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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 02853 / 2024

SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF THREE ICCAT WORKING GROUPS TO BE HELD IN JUNE 2024 (EMS, CDS and IMM) (*hybrid/Porto, Portugal, 10-14 June 2024*)

I should like to inform you that the following meetings will be held in Porto, Portugal, at the [Renaissance Porto Lapa Hotel](#), Rua de Cervantes 169, Porto, Portugal, 4050-289. On the [ICCAT meetings webpage](#) there is a [Reservation form](#) available.

10 June 2024 - *Meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working (EMS WG)*

11 June 2024 - *Second Meeting of the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG)*

12-14 June 2024 - *17th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)*

The meeting times will be from 9:00 to 18:00 hours (local time, GMT + 0:00). There will be two 30-minute breaks, one at 10:30 and the other at 16:00, plus a break for lunch between 13:00-14:30.

The Tentative Agendas of the meetings are attached and have been published 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 meetings are requested to submit these before **31 May 2024**. 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 2023 Commission meeting, requests should be sent to ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int at least **45 days** in advance to the start of the meeting:

EMS WG – **26 April 2024**

CDS WG – **27 April 2024**

IMM WG – **28 April 2024**

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, 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, and the deadline for receipt would be the earliest of those indicated above. 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 meeting 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 meeting by **31 May 2024**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting. All participants (online and in-person) must also register for the meeting by **31 May 2024**, using the online registration form which will soon be available on our meetings webpage.



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Attachments: Tentative Agendas for EMS, CDS and IMM Working Groups.



Meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group (EMS WG)

(Hybrid, Porto, Portugal, 10 June 2024)

Tentative agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of information on EMS projects / programmes reported to date:
 - 4.1 Pilot projects
 - 4.2 CPC domestic programmes
5. Determination of details/format required for submitting information and results
6. Coordination with the SCRS and other tuna RFMOs as required
7. Intersessional work
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of report and closure



Second Meeting of the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG)

(Hybrid, Porto, Portugal, 11 June 2024)

Tentative agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Determination of which species and product types should be covered by CDS
5. Consideration of the operational and technical aspects of CDS
6. Identification of key components required to facilitate the implementation of any expanded CDS
7. Consideration of any issues arising from the First Meeting of the CDS WG in relation to eBCD
8. Next steps and future intersessional work
9. Any other matters
10. Adoption of the report and adjournment



17th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)

(Hybrid, Porto, Portugal, 12-14 June 2024)

Tentative agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of Statistical and Catch Documentation Schemes (SDP/CDSs):
 - 4.1 Consideration of outputs from the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG) meetings
5. Consideration of measures relating to monitoring and inspection and flag State responsibilities:
 - 5.1 Consideration of outputs of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group (EMS WG)
 - 5.2 Review of issues arising from Rec. 22-08:
 - 5.2.1 Percentage of margin of error in (paragraphs 205 and 213)
 - 5.2.2 Procedures for fresh harvests without ROP (paragraph 102)
 - 5.2.3 Issues deferred from Panel 2 (Artificially hatched fries and draft amendment of Recommendation 22-08)
6. Observer programmes
7. At-sea and in-port transshipment requirements:
 - 7.1 Review of Rec. 21-15 (paragraph 33)
 - 7.2 Review of clarifications relating to transshipment documentation requirements
8. Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements:
 - 8.1 Review of clarifications relating to access agreements
9. Vessel sighting and inspection programmes:
 - 9.1 Review of pilot program established under Res. 19-17
 - 9.2 High Seas Boarding and Inspection Schemes
10. Port inspection schemes and port State measures
11. Vessel listing requirements:
 - 11.1 Presentation of IOMS vessels manager module and consideration of possible improvements
 - 11.2 Possible sharing of publicly available vessels data / other data with FAO through GIES
 - 11.3 Clarification of vessel listing requirements for vessels taking ICCAT species as bycatch
12. Vessel Monitoring System requirements
13. Other matters
14. Adoption of report and closure