



DRAFT AGENDA (VERSION: 2 OCTOBER 2026)

**38th meeting of LDAC Working Group 1
Highly Migratory (Tuna and Tuna-like) Stocks and its RFMOs**

Wednesday 14th October 2026, 14:30-17:30h CET / GMT+1

Venue: *Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont*

Bd Charlemagne 11/19, 1000 Bruxelles

14:30h

- 1. Welcome by the Chair.**
- 2. Adoption of the minutes from the last WG1 meeting – Brussels, 10 March 2026.**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda.**

WORK ON TUNA RFMOs

14:45h

- 4. ICCAT – Atlantic Ocean.**
 - 4.1. Overview of state of tropical tuna stocks (Gorka Merino)
 - 4.2. Report by LDAC WG1 Chair on outcomes of EC technical meeting with stakeholders (7 Oct) in preparation of ICCAT annual meeting 2026.
 - 4.3. Summary of LDAC advice (September 2026) and update on joint AC collaboration.

15:15h

- 5. WCPFC- Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:**
 - 5.1. Discussion by WG1 members on draft advice in preparation for the 23rd Regular Session Commission (Vanuatu, 30Nov - 4Dec. 2026)
 - 5.2. Next steps and timeline for adoption

15:45h

- 6. IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.**
 - 6.1. Debriefing from DG MARE on the outcomes of last IOTC annual meeting and update on work priorities ahead of next IOTC annual meeting
 - 6.2. Next steps by the LDAC

HEALTH BREAK 16:15-16:30h

HORIZONTAL TOPICS ON RFMOs

16:30h

- 7. Presentation of ITUNESS project (AZTI / IEO-CSIC / IRD)**

16:55h

- 8. EJF's presentation on the report:**
[“Cut & Run: Exposing Senegal as a gateway for the global shark fin trade”](#)

17:20h

- 9. Compilation of best practices within tuna RFMOs for BBNJ process: identification of topics for future EU Strategy on External Fisheries Action**

CLOSING OF THE MEETING (17:30h)