

**28th Regular Meeting of the International Commission  
for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)**  
(13-20 November 2023)

**Tentative annotated agendas**

**Plenary Sessions**

1. Opening of the meeting

*The Meeting will be opened by the Commission Chair, Mr Ernesto Penas (EU), who will welcome the participants both in-person and on-line.*

2. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements

*The Plenary Agenda is document **PLE-100/2023**. The tentative timetable is contained in **GEN-002/2023**. However, this will be subject to change as the meeting progresses and participants are advised to follow the meeting document site regularly for updated versions.*

3. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations

*Mr Camille Jean Pierre Manel, the ICCAT Executive Secretary, will introduce the Contracting Parties present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-008/2023**.*

4. Introduction of Observers

*Mr Camille Manel, the ICCAT Executive Secretary, will introduce the observer delegations present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-008/2023**.*

5. Review of the report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) and discussion of a proposal to set a process on the status of the responses to the Commission requests.

*Dr Craig Brown, SCRS Chair will present the main findings of the SCRS, contained in the SCRS report **PLE-104/2023** and the Secretariat's Report on Research and Statistics, **PLE-105/2023**. Information on individual species will be presented to the Panels. Dr Brown will give some responses to the Commission in relation to and respond to the questions raised in relation to sea turtles, Electronic Monitoring Systems, Ecosystem and Climate Change Consideration and the suitability of suitability of the alternative approaches to scientific observer programmes proposed by CPCs.*

*The revised Roadmap for the ICCAT MSE Processes will be presented as **PLE-108/2023**. Final adoption of this roadmap may need to be postponed to the final Plenary session until after the Panels have deliberated.*

6. Review of the reports of the 2023 Intersessional Meetings, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The Reports of the various intersessional meetings will be discussed by the relevant subsidiary bodies, who may report back to the Commission with their findings following review. Reports of the various intersessional meetings have been published as: Report of the Climate Change Experts Meeting (**PLE-112/2023**); Report of the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (**PA1-501/2023**); Report of the Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 on western skipjack (**PA1-502/2023**); Report of the Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (**PA1-503/2023**); Chair's Report on Fourth Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (**PA1-504/2023**); Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 (**PA2-602/2023**); Report of the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (**PA4-803/2023**); Report of the Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (**PA4-804/2023**); Report of the Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (**PA4-805/2023**); Report of the First Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group (eBCD TWG) (**PWG-403/2023**); Report of the Second Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group (eBCD TWG) (**PWG-404/2023**); Report of the Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity*

*Building and Assistance (PIEG) (PWG-406/2023); Report of the 16th Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) (PWG-408/2023); Report of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Document Scheme (CDS WG) (PWG-409/2023); Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Labour Standards (LSWG) (PWG-410/2023); Report of the First Meeting of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) Working Group (PWG-411/2023); Report of the Second Meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) Working Group (PWG-412/2023); Chair's Summary Report of the High Seas Boarding and Inspection Seminar (PWG-425/2023) and Report of the Meeting of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group (COC-302/2023).*

7. Final review of follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of the need for future Performance Review

*Each subsidiary body, if time allows, should review and consider any additional updates to the implementation of the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel. Plenary should consider the findings of each body, as well as the recommendations referred to plenary, to determine if further action is needed. However, if time is short, this could be considered at the 2024 Annual Meeting. The information pertaining to the Plenary will be made available as **PLE-116/2023**.*

8. Assistance to developing coastal States and capacity building

*Information on the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF) is presented in **STF-206/2023**.*

9. Cooperation with and updates relating to other organisations

- 9.1 Cooperation with other IGOs

*Information can be found in **PLE-109/2023**. A Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and the Secretariat of the Sargasso Sea Commission has been made available as **PLE-107/2023**. GFCM and WECAFC will intervene on this point.*

- 9.2 *The FAO will make a brief presentation on the ABNJ (**PLE-111/23**). Additional information and update on progress of ABNJ2 can be found in **PLE-106/2023**.*

- 9.3 *Updates on BBNJ processes, Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the WTO Agreement on fisheries subsidies and any other relevant instruments will be made available shortly.*

*A representative of the DOALOS will make a brief intervention on the UN Fish Stock Agreement and the BBNJ.*

10. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein.

