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Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
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1. Opening of the meeting
2. Selection of rapporteurs
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of information and related studies
 - 4.1. Gear effects and the influence of FADs and FAD design on target and non-target species
 - a) FT-WP-1: Satoh et al. Effects of depth of underwater structures of FADs on catch of bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in the tropical waters of the western Pacific Ocean
 - b) FT IP-5: Moon et al. Preliminary information on the catch of small-sized tuna by set type of Korean tuna purse seine fishery in the WCPO
supporting documents
 - *FT IP-1: Lennert-Cody, C. E. et al. Effects of gear characteristics on the presence of bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in the catches of the purse-seine fishery of the eastern Pacific Ocean*
 - 4.2. Improvements in targeting and avoidance of STFO
 - a) Acoustic selectivity
 - FT-WP-2: <Morón presenting> Research on Acoustic Selectivity on FAD associated tropical purse seine fisheries
 - b) Underwater video and imaging
 - FT-WP-3: Itano. The use of underwater video to characterize the species, size composition and vertical distribution of tunas and non-tuna bycatch around floating objects

c) Other (discussion)

supporting documents

– *FT IP-2: Schaefer and Fuller. Acoustic imaging, visual observations, and other information used for classification of tuna aggregations associated with floating objects in the Pacific Ocean*

4.3. Catch characteristics of WCPO purse seine and longline fisheries

– *FT-WP-5: An et al. moved to Ecosystems and Bycatch SWG session*

4.4. Current status and recent developments in WCPO fishing gear, practices and capacity in relation to changes in fishing effort

a) Discussion

supporting documents

– *FT IP-2: IATTC and World Bank. Report of a Workshop on Rights-Based Management and Buybacks in International Tuna Fisheries*

4.5. Assistance to port sampling and observer programmes

4.6. The development of research projects with industry and observer and port sampling programmes

a) **FT-WP-6: Itano. The development of Industry-related technical solutions to reduce bycatch and fishing mortality of STFO**

4.7. Other studies

supporting documents

– *FT IP-3: IATTC. FAD-related research*

4.8. Advice to the Scientific Committee

5. Research planning and coordination

5.1. Operational Research Plan for 2008/09 with budget

5.2. Medium Term Research Plan

6. Other matters arising

6.1. Format, review and clearance procedures of the FT-SWG report

6.2. Other matters

7. Adoption of Report

8. Close of the meeting