

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**  
**WORKING GROUP ON ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING**

La Jolla, California (USA)  
26-27 May 2025

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

**2. Adoption of agenda**

**3. Review of recommendations from the 2nd meeting of the EBWG**

**3a. Brief discussion on recommendations from 2nd Circle Hook Workshop and aim to complete Res C-19-04 (Co-chairs)**

**4. Updates on Ecosystem and Bycatch Activities**

- i. SAC-16-09 Characterization of longline fleets in IATTC Convention area (IATTC Staff)*

**5a. Ecosystem**

- i. EB-03-01 Ecosystem considerations report (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. EB-03-04 Goal and framework of the Ecocards workplan (IATTC Staff)*
- iii. Updates on deep sea mining impacts (University of Hawaii)*

**5b. Climate Change**

- i. SAC-16 INF-P Climate change staff recommendations: updated (IATTC Staff)*

**5c. Elasmobranchs**

- i. SAC-16-08 List of ray species of purview to IATTC (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. Mobulid Sorting Grids update (Craig Heberer, Nature Conservancy)*
- iii. Trialing shark bycatch release devices on board purse seiners in the Pacific Ocean to enhance shark survival (AZTI, ISSF)*
- iv. Considerations for a shark data collection program in the IATTC (IATTC staff)*
- v. A shark research plan for the IATTC strategic Science Plan (IATTC staff)*

**5d. Seabirds**

- i. EB-03-02 IATTC seabird action plan: Seabird distribution and associated fishery impacts (IATTC Staff)*
- ii. EB-03-03 IATTC seabird action plan: A review of bycatch mitigation options, measures and use (IATTC Staff)*
- iii. Predicting albatross bycatch hotspots across the North Pacific Ocean (EDF/ Tommy Clay)*
- iv. Metapopulation distribution shapes overlap with fisheries for a circumpolar seabird (EDF/ T. Clay)*
- v. Black petrel distribution and range-wide overlap with pelagic longline fisheries (Javier Quiñones Davila Peru, NZ)*

**5e. Best Handling and Release Practices (BHRP)**

- i. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for vulnerable species: sharks (update SAC-16-10), sea turtles (EB-03-05), and seabirds (EB-03-06) (IATTC staff)*
- ii. Best handling and release practices for sea turtles (IAC)*

**6. Recommendations to the Scientific Advisory Committee**

**7. Other business**

**8. Adjournment**