*The Chair of STACFAD will report on the work undertaken and the recommendations of STACFAD, including decisions relating to the budget and contributions for 2023 (**STF-203/2023**, **STF-204/2023**, and **STF-205/2023**).*

11. Reports of Panels 1 to 4 and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The reports of the panels will be adopted by correspondence. The Commission should consider the recommendations forwarded by the Panels for adoption.*

12. Report of the Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Committee, as well as the Compliance tables (**COC-304/2023**) and actions which may be required on the basis of the COC discussions, which are available in **COC-308/2023**. The COC may be guided in its actions by Res. 16-17.*

13. Report of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Group, including the approval of the IUU list (PWG-405/2023).*

14. Streamlining of conservation and management measures

*The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, has drafted document PLE-103/2023.*

15. Intersessional meetings in 2024

*The Commission may wish to set the dates and venues for intersessional meetings in 2024, including the meeting format (in-person, online or hybrid). Several of the draft Recommendations include the possibility of establishing new Working Groups. If adopted, these will need to be taken into account.*

16. Election of Chair and Vice Chairs

*As is customary during a Regular Meeting, the Commission should elect a Chair, a First Vice-Chair and a Second Vice-Chair.*

17. Other matters

*Other matters may be raised by Contracting Parties present at the meeting, or by the Chair, if required. However, where possible, CPCs should inform the Chair in advance of the meeting of any other matters they wish to raise and submit any relevant documents in advance.*

#### 17.1 Climate Change

*The Chair of the Climate Change Experts Meeting will present the findings of the meeting held in July 2023. The UK has tabled a Draft Resolution by ICCAT on the creation of a Standing Joint Expert Group on Climate Change (SJEG-CC) in document PLE-110/2023.*

18. Date and place of the next meeting of the Commission

*The Commission needs to determine the dates of the next annual meeting, as well as considering the meeting format (in-person/hybrid).*

19. Adoption of the report and adjournment

*At the time of writing several Position Statements for PLE had been received and are published as PLE-113/2023, PLE-114/2023, PLE-117/2023 and PLE-118/2023. Additional statements will be posted as they arrive.*

**Compliance Committee (COC)**

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by the Compliance Committee Chair, Mr. Derek Campbell (USA).*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda is available as **COC-300/2023**.*

## 4. Review of progress made by the Online Reporting Technology Working Group and next steps

*The Report of the Meeting of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group is available as **COC-302/2023**. An update on the current status of IOMS is contained in **COC-316/2023**.*

## 5. Consideration of ways to use capacity building to improve compliance

*Extracts of the difficulties encountered in implementing ICCAT conservation and management measures as reported by CPCs in their Annual Reports are contained in **COC-311/2023**.*

*Requests for compliance assistance in accordance with the funding available from ABNJ II have been compiled in **COC-313/2023**.*

## 6. Consideration of any outstanding matters in Performance Review recommendations as well as recommendations from the Expert Workshops on Best Practices in Compliance in RFMOs

*The most recent table of the issues arising from the Performance Review is posted as document **COC-318/2023**.*

## 7. Review of Secretariat Report to the Compliance Committee

*The Secretariat's report to the Compliance Committee is available as **COC-303/2023**.*

## 8. Priority review of other Recommendations, taking into account measures identified for review in the 2022 COC meeting, the schedule of expiration of Recommendations and, where possible, the schedule of SCRS assessments, as appropriate.

