



Madrid, 6 March 2023

## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1763 / 2023

**SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF THREE ICCAT WORKING GROUPS TO BE HELD IN JUNE 2023**  
**(eBCD TWG, CDS and IMM)** (*hybrid/Osaka, Japan, 5-9 June 2023*)

Further to ICCAT Circular #1139/23, I should like to inform you that the following meetings will be held in Namba Midosuji Hall, 542-0076 Osaka, Chuo Ward, Nanba, 4 Chome-2-1, Namba Midosuji Building, 8F.

- **5 June 2023** - Second Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group (eBCD TWG)
- **6 June 2023** - Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS)
- **7-9 June 2023** - 16th Meeting of the Working Group of Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)

The times of the meeting will be 9:00 to 18:00 hours (local time, GMT+9) with breaks as follows:

- One thirty-minute break at 10:30 to 11:00
- One and half hour break at 13:00 to 14:30
- One thirty-minute break at 16:00 to 16:30

The Tentative agendas of the meeting are attached and can be found in the Nextcloud meeting document folders, where any additional documents for the meeting will also be uploaded. CPCs which have documents for discussion at the meeting are requested to submit these before **29 May 2023**. Earlier submission where possible would be appreciated.

CPCs wishing to request financial assistance to attend these meetings should do so in accordance with the [established procedures](#) by the following deadlines:

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national managers from developing States that are Contracting Parties. According to the [Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund](#) adopted at the 2020 Commission meeting, requests should be sent to [ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int](mailto:ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int) at least **75 days** in advance to the start of the meeting:

**22 March 2023** eBCD TWG  
**23 March 2023** CDS  
**24 March 2023** IMM

Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. As has been the case previously in similar situations when several meetings of the same subsidiary body of the Commission were scheduled back-to-back, and aiming at the best use of the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), only one delegate per Contracting Party may request financial assistance. Therefore, if attending more than one of the meetings, the same nominee should be nominated for all meetings for which assistance is being sought. All the information related to the [ICCAT Special Funds for participation in ICCAT meetings and capacity building](#) is available on the ICCAT website. It is highly recommended to visit this web page in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary to fully complete the invitation form.

In order to organize the hybrid meetings in advance of the session, in particular, regarding the number of in-person participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meetings by **26 May 2023**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meetings. All participants (online and in-person) must also register for the meetings by **29 May 2023**, using the online registration form which will become available on our meetings webpage soon.



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*Executive Secretary*



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Tentative agendas eBCD TWG, CDS WG, IMM WG.