the tropical tunas SAC-16-07
- 12:30-2 pm Lunch break
- 2:00 pm **Discussion session 2\* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations**
- 4:00-4:15 pm Coffee break
- 4:15 pm **Discussion session 2\* (cont.)**

**\* The Items below can be included in Discussion session 2 upon request by the SAC:**

- i. Enhanced monitoring program (EMP): 2024 report SAC-16 INF-H
- ii. Relationship between EMP and observer estimates SAC-16 INF-I
- iii. Details on improving traditional port sampling program SAC-16 INF-J

5:30 pm Closure

### Wednesday 04 June

- 9:00 am 6. FADs
  - a. Report of the FAD WG
- 9:30 am 7. Temperate tunas and other species
  - a. Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF): MSE and harvest strategies (ISC and joint IATTC-WCPFC-NC WG)
- 10:30-10:45 am Coffee break
- 10:45 am b. North Pacific albacore tuna (NP-ALB): Harvest strategies (ISC)
- 11:15 am c. South Pacific albacore tuna (SP-ALB): Harvest strategies (WCPFC)
- 11:45 am d. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: temperate tunas and other species SAC-16-11
- 12:00 pm e. Strategic Science Plan (2026-2030): workplan for the temperate tunas SAC-16-07
- 12:30-2 pm Lunch break
- 2:30 pm **Discussion session 3\* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations**
- 4:00-4:15 pm Coffee break
- 4:15 pm **Discussion session 3\* (cont.)**

**\* The Items below can be included in Discussion session 3 upon request by the SAC:**

- i. FAD indicators FAD-09-01
- ii. Any of the documents mentioned above for sessions 1 and 2

5:30 pm Closure

## Thursday 05 June

	8. Ecosystem and bycatch	
	a. Sharks and rays	
9:00 am	i. Ray species under the purview of the IATTC	SAC-16-08
9:30 am	ii. Characterization of longline fleets in the Convention Area	SAC-16-09
10:00 am	iii. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for sharks (update)	SAC-16-10
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
	b. Climate change	
10:45 am	i. Report on 1 <sup>st</sup> Workshop on climate change	
11:15 am	c. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: ecosystem and bycatch	SAC-16-11
11:45 am	d. Strategic Science Plan (2026-2030): workplans on ecosystem and bycatch topics	
12:15 pm	e. Report of the Ecosystem and Bycatch WG	
12:30-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	<b>Discussion session 4* – additional Q&amp;A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations</b>	
	* The items below can be included in Discussion session 4 upon request by the SAC:	
	i. Ecosystem considerations report	EB-03-01
	ii. Seabird distribution and associated fishery impacts	EB-03-02
	iii. A review of seabird bycatch mitigation options, measures and use	EB-03-03
	iv. Goal and framework of the <i>Ecocard</i> workplan	EB-03-04
	v. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for sea turtles	EB-03-05
	vi. Dolphin research: progress report on cow-calf separation and abundance studies	SAC-16 INF-K
	vii. Achotines Laboratory: review	SAC-16 INF-L
	viii. Common Oceans Tuna II project: update	
5:30 pm	Closure	

## Friday 06 June

9:00 am	9. Staff recommendations	SAC-16-11
9:30 am	10. Other business	
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	11. SAC recommendations	
12:30-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	11. SAC recommendations	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	11. SAC recommendations	
5:30 pm	12. Meeting adjournment	