

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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The following are recommendations made by individual participants at the meeting.

1. Consider indicators, such as size of area fished, for all species, especially skipjack tuna.
2. Change the title of the striped marlin assessment to be a preliminary assessment due to a need to review the data sources.
3. To support tuna tagging experiments, and request funding from the Commission.
4. A suggestion that the IATTC website could be improved, with one participant suggesting that perhaps the ICCAT website could be followed as a model.
5. To conduct data mining for the preservation of old data.
6. Encourage all the Commissions to work toward a common database format, and to standardize data and data gathering procedures.
7. Make the necessary efforts to accomplish pending items in last year's seabird resolution, including holding a second workshop.
8. That initiatives on seabirds in other RFMOs might be similarly adopted by IATTC, including information about which species are more at risk in which fisheries.
9. Develop a network for information about the effect of sorting grids, similar to the network used to measure the effect of circle hooks.
10. That the rule of quorum needs to be clarified, as well as what action to take if a quorum is not achieved for scientific meetings. Fewer participants also provide valuable review.
11. More data transparency. Access to basic data should be eased for members of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
12. Establish a clear policy for scientific documents, including standardization and availability. Recommendation that IATTC members encourage their scientists to conduct and submit analysis on subjects of interest to the Scientific Advisory Committee.
13. That the attendees select a rapporteur for each meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
14. That the IATTC staff prepare a document outlining a set of rules for the Scientific Advisory Committee, using the Antigua Convention as background. The document might include such items as: what constitutes a quorum, limits on the number of advisors to be present, who can speak and how that is controlled, how non-members are invited, small *ad hoc* working groups, and whether to allow submission of all types of papers or just those invited or pertinent to a topic.