

## 2023 Meetings attended by the ICCAT Secretariat

### 1. Meetings, Working Groups and ICCAT Training Courses

In accordance with Commission decisions in this regard, the meetings listed below were held in 2023:

#### ***Economy Class***

- North Atlantic Albacore Data Preparatory Meeting (including MSE) (*Hybrid/Pasaia/San Sebastián, Spain, 20-23 March 2023*) - **Mauricio Ortiz and Ai Kimoto**
- First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (*Hybrid/Lisbon, Portugal, 27-31 March 2023*) - **Eight staff members**
- Blue Shark Data Preparatory Meeting (*Hybrid/Olhão, Portugal, 17-21 April 2023*) - **Nathan Taylor**
- Seminar on High Seas Boarding Schemes in the ICCAT Context (*Vigo, Spain, 13-14 September 2023*) - **Camille Manel, Jenny Cheate and Alberto Parrilla**
- Seventy-seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee CITES (*Geneva, Switzerland, 6-10 November 2023*) - **Nathan Taylor**
- Meeting of the Compliance Committee (*Hybrid/New Cairo, Egypt, 11-12 November 2023*) and 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission (*Hybrid/New Cairo, Egypt, 13-20 November 2023*) - **31 staff members**

In addition to the meetings referred to above, the following Workshops and Webinars were held:

- Workshop of Western Africa Statistical Correspondents on Billfish Data Collection and Reporting (*Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 12-16 June 2023*) - **Carlos Mayor**

#### ***Business Class***

- Intersessional Meeting of the Swordfish Species Group (including MSE) (*Hybrid/Saint Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, 22-26 May 2023*) (*upgrade to business, invitation by Canada\**) - **Miguel Neves dos Santos and Nathan Taylor**
- Second Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group (eBCD TWG) (*Hybrid/Osaka, Japan, 5 June 2023*), Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Document Scheme (CDS WG) (*Hybrid/Osaka, Japan, 6 June 2023*) and 16th Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) (*Hybrid/Osaka, Japan, 7-9 June 2023*) - **Eight staff members**

### 2. Meetings at which ICCAT was represented

Within the framework of ICCAT's mandate to inform other International Organizations of the measures adopted by the Commission and strengthen cooperation with them, the Secretariat participated in several meetings and technical consultation processes, which included several regional fisheries organizations (see Annex 1 of the Administrative Report (STF\_201\_ANN\_1/2023), which summarizes the main issues discussed at these meetings).

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\* Invitation: Travels supported by the Organization that has invited.

**Economy Class/Online**

- Regional consultation on the development of a coordination framework between Regional Fishery Bodies in the eastern Central Atlantic Ocean (*Accra, Ghana, 30 November - 2 December 2022*) - **Camille Manel** (*invitation\**)
- Meeting of the Revised Fisheries Governance and Aquaculture Working Groups of the African Fisheries Reform Mechanism (AFRM) (*Cairo, Egypt, 23-24 January 2023*) - **M'hamed Idrissi** (*invitation\**)
- CAPAM Tuna Stock Assessment Good Practices Workshop (*Wellington, New Zealand, 7-10 March 2023*) - **Ai Kimoto** (*invitation\**)
- Regional observer programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna – Training of trainers (*Valencia, Spain, 3-5 April 2023*) - **Jenny Cheatle, Aldana Vieito and Francisco Alemany**
- European Tracking Network EU COST action final Symposium and First Workshop of the strategic infrastructure for improved animal tracking in European Seas (STRAITS) EU HORIZON project (*Izmir, Türkiye, 1-3 May 2023*) - **Francisco Alemany** (*invitation\**)
- Bermeo Tuna Forum (*Bermeo/Bilbao, Spain, 2-3 May 2023*) - **Camille Manel**
- GFCM: Working Group on VMS and related control system; Working Group on IUU; Compliance Committee (*Rhodes, Greece, 2-5 May 2023*) - **Jenny Cheatle**
- MRAG-COFREPÊCHE Observer training course (*Valencia, Spain, 15-19 May 2023*) - **Valérie Samedy**
- Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (*New York, United States, 22-26 May 2023*) - **Camille Manel**
- 6th International Conference on Fish Telemetry (*Sète, France, 11-16 June 2023*) - **Francisco Alemany**
- First Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the Common Oceans Program Project: Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in the ABNJ (*Hybrid/Rome, Italy, 11-14 July 2023*) - **Camille Manel and Nathan Taylor** (*invitation\**)
- ICES Annual Science Conference (*Bilbao, Spain, 11-15 September 2023*) - **Nathan Taylor**
- 2023 ASFA Advisory Board Meeting (*Bangkok, Thailand, 3-6 October 2023*) - **Pablo Herranz** (*invitation\**)

**Business Class**

- Resumed Fifth Session: intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (*New York, United States, 20 February-3 March 2023*) - **Camille Manel**
- Meeting of the Tuna Compliance Network (*Tokyo, Japan, 27-30 June 2023*) – **Jenny Cheatle**