

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NINTH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

14-18 May 2018

AGENDA

	Documents
1. Opening of the meeting	
2. Adoption of agenda	
3. Research planning:	
a. Strategic Science Plan	SAC-09-01
b. Staff activities and research work plan	SAC-09-02
4. Review of the implementation of recommendations adopted in previous SAC meetings, progress and outcomes	
5. The fishery:	
a. The fishery in 2017	SAC-09-03
b. National reports	
c. Longline observer program reports	
d. The fishery on FADs in the EPO (update)	SAC-09-04
6. Stock assessments:	
a. Bigeye tuna: assessment for 2017	SAC-09-05
b. Yellowfin tuna: assessment for 2017	SAC-09-06
c. Skipjack tuna: indicators of stock status	SAC-09-07
d. North Pacific albacore tuna: update on management strategy evaluation (MSE) work	
e. Report of the ISC Shark Working Group: shortfin mako assessment	
7. Modelling:	
a. Analyses of the effects of target selection by fisheries on longline CPUE standardization for bigeye tuna in the EPO	
b. Exploratory spatially-structured assessment model for bigeye tuna	SAC-09-08
c. Spatial-temporal modeling of yellowfin CPUE data	SAC-09-09
d. Design of a tropical EPO dolphin survey	
e. Pacific bluefin tuna:	
i. Report of the ISC Bluefin Working Group	
ii. Joint tuna RFMO meeting	
8. Data collection:	
a. Electronic monitoring of small purse-seine vessel activities and catches: progress report	

9. FADs	
a. Non-entangling and biodegradable FADs: progress report	SAC-09-10
b. Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group on FADs	
10. Ecosystem and bycatch:	
a. Ecosystem considerations report	SAC-09-11
b. An ecological risk assessment (ERA) approach for quantifying the impact of tuna fisheries on bycatch species in the EPO	SAC-09-12
c. Report of the Working Group on Bycatch	
11. Sharks:	
a. Updated results of FAO-GEF shark project: pilot study for shark fishery sampling program in Central America	
b. Updated purse-seine indicators for silky sharks in the EPO	SAC-09-13
12. Life history	
a. Review of research at the Achotines Laboratory	SAC-09-14
13. Staff recommendations to the Commission	SAC-09-15
14. SAC recommendations to the Commission	
15. Other business:	
a. Strengthening and streamlining the IATTC scientific process and the presentation to the Commission of the conclusions and recommendations of the SAC	
16. Adjournment	