

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

BYCATCH WORKING GROUP

8TH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

10-11 May 2018

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

	Documents
1. Opening of the meeting (9:00 May 10)	
2. Adoption of the agenda	
3. Review recommendations from 2017 Bycatch Working Group	
4. Brief overview on species of concern and bycatch from purse seine and longline fisheries in the EPO (<i>Chair</i>)	
a. Presentations by Members on recent bycatch activities	
5. Seabirds:	
a. Update on conservation status and foraging distribution of ACAP species in the IATTC area (<i>ACAP-BirdLife</i>)	
b. Update on ACAP bycatch mitigation best practices (ACAP)	
c. Discussion of potential recommendations	
6. Sea Turtles:	
a. Leatherback turtles and fisheries overlap in the EPO (<i>IAC/Bryan Wallace</i>)	
b. Update on sea turtle bycatch in the EPO (<i>IATTC</i>)	
c. Discussion of potential recommendations	
7. Sharks and Rays:	
a. Update on post-release mortality sharks in purse seine and longline fisheries, including mitigation.	
b. Update on interaction with whale sharks in the EPO (<i>IATTC</i>)	
c. Report on fisheries bycatch of mobulid rays in the EPO	
d. Discussion of potential recommendations	
8. Monitoring (9:00 May 11)	
a. Update on electronic monitoring from a WCPO tuna fishery and others	
9. Perspectives for future actions, including research	
a. Replacing unintended cross-taxa conflicts with intentional tradeoffs by moving from piecemeal to integrated fisheries bycatch management	
10. Recommendations to the Scientific Advisory Committee	
11. Adjournment	