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**SUBJECT: CALL FOR TENDERS – ICCAT GBYP 10/2016
BFT TRADE, MARKET & AUCTION DATA ANALYSES
DATA RECOVERY PLAN (ICCAT GBYP PHASE 6-2016)**

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached Call for Tenders **ICCAT GBYP 10/2016** for the "BFT Trade, Market & Auction Data Analyses – Data Recovery Plan".

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Driss Meski
Executive Secretary



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Attachment: Call for Tenders GBYP 10/2016.

CALL FOR TENDERS – ICCAT GBYP 10/2016
BFT TRADE, MARKET & AUCTION DATA ANALYSES
ATLANTIC-WIDE RESEARCH PROGRAMME ON BLUEFIN TUNA
(ICCAT/GBYP Phase 6 - 2016)

Background and objectives

The comprehensive ICCAT Atlantic-Wide Research Programme on Bluefin Tuna (ICCAT GBYP), among other items, is required to improve basic data collection for assessment models.

An important element of this Programme is to use the existing data sets which are not currently incorporated in the ICCAT database on bluefin tuna, to support the improvement of the analytical work assessment.

Two important sets of data, including information on about 180,000 individual bluefin tuna specimens collected from the trade, market and auctions, were provided as a donation in kind to ICCAT GBYP. These data were validated by the SCRS and are considered very useful for estimating total level of catch of bluefin tuna over the last 10 to 15 years, excluding any compliance use. A third data set was also provided to ICCAT GBYP and it is considered confidential, not being validated so far. The three data sets are fully described in www.iccat.int/Documents/CVSP/CV071_2015/n_2/CV071021059b.pdf. The possible use of these data was discussed during the Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment meeting in 2012 (www.iccat.int/Documents/CVSP/CV069_2013/n%201/CV069010001.pdf pages 169-174) and then by the ICCAT GBYP Steering Committee in its meeting in December 2012 (www.iccat.int/GBYP/Documents/STEERING/GBYP_STEERING%20COM_REPORT_DEC_2012_SETE.pdf page 11).

Finally, the GBYP Steering Committee, in its last meeting on 30-31 July 2016, recommended that these three data sets be analyzed to assess the total bluefin removals, aiming at improving total catch estimate under different hypotheses over the period covered by these data.

All the data collected under the (ICCAT GBYP) Programme shall be used only for scientific purposes and in accordance with ICCAT rules and regulations (see Appendix 10 of the Report for biennial period, 2008-2009, Part II (2009) – Vol. 2, page 287, www.iccat.int/Documents/BienRep/REP_EN_08-09_II_2.pdf). Any other use of these data should be specifically authorised by ICCAT.

Contractors' tasks

The three sets of trade, market and auction data donated to ICCAT GBYP will be provided to the Contractors for the analyses of Excel files by ICCAT GBYP.

The Terms of Reference for the contracts shall be the following:

- 1) Carry out a preliminary overview of the available trade and market data and define the various types of data according to the origin and the categories;
- 2) Carry out an in-depth analyses for further selecting the reliable data, cross-checking them with the available documents to avoid double-counting, use of different types of conversion factors, representativeness of various age classes, data coverage, sample representation, amongst other aspects that may deteriorate the data set quality and usefulness, since a clean data file will be used for assessing the total level of bluefin tuna catch in the period covered by the available data;
- 3) Specify in detail the type of quality checks and analyses that have been carried out for identifying the reliable raw data sets;
- 4) Based on the data overview and analyses, the contractor shall provide an assessment of the total level of possible catches of Atlantic bluefin tuna that went to the market for each year covered by the data, ideally by stock and under various hypotheses, including the expected CVs by year, for further analyses of the SCRS Bluefin Tuna Species Group.

The Contractor should be available to report to any meeting requested by ICCAT.

The data will be provided in a format usable by ICCAT. Reports can be submitted according to the time frame specified by the deliverables, but not later than **31 January 2017**.

