

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

WORKING GROUP ON BYCATCH

4TH MEETING

**Kobe (Japan)
14-16 January 2004**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of Chairman
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Review of available information on the current status of sea turtle conservation
5. Review by staff of information on sea turtle interactions with tuna fisheries and other impacts on turtle populations
6. Additional information by members on interactions
7. Longer-term measures for sea turtle conservation - development of a 3 year program
8. Short-term conservation measures for sea turtles:
 - (a) release and safe handling
 - (i) purse-seine
 - (ii) longline
 - (iii) other fisheries
 - (b) improved fishing gear and techniques
 - (i) purse-seine
 - (ii) longline
 - (iii) other fisheries
9. Handling of shark bycatch in the purse-seine fishery
10. Recommendations to the Commission
11. Other business
12. Adjournment