*a. Shortfin mako*

*b. Recommendation by ICCAT on improvement of compliance review of conservation and management measures regarding billfish caught in the ICCAT Convention area (Rec. 18-05) ("Billfish Check Sheet" (**COC-315/2023** and the summary in Annex 1 to that document).*

*c. Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 16-13 on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures regarding Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries (Rec. 18-06) ("Shark Check Sheet") (**COC-314/2023** and the summary in Annex 1 to that document)*

*d. Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish Minimum Standards for Fishing Vessel Scientific Observer Program (Rec. 16-14) (**COC-317/2023**)*

## 9. Considerations of updates to Strategic Plan for Review of Compliance Priorities for 2024-2025

## 10. Review of response to Chair's letters arising from the 2022 meeting

*Responses are contained in **COC-309/2023**. Late submissions are published in an addendum to this document.*

## 11. Review of Compliance Tables

*Draft compliance tables have been circulated as **COC-304/2023**.*

## 12. Review of other relevant information, including submissions under Rec. 08-09

*The Annual Reports, as submitted by the CPCs, have been made available as document **COC-301/2023**. Information submitted under Rec. 08-09 by several NGOs as well as the European Union is available as **COC-312/2023**, together with the responses received to date.*

## 13. Review of CPC implementation of and compliance with ICCAT requirements, focusing on priority issues and/or cases

*Questions and answers on the draft version of **COC-308/2023** will be published as **COC-306/2023**. A revised version of the Compliance Summary Tables (**COC-308A/2023**) contains the written responses received in advance of the meeting or any additional submissions. See also **COC\_303/2023**, **COC\_305/2023** and **COC\_312/2023**, which contain information on possible compliance issues that are relevant to individual CPC compliance review.*

*See also the Schedule of Compliance Issues and Corresponding Actions (Ref. 22-18).*

## 14. Review of information relating to Non-CPCs

*Responses to Chair's letters are available in **COC-310/2023**.*

## 15. Determination of recommended actions to address issues of non-compliance by CPCs and issues relating to NCPs arising from items 5 and 6

## a) Endorsement of the Compliance Annex

*The Compliance Tables (Compliance Annex) should be finalised and adopted by COC (**COC-304/2023**).*

## b) Identifications or other actions under the trade measures Recommendation (Rec. 06-13)

*Data submitted in accordance with Rec. 06-13 are published electronically as Annex 1 to **COC-303/2023**. Additional information may be included in **PWG-401/2023**. The Committee should consider any necessary actions on the basis of **COC-308A/2023** and other relevant information.*

## c) Action under data Recommendations (Recs. 05-09 and 11-15)

*Rec. 11-15 provides the basis for prohibiting fisheries if Task 1 data are not received. Rec. 05-09 stipulates that the Compliance Committee or PWG shall identify problematic data deficiencies and recommend appropriate actions by the respective CPC to address the problem (**COC-303\_APP\_3/2023**) and (**COC-303\_ANN\_8/2023**).*

## d) Any other actions under Ref. 22-18

## 16. Consideration of requests for cooperating status

*No new requests were received within the deadline. Bolivia, Chinese Taipei, Costa Rica, Guyana and Suriname currently enjoy cooperating status.*

## 17. Recommendations to the Commission to improve compliance

## 18. Election of Chair

*The Compliance Committee shall elect a Chair for the biennial period 2024/2025.*

19. Other matters

*CPCs may raise any other matters. None were communicated the time of writing but may be raised until the time of adoption of agenda.*

*Given that the Guidelines for Submitting Annual Reports have been rendered outdated by the introduction of the IOMS, Provisional revised guidelines for the submission of Annual Reports have been presented in **COC-307/2023**. These may need further review in the future, as work on IOMS advances.*

20. Adoption of report and adjournment

**Permanent Working Group for the  
Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG)**

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr Neil Ansell (EU), Chair of the PWG.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **PWG-400/2023**.*

4. Review of the report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) and other relevant subsidiary working groups. and consideration of any necessary actions

*The IMM report is available as document **PWG-408/2023**. Reports of other subsidiary Working Groups will be considered under their respective points in agenda item 5.*

5. Consideration, taking into account the findings of point 4, of the effectiveness and practical aspects of implementation of:

5.1 Catch Documentation and Statistical Document Programs

*Report of the Meetings of the eBCD Technical Working Group (eBCD TWG) are contained in **PWG-403/2023** and **PWG-404/2023** and the Report of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Document Scheme (CDS WG) is in **PWG-409/2023**.*

*Information is contained in the Secretariat Report to the PWG (**PWG-401/2023**), Section 1 and document **PLE-105/2023**.*

*Japan has presented a "Draft Resolution by ICCAT on establishment of a Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG)" contained in **PWG-418/2023**, and a "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Amending and Replacing Recommendation 18-13 on an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Program has been put forward by the IMM Working Group as **PWG-419\_REV/2023**.*

*The Report on the Implementation of the Derogation to Validate BCDs for Trades of BFT between Member States of the EU is contained in **PWG-413/2023***

5.2 Observer Programmes and EMS

*Information on the implementation of the ROP-BFT observer programmes is contained in **PA2-601/2023** and on the ROP-Transshipment observer programme for at-sea transshipment is contained in **PWG-402/2023**.*

*Two meeting of the Working Group on Electronic Monitoring Systems were held in 2023, and the reports of these are available as **PWG-411/2023** and **PWG-412/2023**.*

*The Report from SATLINK on the REM Pilot Project carried out on processing vessels is contained in **PWG-414/2023***

*The European Union has presented a "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish Minimum Standards and Program Requirements for the use of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) in ICCAT Fisheries" (**PWG-415/2023**)*

### 5.3 At-sea and in-port transshipment requirements

*The ICCAT transshipment programme was updated in 2021 (Rec. 21-15) to include carrier vessels transshipping in port on the ICCAT Record of Carrier Vessels. The Record can be consulted at [www.iccat.int/en/vesselsrecord.asp](http://www.iccat.int/en/vesselsrecord.asp). More information on transshipment requirements is contained in **PWG-402/2023** and **COC-305/2023**.*

*The Secretariat is requesting some clarification regarding the documentation to be submitted; the questions are contained in **PWG-424/2023**.*

### 5.4 Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements

*A summary of chartering arrangements and reports from CPCs have been presented to the Compliance Committee in **COC-303/2023**. A table summarising information on Access Agreements is also included in **COC-303/2023**.*

*Some questions have been raised during 2023 about the reporting requirements for Access Agreements. These questions are included in document **PWG-424/2023***

### 5.5 At-sea vessel sighting and inspection programs

*Inspection reports submitted under the ICCAT Scheme of Joint Inspection are available as **Annex 3** to **COC-303/2023**, and vessel sighting contained in **Annex 11** of **COC-303/2023**. The response from Morocco is included in **Appendix 4** of **COC-303/2023**, as the response was valid for both a JIS inspection report and a vessel sighting.*

*The Summary Report of the High Seas Boarding and Inspection Seminar held in Vigo in September 2023 is available as **PWG-425/2023**.*

*The IMM WG has put forward a "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for a Joint International Inspection Scheme in the Convention Area in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction" in **PWG-423/2023**, and the European Union has proposed a "Draft Resolution by ICCAT for the Establishment of a Working Group on the Support to the Implementation of ICCAT Recommendation 23-XX Establishing a Joint International Inspection Scheme" in **PWG-421/2023**.*

### 5.6 Port inspection schemes and other port State measures

*The Report of the 2023 Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity and Assistance (PIEG) is contained in **PWG-406/2023**. An update of the activities carried out in 2023 is contained in **PWG-407/2023**.*

*A "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT On Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing", agreed by the IMM WG is contained in **PWG-417/2023**.*

### 5.7 Vessel listing requirements

*Some information is included in document **PWG-401/2023**.*

### 5.8 Vessel Monitoring Satellite System requirements

*Information from the Secretariat is contained in **COC-303/2023**.*

### 5.9 Flag State responsibilities

*The Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Labour Standards is available as **PWG-410/2023**. The Chair of the Working Group has tabled a "Draft Resolution by ICCAT on Core Principles on Labour Standards in ICCAT Fisheries" in document **PWG-422/2023**.*