Contractor minimum qualifications

- Documented multi-year experience on fishery data collection, particularly related to fishery trade, auction and market data. A good knowledge of large pelagic fisheries is desirable.
- Knowledge of the ICCAT data system and ICCAT procedures to incorporate data sets.
- University degree in one of the following: Fisheries/Marine Biology/Environmental Sciences or Statistics or in Archives Sciences or closely related fields (in case of individual scientists).
- Excellent working knowledge of one of the three official languages of ICCAT (English, French and Spanish). A high level of knowledge of English is highly desirable.

Request for bids

Interested entities should submit an offer to the attention of Mr. Driss Meski, the Executive Secretary to ICCAT (driss.meski@iccat.int) by **31 August 2016**, including:

- a) A detailed offer, which shall include: (I) the estimated amount of work required; (II) the methodology that will be adopted for analysing the trade, market and auction data sets and select the usable data, (III) a confirmation of the time frame within which these data will be delivered to ICCAT; and (IV) the full cost for the work to be carried out.
- b) The *Curriculum vitae* of the tender (in case of individual scientists) and of any collaborator.
- c) The *Curriculum* of the institution (if an institution is the tender), with any documented experience in studies on large pelagic species or in trade/market data collection and analyses, including contracts or studies on similar matters and other relevant references (including points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information).
- d) A preliminary estimated budget, by budget item (personnel, consumables, travels, subcontracts, etc.). A maximum overhead of 10% of the personnel cost is allowed. Subcontracts are admitted up to a maximum of 40% of the total budget.
- e) The name, address, and telephone number of the tendering body; specifically identify the person responsible for the contract.
- f) The institutional and administrative background of the tendering body (e.g., statutes, type of institution, annual budget, budget control procedures, etc.), if applicable.
- g) A detailed list of any subcontracting activities.
- h) A declaration that the offering entity shall follow the ICCAT procedures and formats for the data sets to be provided.
- i) A declaration that all the comments eventually made on the draft final report will be incorporated in the final report prior to submission to the ICCAT SCRS.
- j) Acknowledgment of this Call for tenders (if applicable).
- k) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions herein included.

Offers that fail to provide the required documentation or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the Call for tenders, will not be considered.

Contractors can be either research institutions, such as government or private laboratories, universities, or private consultancy firms or individual scientists or other entities having the required qualifications.

The Contractor should be available to report to any meeting requested by ICCAT.

The ICCAT Secretariat will make a selection of the offers, in coordination with the ICCAT GBYP Steering Committee. Following the selection process, the ICCAT Executive Secretary will notify the entity selected for the contract as soon as possible.

Deliverables

- 1) A preliminary short report including information on the work carried out and any difficulties encountered, to be submitted 30 days after the signature of the contract.
- 2) The draft final report to be submitted by **8 January 2017**, at the latest, including:
 - a) Full description of the work carried out to analyse the data.
 - b) Detailed description of the selected raw data sets agreed as reliable, specifying clearly the type of quality checks and analyses that have been carried out for identifying those data.
 - c) An Excel file, in accordance with the ICCAT bluefin tuna database format, including all reliable raw data.
 - d) A draft SCRS paper, for further analyses of the SCRS Bluefin Tuna Species Group, reporting on this work and specifically an assessment of the total level of possible catches of Atlantic bluefin tuna that went to the market by each year covered by the data. This will ideally be carried out by stock and under various hypotheses tested, including the expected CVs by year. The methodology shall be duly explained.
 - e) If any future work concerning any further use of these data sets is identified during the contract, this should be described in detail.
 - f) The Executive Summary.
 - g) A short PowerPoint presentation of the main results.
- 3) The definitive final report to be prepared, will take into account the eventual comments provided by ICCAT will be submitted by **31 January 2017**, at the latest.

Payment details

Disbursements will be made according to the following schedule:

- 50% of the total amount of the contract upon signing of the contract;
- 50% after the approval of the final report by the ICCAT Secretariat upon incorporation of comments by ICCAT.

Logistics

All documents provided by the Contractor must be in MS Word or compatible software. Tables must be in Excel format or compatible format and figures and pictures must be in JPEG or TIFF format or other compatible format. All documents submitted must be in English, French or Spanish.

Copyright

All the material produced by the Contractor will remain the property of ICCAT GBYP and will follow the usual ICCAT rules for the use of data. The scientific use of the data by the Contractor shall always be notified to ICCAT in advance for clearance.