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SUBJECT: FIRST INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH MSE TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP (*Online, from 25 to 26 January 2023*)

Following the recent adoption by the Commission of the SCRS meetings scheduled for 2023, I should like to inform you that the *First Intersessional meeting of the North Atlantic Swordfish MSE Technical Sub-Group* has been scheduled from 25 to 26 January 2023.

I am pleased to provide you the tentative agenda of the meeting (attached herein) and other relevant information about the organization. I would appreciate it very much if you could distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will shortly be published also on the meetings page of our website.

In order to organize the meeting in advance of the session, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **18 January 2023**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting and the related documents. All participants must also register for the meeting using the online registration form which is available on the meetings page of our website by **18 January 2023**.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

P.O. *Executive Secretary*

Miguel Neves dos Santos
Assistant Executive Secretary

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Attachment: Tentative Agenda and other relevant information for participants.



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THE NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH MSE TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP**
(Online, from 25 to 26 January 2023)

Objectives

The objective of this meeting is to convene the Swordfish MSE Technical Team to address recent developments to the SWO MSE framework and prepare materials for consideration at Panel 4. The Sub-Group will also discuss Candidate Management Procedure (CMP), development, plans for communication of results through ambassador sessions, and timelines for MSE development in 2023. This meeting is open to all participants of the Swordfish, CMP developers and members of the communications team.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements and assignment of rapporteurs
2. Review of the Swordfish MSE framework and recent updates to OM grid
3. Review of CMP development
4. Review and discuss key decisions and proposals up for consideration at Panel 4
 - a. Key decision: Acceptance of updated Operating Model (OM) reference and robustness sets
 - b. Key decision: Determine probability values for the conceptual management objectives found in Res. 19-14.
 - c. Key decision: Determine key performance metrics for Candidate Management Procedures (CMPs), their probability values, and over which years they are to be calculated
 - d. Key decision: Provide feedback on an advice interval schedule for updating MPs, and running assessments
 - e. Key decision: Determine the types of CMPs to be developed (types of management actions; model vs empirical procedures; etc.)
 - f. Key decision: Tuning criterion/criteria for CMPs
 - g. Key decision: Agreement on index/indices and other data that will be used by the CMPs (both in the MSE and application of the selected CMP in 2024 and beyond)
 - h. Key decision: Approval of process for narrowing (culling) of CMPs to retain a reduced subset for further development
 - i. Key decision: Feedback on trade-off preferences and how they may be presented graphically
5. Communications/Ambassador material
 - a. Key plots and outputs
 - b. Develop presentation to Panel 4
 - c. SWO-MSE Ambassadors programme
6. Timelines and workplan for 2023
7. Updates to the Trial Specification Document (TSD)
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report and closure



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be in a, online format between 25 and 26 January 2023. The meeting hours will be from **9:00 - 18:00 CET (Madrid time)**.

2. Contact information

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3. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English, following the decision and recommendations from the Commission and SCRS in 2022. No interpretation will be provided during the meeting, therefore scientific documents and presentations should be preferably provided in English.

4. Call for scientific papers and presentations

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. Following the latest SCRS deadlines for the submission of SCRS documents and presentations, for this meeting, they should be provided to info@iccat.int and/or nathan.taylor@iccat.int by **18 March 2023**. Documents and presentations provided after the latter deadline will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the Chair(s). Authors are reminded to closely follow the [Guidelines for Authors of Scientific Documents for the ICCAT SCRS and Collective Volume Series](#). Furthermore, the original documents (text, tables, and figures) should be prepared in WORD or compatible software.

5. Registration

Participants are kindly requested to register for the meeting by **18 January 2023** at the latest. Early registration is essential for the Secretariat to ensure the setting up of the online platform. **Online registration** must be completed through the ICCAT meetings page or the Registration form. All delegates from CPCs wishing to attend the meeting must notify in advance their Head Delegate or Head Scientist to ensure that they are included in the official list that must be sent to the Secretariat by **18 January 2023**.



6. Online settings

The Secretariat is using the Zoom application for the online meeting. You can find the hardware requirements to join an online meeting at the following link: [Zoom Hardware requirements](#). We strongly suggest using headphones with a microphone to be able to hear and speak comfortably during the meeting.

A brief and clear introduction of the application can be found in [Zoom-overview](#), if you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat for support. All participants duly registered **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.