

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

**2nd WORKSHOP ON METHODS FOR MONITORING THE STATUS OF
EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC OCEAN DOLPHIN POPULATIONS**

Mexico City, Mexico

09-10 May 2024

(participation by teleconferencing optional)

AGENDA

Thursday 9 May

09:00 Welcome remarks from workshop sponsors (*Mariana Ramos, PAST*)

09:10 Opening address (Andre Punt, Chair)

09:20 Background talk: Outcomes and recommendations of the 1st Workshop (Andre Punt, Chair)

09:40 Background talk: Overview of purse seine tuna fishery in the EPO and update on dolphin abundance research since 1st Workshop (Alex da Silva, IATTC Coordinator of Scientific Research)

10:00 Background talk: Description of the operation of a purse seine set on dolphins in the EPO (Enrique Urena, IATTC Observer Program Supervisor and Manager)

10:30-10:45: Coffee break

10:45 Background talk: A review of invasive and non-invasive methods for collecting tissue samples from free-swimming cetaceans (*Heidi Pearson, University of Alaska Southeast*)

11:15 Background talk: A review of Close-kin mark recapture (CKMR) (*John Swenson, U. Mass Amherst*)

12:00-13:00: Lunch

13:00 Discussion session: CKMR

14:30-14:45: Coffee break

14:45 Discussion session (cont.): CKMR

16:30-17:00 Public comment

17:00-18:00 Outlining report and research proposal concept notes (Chair/IATTC staff/small groups)

19:00: Group dinner

Friday 10 May

09:00 Update from IATTC staff/small groups on research proposal concept notes (IATTC staff/small groups)

09:30 Background talk: Digital aerial surveys (*Kelly McLeod, HiDef*)

10:00 Research proposal: Digital aerial surveys for dolphins in ETP (Zack Johnson, HiDef)

10:30-10:45: Coffee break

10:45 Background talk: The potential for surveying whales using satellite imagery (*Caroline Höschle, SpaceWhale*)

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