5.10 Other issues

6. Review and establishment of the IUU vessel list

*The Draft IUU list is contained in **PWG-405/2023**. The draft list contains new vessels as well as some updated information from other tuna RFMOs.*

*China (P.R.) has proposed a “Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation 21-13 on Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities” through document **PWG-420/2023**.*

*The Secretariat requests clarification regarding one aspect of the cross-listing process; the question is contained in **PWG-424/2023**.*

7. Election of Chair

*The PWG shall elect a Chair for the biennial period 2024/2025.*

8. Other matters

9. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)**

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*The Meeting will be opened by Ms. Deirdre Warner-Kramer (USA), Chair of STACFAD.*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **STF\_200/2023**.*

## 4. Reports from the Secretariat

## 4.1 2023 Administrative Report

*This has been made available as **STF-201/2023**.*

## 4.2 2023 Financial Report

*The Financial Report has been published as **STF-202/2023** and document **STF-207/2023** shows the current situation of the ICCAT Working Capital Fund.*

## 4.3 Review of progress of the payment of arrears and voting rights

*Information will be circulated during the meeting taking into account the most updated information available through document **STF-205/2023** (Information on past-due amounts and arrears payment plans).*

## 5. Assistance to developing CPCs

## 5.1 Review of procedures and funding for the Meeting Participation Fund

*Information on expenditure of the Meeting Participation Fund is contained in document **STF-206/2023**.*

*The United States has tabled a Draft Amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund (document **STF-210/2023**) for consideration by STACFAD.*

## 6. Consideration of methods to ensure the availability of rapporteurs

*This issue was considered to some extent by the Virtual Working Group on the Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (VWG-RRP) in 2022, but given the difficulty in finding rapporteurs, particularly for the Panel 1 intersessionals, this may need further consideration by STACFAD.*

## 7. Review of progress of the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financing

*The STACFAD Chair will also report to the Commission on the progress made by the Virtual Working Group for Sustainable Financing (VWG-SF).*

## 8. Consideration of financial implications of SCRS requests

*Document **STF-208/2023** lists the request for funding from SCRS for the 2024/25 period.*

9. Consideration of financial implications of ICCAT conservation and management measures proposed

*Following a decision by the Commission in 2019, each proposal should be accompanied by an estimate of the additional resources required, particularly by the ICCAT Secretariat, for the implementation of any new reporting requirements or other tasks it contains (STF-209/2023).*

10. Budget and Contracting Party contributions for 2024/2025

*The Draft Regular Budget was circulated in advance and is available in document STF-203/2023. The budget for eBCD was also circulated 60 days in advance and has been distributed as STF-204/2023.*

*Proposed Commission budget for Integrated Online Management System (IOMS) 2024-2025 (STF-211/2023).*

11. Election of Chair

*STACFAD shall elect a Chair for the biennial period 2024/2025.*

12. Other matters

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**Panel 1**

1. Opening of the meeting.

*Mr. Paul Bannerman (Ghana), Chair of Panel 1, will open the meeting.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The Agenda is presented in **PA1-500/2023**.*

4. Review of Panel membership

*Document **GEN-004/2023** contains current Panel membership.*

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*The Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics is contained in document **PLE-104/2023**. Dr Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 1 and respond to the questions raised by the Commission in relation to tropical tunas.*

6. Review of the reports of the intersessional meetings of Panel 1 and consideration of any necessary actions

*The reports on the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Intersessional Meetings of Panel 1 are contained in **PA1-501/2023**, **PA1-502/2023**, **PA1-503/2023**, and **PA1-504/2023** (Chair's report), respectively.*

7. Review of Compliance Tables and payback plans

*The draft Compliance tables have been published as **COC-304/2023**.*

*Senegal has presented a payback plan for its overharvest of bigeye tuna through the "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Senegal's Bigeye Tuna Payback Plan". This is contained in document **PA1-505/2023**.*

