

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
WORKING GROUP ON ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH

3RD MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

26-27 May 2025

PROVISIONAL AGENDA REV

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of agenda

3. Review of recommendations from the 2nd meeting of the EBWG

3a. Brief discussion on recommendations from 2nd Circle Hook Workshop and aim to complete Res C-19-04 (Co-chairs)

4. Updates on Ecosystem and Bycatch Activities

- i. SAC-16-09 Characterization of longline fleets in IATTC Convention area (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. EB-03 RD-B Information about “Ring-shaped branchline (Meka-Ring) in pelagic longline fisheries and research plan (Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency, Daisuke Ochi)*

5a. Ecosystem

- i. EB-03-01 Ecosystem considerations report (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. EB-03-04 Progress of the Ecocard workplan: Purpose and Development of Framework (IATTC Staff)*
- iii. Updates on deep sea mining impacts (University of Hawaii)*

5b. Climate Change

- i. SAC-16 INF-P Climate change staff recommendations: updated (IATTC Staff)*

5c. Elasmobranchs

- i. SAC-16-08 List of ray species of purview to IATTC (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. Mobulid Sorting Grids update (Craig Heberer, Nature Conservancy)*
- iii. Trialing shark bycatch release devices on board purse seiners in the Pacific Ocean to enhance shark survival (AZTI, ISSF) (EB-03 RD-A)*
- iv. Considerations for a shark data collection program in the IATTC (IATTC staff)*
- v. A shark research plan for the IATTC strategic Science Plan (IATTC staff)*

5d. Seabirds

- i. EB-03-02 IATTC seabird action plan: Seabird distribution and associated fishery impacts (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. EB-03-03 IATTC seabird action plan: A review of bycatch mitigation options, measures and use (IATTC Staff)*
- iii. Predicting albatross bycatch hotspots across the North Pacific Ocean (EDF/ Tommy Clay)*

- iv. Metapopulation distribution shapes overlap with fisheries for a circumpolar seabird (EDF/ T. Clay)*
- v. Black petrel distribution and range-wide overlap with pelagic longline fisheries (Javier Quiñones Davila Peru, NZ)*
- vi. Testing low-coast mitigation measures to reduce albatrosses and petrels' bycatch in the Peruvian artisanal longline fisheries in southern Peru (J. Quiñones, Peru & NZ)*
- vii. ACAP Best Practice Advice for Reducing the Impact of IATTC Pelagic Longline Fisheries on Seabirds (ACAP, D. Gianuca)*

5e. Best Handling and Release Practices (BHRP)

- i. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for vulnerable species: sharks (update SAC-16-10), sea turtles (EB-03-05), and seabirds (EB-03-06) (IATTC staff)*
- ii. Best handling and release practices for sea turtles (IAC, V. Cáceres)*
- iii. Can releasing sharks by the tail be the best release practice? (Murua, AZTI)*

6. Recommendations to the Scientific Advisory Committee

7. Other business

8. Adjournment