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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2020–32

Dear Madam / Sir

### CHANGES IN THE DATES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON METHODS & THE WORKING PARTY ON TROPICAL TUNA

Following consultations between the IOTC Scientific Committee Chair and the respective Chairs of the Working Party on Methods (WPM) and Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT) a decision has been taken to slightly modify the dates of the WPM11 and the WPTT22. The changes are possible because there is no travel involved (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and will mean that the meetings are better aligned to a normal working week.

The new dates and deadlines for the meetings are as follows:

Working Party on Methods: 14-15 October	
14 September	Deadline for Submission of document titles.
30 September	Submission of full documents.
14 – 15 October	Working Party on Methods by video-conference.

Working Party on Tropical Tuna: 19-23 October	
19 September	Deadline for Submission of document titles.
5 October	Submission of full documents.
19 – 23 October	Working Party on Tropical Tunas by video-conference.

Both meetings will run from 12h00 – 16h00 Seychelles time. Please [[click here](#)] to work out the time in your country

#### Registration

It is essential that anyone wishing to participate in these virtual meetings must register as only registered participants will receive the Microsoft Teams link to join the meeting. For the WPM [[click here](#)] and for the WPTT [[click here](#)].

#### Documents and information

The agenda and session documents will be made available on the respective meeting webpages.

As always, scientists are encouraged to provide papers for the meetings, but due to the very limited time available, only a select few papers (identified by the respective meeting chairs) will be presented at each meeting. However, all other documents will be uploaded to the meeting pages and maintained as background information. Thank you for your understanding on the necessity to limit papers to those that are fundamental to address the agendas.

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Yours sincerely

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