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

*Based on the stock assessment and SCRS advice, the Commission shall adopt additional conservation measures for yellowfin tuna at the 2023 Annual Meeting, which may include a revised TAC, closures, or allocated catch limits.*

The following proposals have been put forward to Panel 1:

*The European Union has presented a "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 22-01 on a Multi-annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas", which is contained in **PA1-508/2023**.*

*South Africa, Japan and Brazil have also tabled a "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 22-01 on a Multi-annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas" through **PA1-509/2023**.*

*The USA has also proposed a "Draft Resolution by ICCAT on Development of Initial Conceptual Management Objectives for Atlantic Bigeye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, and the Eastern Stock of Skipjack Tuna" (**PA1-510/2023**).*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

10. Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

11. Election of Chair

*The Panel shall elect a Chair for the 2024/2025 biennial period.*

12. Other matters

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

## Panel 2

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr. Shingo Ota (Japan), Chair of Panel 2.*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 2 is available as **PA2-600/2023**.*

## 4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2023**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

## 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*The Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics is contained in document **PLE-104/2023**. Dr Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 2 and respond to the questions raised on northern temperate species.*

## 6. Review of the Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, and consideration of any necessary actions.

*The Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 is available as **PA2-602/2023**.*

## 7. Review of Compliance Tables

*The Draft Compliance Tables have been published as **COC-304/2023**.*

*The bluefin tuna and northern albacore tables contained in **COC-304/2022** should be examined as early as possible to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.*

## 8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

*In accordance with Rec. 21-04, para 16, in 2023, the Commission should review the MP [for North Atlantic albacore] ... to consider if any revision to it is needed, including to the HCR specified in Annex 1 [of 21-04], taking into account any analyses carried out by the SCRS in accordance with paragraphs 14 and 15.*

The following draft Recommendations and Resolutions have been tabled by CPCs:

*A proposal on BFT-E allocation, submitted by Korea (Rep.), in document **PA2-605/2023** and a discussion paper entitled "Towards a more equitable allocation of eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna", submitted by the United Kingdom, in document **PA2-608/2023**.*

*"Draft Resolution by ICCAT for a pilot project for farming bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the Cantabrian Sea", submitted by the European Union, in document **PA2-606/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 22-08", submitted by the European Union, in document **PA2-607/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-08 establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean", submitted by the Chair of Panel 2, in document **PA2-609/2023**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-09 establishing a management procedure for Atlantic bluefin tuna to be used for both the western Atlantic and eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean management areas”, submitted by the Panel 2 Chair, in document **PA2-611/2023**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-04 on Conservation and Management Measures, including a Management Procedure and Exceptional Circumstances Protocol, for North Atlantic Albacore (Rec. 21-04)”, presented by the European Union in **PA2-612/2023**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-04 on Conservation and Management Measures, Including a Management Procedure and Exceptional Circumstances Protocol, for North Atlantic Albacore”, presented by the United Kingdom in **PA2-614/2023**.*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

10. Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

11. Election of Chair

*The Panel shall elect a Chair for the 2024/2025 biennial period.*

12. Other matters

*A summary of the Regulations and other related documents adopted by all concerned Contracting Parties to implement the Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 20-08 on the application of the eBCD system (Rec. 21-08) is presented in document **PA2-610/2023**.*

*The summary of the Report submitted by Norway on its Pilot project for short term storage of bluefin tuna in 2023 is available as **PA2-604/2023**. The full Report is available as **Annex 1 of PA2-604/2023**.*

*The Report on the implementation of the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for East Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna has been published as **PA2-601/2023**.*

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

### Panel 3

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr. Qayiso Mketsu (South Africa), Chair of Panel 3.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 3 is available as **PA3-700/2023**.*

4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2023**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

5.1 *The Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics is contained in document **PLE-104/2023**. D. Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 3.*

