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## ICCAT GBYP CIRCULAR # G-0483 / 2023

**SUBJECT: ICCAT GBYP WORKSHOP ON ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA ELECTRONIC TAGGING -  
REGISTRATION** (*hybrid/Madrid (Spain), 4-6 July 2023*)

Following ICCAT Circular G-0420/2023 of 26 April 2023 regarding the ICCAT GBYP Workshop on Atlantic bluefin tuna electronic tagging, scheduled between 4-6 July 2023 at the ICCAT Secretariat (Madrid, Spain), I'm pleased to inform you that the registering process is already available through the [ICCAT webpage](#) (see the Workshops section). In addition, further information, including the Agenda and other relevant information and documents are available on the [ICCAT GBYP webpage](#).

In order to organize the workshop in advance of the sessions, in particular, regarding the number of participants, participants are kindly requested to register for the workshop by **28 June 2023**, using the [online registration form](#) which is available on our [meetings webpage](#). Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay in providing access to participants to the workshop and to the related documents.

The SCRS would like to encourage all those interested in the electronic tagging of bluefin tuna to participate in the workshop. However, please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement among potential delegates.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Objectives and tentative agenda



**ICCAT GBYP Workshop on Atlantic bluefin tuna electronic tagging**  
*(hybrid/ Madrid, Spain, 4-6 July 2023)*

**Objectives**

According to the bluefin tuna workplan for 2023, ICCAT GBYP will organize a workshop on Atlantic bluefin tuna electronic tagging, aimed at reaching a broad consensus on the strategic planning of future electronic tagging and the best use of the available tagging data.

The specific objectives of the workshop will include:

- i) identify remaining knowledge gaps in movement transitions, life history traits and population structure;
- ii) draft a strategic plan to fill these gaps;
- iii) inform and discuss about the development of a new ICCAT database (eTAGS DB), that will integrate information from e-tagging activities;
- iv) discuss the access and use of the data contained in the eTAGS DB in light of the recently adopted Rules and Procedures for the protection, access to, and dissemination of data compiled by ICCAT;
- v) elaborate a workplan for conducting joint analyses of the combined tagging datasets.



## **Tentative Agenda**

### **First day (4 July 2023)**

1. Welcome. Introductory talk on ICCAT GBYP e-tagging program, workshop objectives and future plans
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Talks by invited key speakers summarizing methods, results and future plans of Atlantic bluefin tuna e-tagging programs (TBD)

### **Second and third days (5-6 July 2023)**

4. Other relevant talks on Atlantic bluefin tuna e-tagging (time depending, TBD)
5. Analysis of knowledge gaps
  - a) gaps in knowledge on movement transitions in the current MSE mixing models
  - b) gaps in knowledge of life history traits
  - c) gaps in knowledge of population structure
6. Analysis of data needs for improving stock assessments
7. Design of a draft strategic plan for further tagging to fill in identified gaps and improve stock assessment
8. Presentation of the ICCAT new e-TAGS DB
9. Discussion on ICCAT e-TAGS DB implementation and on its use in the light of the new ICCAT rules
10. Planning for joint analyses and publications
11. Other matters



Madrid, 26 April 2023

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I should like to transmit you information on the upcoming Workshop on Atlantic bluefin tuna electronic tagging, which has been scheduled between 4-6 July 2023 at the ICCAT Secretariat (in Madrid, Spain), which will be organized within the framework of the ICCAT Atlantic-Wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP). This workshop will have a hybrid format.

Data from electronic tagging has greatly informed knowledge of bluefin movement and life history, which have been directly used for management purposes within the framework of the recently adopted management procedure for Atlantic bluefin tuna (based on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process). Along the last years the quantity and quality of data from electronic tagging has increased significantly. However, some important knowledge gaps on bluefin tuna stocks spatial patterns and population structure remain, and broad joint analyses of the whole available data sets are still pending. Therefore, the field of bluefin tuna science stands to gain from finding ways to work together to jointly analyze these compiled datasets and to deepen in the coordination among different initiatives to better fill the knowledge gaps.

To address these needs, GBYP will organize this workshop aimed at reaching a broad consensus on the strategic planning of future electronic tagging and the best use of the available tagging data. I would appreciate it very much if you could distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the workshop.

Further information, including the workshop agenda and other relevant to participants, will be posted on the GBYP web page by **30 May 2023**, at the latest.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*P.O. Executive Secretary*

Miguel Neves dos Santos  
*Assistant Executive Secretary*

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