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Bycatch Mitigation Workshop Programme

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Bycatch Mitigation Opportunities in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea

8th - 9th May 2019, Safari Park Hotel, Mount Elgon room

Wednesday, May 8th, 2019	
Objectives: 1) Engage local stakeholders; 2) Provide general overview of what is known of bycatch and mitigation options in the region; 3) Introduce the IWC BMI as a collaborative effort to reduce bycatch globally	
Lunch served in Café Kigwa in advance of workshop commencement	
Session 1. Welcome & introduction	
14:00-14:15	Meeting opening by co-chairs Official welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IWC Bycatch Standing Working Group Chair, Stephanie Langerock,</i> • <i>Principal Secretary, State Department for Fisheries, Aquaculture and The Blue Economy (Kenya), Professor Japheth Micheni Ntiba</i>
14:15-14:30	Bycatch Mitigation Initiative & workshop objectives – <i>Presentation by IWC Bycatch Coordinator, Marguerite Tarzia</i>
Session 2. Setting the scene	
14:30-15:10	Existing solutions to bycatch monitoring & prevention: broad overview of strategies and tools that can be used to more accurately document and mitigate cetacean bycatch- <i>Presentation by IWC Expert Panel members, Lotte Kindt-Larsen and Robert Enever</i>
15:10-15:30	Current state of knowledge- cetacean Bycatch in the Indian Ocean: Cetacean bycatch in the Indian Ocean- fisheries of concern, hotspots and data gaps- <i>Presentation by IWC Expert Panel Jeremy Kiszka</i>
15:30-15:40	Questions & discussion
15:40-16:00	Coffee/Tea
Session 3. Fisheries management	
16:00-16:20	Opportunities and incentives for reporting bycatch in the Indian Ocean: Reporting requirements, regional observer scheme, and new data collection and/or mitigation strategies- <i>Presentation by chair of IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch, (speaker tbc)</i>
16:20-16:30	Questions & discussion



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Session 4. Local perspectives on bycatch	
16:30-17:45	Panel discussion: Bycatch in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea- shared experience from a range of national representatives of what is known about bycatch across the region & the main gaps & challenges to tackle the problem.
17:45-19:00	TBA <i>Before breaking for the day, workshop participants to decide on break out groups for session 6 tomorrow. Participants will be provided with questions to think about overnight.</i>
19:00	Group dinner – Nyama Choma Ranch Restaurant, Safari Park Hotel

Thursday, May 9th, 2019	
Objectives: Focus on the Western and Northern Indian Ocean - 1) Share models for solutions - projects underway in the region and/or projects that could be replicated/trialed in the Indian Ocean; 2) Identify key needs for bycatch mitigation in the Indian Ocean 3) identify and map opportunities for bycatch mitigation projects in the Indian Ocean	
Planned outcome: Identify specific locations/fisheries where the BMI &/or collaborating organisations could assist in tackling bycatch. Identify the type of assistance or type of work needed.	
8:30-8:40	Chair's introduction to the day
Session 5. Case studies- Building collaborations	
8:40-8:55	Case study: Tackling data gaps through an innovative crew-based observer programme- <i>Presentation by WWF-Pakistan, Moazzam Khan</i>
8:55-9:10	Case study Incentivizing fisheries to trial and adopt mitigation measures. <i>Presentation by IWC Bycatch Expert Panel member, Sarah Mesnick</i>
9:10- 9:20	Questions & discussion
Session 5 contd. Case studies- Solutions in low data, low-tech situations	
9:20- 9:35	Case study: GIS tools to assess bycatch risk in endangered populations of nearshore cetaceans- <i>Presentation by IWC Bycatch Expert Panel member, Ellen Hines</i>
9:35- 9:50	Case study: Using low-tech, low-cost methods to reduce entanglement in gillnets- <i>Presentation by IWC Bycatch Expert Panel member, Per Berggren</i>
9:50-10:00	Question & discussion
10:30-11:00	Coffee/Tea break



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Session 6. Break-out session

11:00-13:00	<p>Identifying needs and opportunities across the region: Break out group session. Participants to divide into four sub-groups to consider specific questions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the main bycatch issues in your country/region/fishery? What are the potential challenges to better assess and mitigate this bycatch?• What are the main mechanisms and opportunities to assess and mitigate bycatch in this region/fishery? What would be needed to enable better assessment/mitigation? <p><i>Sub-groups will be provided with templates and questions to shape this discussion and allow them to share their results with the wider group. A rapporteur will need to be nominated per group</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break , served in Café Kigwa
14:00-15:00	Report back from break-out groups. Synthesize maps of bycatch hotspot areas, data poor areas, and fisheries where opportunities exist to trial mitigation measures. Highlight where capacity to tackle the issue could be further developed. <i>15 minutes each from 4 groups.</i>
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee break
Session 7. Next steps	
16:00-16:30	Moving Forward: Identifying opportunities for future collaborative work at national and regional level, including through the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative Workplan (e.g. potentially identifying pilot projects, or capacity needs in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea).
16:30-17:00	Conclusion and thanks
19:00	Dinner- La Piazzetta Restaurant, Safari Park Hotel