5.2 Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

6. Review of compliance tables

*The Draft Compliance Tables have been published as **COC-304/2023**. The Panel should ensure that all entries in the table are in accordance with paragraph 4 of Rec. 22-06.*

*Namibia has a continued overharvest of southern albacore which may need to be considered by the Panel.*

7. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

8. Identification of outdated measures in light of 7 above.

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

9. Election of Chair

*The Panel shall elect a Chair for the 2024/2025 biennial period.*

10. Other matters

11. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**Panel 4**

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr. Amar Ouchelli (Algeria), Chair of the Panel 4.*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 4 is available as **PA4-800/2023**.*

## 4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2023**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

## 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*The Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics is contained in document **PLE-104/2023**. Dr Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 4.*

## 6. Review of the reports of the First, Second, and Third Intersessional Meetings of Panel 4, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The Chair will summarise the outcomes of the intersessional meetings held prior to the Commission meeting. The previous reports can be found in **PA4-803/2023**, **PA4-804/2023** and **PA4-805/2023**.*

*A document and presentation containing North Atlantic Swordfish MSE: Final Results, Decision Guide, and CMP Specifications have been prepared by the Swordfish Technical Subgroup on MSE, and are available as **PA4-815/2023** and **PA4-816/2023**, respectively.*

## 7. Review of Compliance Tables and payback plans

*The draft Compliance Tables have been published as **COC-304/2023**. Curaçao has submitted a payback plan through document **PA4-810/2023**.*

*Venezuela has a continued overharvest of northern swordfish which may need to be considered by the Panel.*

## 8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

*Rec. 22-03 provides that, at the 2023 ICCAT Annual Meeting, the Commission shall review the final candidate management procedures (for N. SWO) and select one for adoption and application to establish the TAC for 2024 and future years, including pre-agreed management actions to be taken under various stock conditions.*

*The Development or Fishing/Management Plans for North Atlantic Swordfish submitted by CPCs in 2023 are contained in **PA4-801/2023** and the Mediterranean Swordfish Fishing Plans Submitted in 2023 are contained in **PA4-802/2023**.*

The following Recommendations and Resolutions have been submitted to Panel 4 for consideration:

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for a Conservation and Management Plan for North Atlantic Swordfish", tabled by Canada in document **PA4-817/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Conservation and Management Measures, including a Management Procedure, for North Atlantic Swordfish" proposed by the United States and the European Union in **PA4-819/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 19-07 on Management Measures for the Conservation of the North Atlantic Blue Shark caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries", proposed by the European Union in **PA4-813/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 19-08 on Management Measures for the Conservation of the South Atlantic Blue Shark caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries", also submitted by the European Union, through **PA4-814/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 19-07 on Management Measures for the Conservation of the North Atlantic Blue Shark caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries" put forward by the United Kingdom in **PA4-818/2023**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on a Pay Back Plan for Blue Marlin by Curaçao" (**PA4-810/2023**).*

*"Draft Resolution by ICCAT on Cetaceans Encirclement", proposed by Korea (Rep.) (**PA4-806/2023**).*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for the conservation of whale sharks (Rhincodon typus) interacting with ICCAT fisheries" (**PA4-807/2023**), presented by the European Union.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Manta and Mobulid Rays (Family Mobulidae) Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries", tabled by the United Kingdom (**PA4-808/2023**)*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by ICCAT", proposed jointly submitted by the United States, Belize, France (SPM), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, United Kingdom, EU, Canada, Senegal, Albania, El Salvador and Algeria (**PA4-809\_SPONS\_4/2023**).*

*"Draft Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation 22-12 on the Bycatch of Sea Turtles Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries" has been put forward by Canada and the United States in **PA4-811/2023**.*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

10. Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

11. Election of Chair

*The Panel shall elect a Chair for the 2024/2025 biennial period.*

12. Other matters

*The table showing progress to date of the Follow Up of the Second Performance Review of ICCAT – Panel 4 is available as **PA4-812/2023**.*

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment