

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15TH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

10-14 June 2024

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 and Recommendations for Management	Ecosystem and Bycatch - Talks and Recommendations	Staff recommendations, Other business, Discussion -SAC Recommendations
Lunch					
Afternoon	Discussion session 1 - related to morning talks	Discussion session 3 - related to morning talks	Discussion session 5 - related to morning talks	Discussion session 7 - related to morning talks	Discussion - SAC Recommendations
	Discussion session 2 - Management Recommendations	Discussion session 4 - Management Recommendations	Discussion session 6 - Management Recommendations	Discussion session 8 - Management Recommendations	

Documents

Monday 10 June

9:00 am	1. Opening of the meeting	
9:15 am	2. Adoption of the agenda	
9:30 am	3. The fishery in the EPO	
	a. The tuna fishery in 2023	SAC-15-01
	4. Tropical tunas: stock assessments	
10:00 am	a. Stock status indicators (SSIs)	SAC-15 INF-F
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	b. Bigeye (BET) benchmark assessment	SAC-15-02
11:45 am	c. Yellowfin (YFT) benchmark assessment	SAC-15-03
12:45-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	d. Skipjack (SKJ) benchmark assessment	SAC-15-04
3:00 pm	Discussion session 1* – additional Q&A and follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 2* – SAC recommendations	

*** The items below can be included in Discussion sessions 1 and 2 upon request by the SAC¹:**

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| i. | Longline observer program reports | SAC-15 INF-B |
| ii. | Transshipment observer program | SAC-15 INF-C |
| iii. | Review of previous SAC recommendations | SAC-15 INF-D |
| iv. | Staff Activities and workplans | SAC-15 INF-E |

¹ The agenda for the SAC-15 meeting has been structured considering the priority issues in 2024, particularly the adoption of the new conservation and management measures for tunas, 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.

- v. SKJ Spatiotemporal modelling SAC-15 INF-G
- vi. Strengthening of the operation of the SAC meetings

5:30 pm Closure

Tuesday 11 June

	5. Tropical tuna: development of harvest strategies	
	a. Evaluation of current conservation and management measures	
9:00 am	i. Investigation of the impact of the IVT program on BET catches	SAC-15 INF-K
9:30 am	b. BET Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)	SAC-15-07
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	c. Tropical tuna harvest strategies	SAC-15-08
12:30-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	d. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: tropical tunas	SAC-15-13
2:30 pm	Discussion session 3* – additional Q&A and follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 4* – SAC recommendations	

*** The Items below can be included in Discussion sessions 3 and 4 upon request by the SAC:**

- i. Enhanced monitoring program (EMP): 2023 results and cost-benefit analysis SAC-15 INF-H
- ii. Improvements for IATTC port sampling program SAC-15 INF-J
- iii. Investigation on environmental effects on 2022-2023 tropical tuna catches SAC-15 INF-L

5:30 pm Closure

Wednesday 12 June

9:00 am	6. FADs	
	a. Report of the FADs WG	
	7. Temperate tunas and other species	
9:30 am	a. Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF): ISC stock assessment	
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:30 am	b. PBF: MSE and harvest strategies (ISC and joint IATTC-WCPFC-NC WG)	
11:00 am	c. North Pacific albacore tuna (NP-ALB): ISC harvest strategies	
11:30 am	d. South Pacific albacore tuna (SP-ALB): WCPFC harvest strategies	
12:30-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	e. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: temperate tunas and other species	SAC-15-13
2:00 pm	Discussion session 5* – additional Q&A and follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 6* – SAC recommendations	

*** The Items below can be included in Discussion sessions 5 and 6 upon request by the SAC:**

- i. FAD indicators FAD-08-1
- ii. Poseidon model: progress report

5:30 pm Closure

Thursday 13 June

	8. Ecosystem and bycatch	
	a. Sharks	
9:00 am	i. Shark species under the purview to IATTC	SAC-15-09
9:45 am	ii. IATTC shark sampling program	SAC-15-10
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	iii. Proposed best handling practices for sharks	SAC-15-11
	b. Climate change	
11:30 pm	i. A climate change workplan for the IATTC	SAC-15-12
12:30-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	c. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: ecosystem and bycatch	SAC-15-13
2:30 pm	d. Report of the Ecosystem and Bycatch WG	
3:00 pm	Discussion session 7* – Q&A and follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 8* – SAC recommendations	

*** The items below can be included in Discussion sessions 7 and 8 upon request by the SAC:**

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| i. | Ecosystem considerations report | EB-02-01 |
| ii. | Roadmap for ecological indicators and eco report cards | EB-02-02 |
| iii. | Best handling practices: roadmap for vulnerable species | EB-02-03 |
| iv. | Dolphin research: progress report on cow-calf study | SAC-15 INF-L |
| v. | Dolphin research: report on 2 nd IATTC workshop on dolphin abundance estimation | |
| vi. | Achotines Laboratory: review of research | SAC-15 INF-P |
| vii. | Options for data reporting of dorado | SAC-15 INF-R |
| viii. | Research on dorado stock structure: Ecuador and Peru | |

5:30 pm Closure

Friday 14 June

9:00 am	9. Staff recommendations	SAC-15-13
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	