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SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON COORDINATION OF TAGGING INFORMATION – TENTATIVE AGENDA (*online, 5 July 2024*)

I would like to inform you that the SCRS Chair has requested a Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Coordination of Tagging Information to be scheduled online for 5 July 2024, due to the urgent need to reactivate this Working Group. I am pleased to provide the tentative agenda of the meeting (attached herewith).

I would appreciate very much if you could distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will shortly be published on the [meetings page](#) of our website.

The meeting format will be online using the ZOOM platform. Meeting times will be from 12:00 to 18:30 CET, with two 30-minute breaks at 14:00 and 16:30.

In order to organize the meeting and issue the online participant links, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **28 June 2024**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting. All participants must also register for the meeting by **27 June 2024**, using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Letter from the SCRS Chair and Meeting Tentative Agenda.



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Dear colleagues:

Given the scope of the current or planned SCRS tagging research programs, some very concerning technical difficulties having been observed in the most used model of Popup Satellite Archival Tags (PSATs), and from views expressed at the SCRS Workshop and during various Species Group meetings, it has become clear that the SCRS should reactivate the SCRS Ad Hoc Working Group on Coordination of Tagging Information. Furthermore, given the urgency of the situation, particularly for taking a decision soon on the selection of make/model of electronic tags for purchase this year, an online meeting of this Working Group should be added to the 2024 SCRS meeting calendar.

Our colleague Andrés Domingo (Uruguay) has kindly agreed to assist me in reactivating this Working Group and will chair this meeting, which will be held online on 5 July 2024.

The primary objectives of the July meeting of the SCRS Ad Hoc Working Group on Coordination of Tagging Information would be to: 1) develop a work plan and description of responsibilities for consideration at the September Species Group meetings, in order to fully reactivate this Working Group; and 2) make recommendations, particularly for urgent matters such as the purchase of new PSAT tags (including selection of the make/model), to the September Species Group meetings.

I encourage representatives of the various ICCAT tagging programs to participate in this important meeting. It may be possible and beneficial for additional SCRS scientists with relevant expertise to participate in this meeting, and I invite such parties to also indicate their interest. However, please understand that, given the short meeting length and urgent need for some recommendations and the work plan to be developed, we will have to keep this Working Group small at this stage for the sake of efficiency.

Best regards,

Dr Craig Brown

SCRS Chair



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Meeting objectives

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The meeting will include a brief historical overview provided by the Secretariat of ICCAT tagging, including some quantitative summaries of the data and description of the framework, which will provide context for the discussions. This will be followed by 10-15 minute presentations to be provided by the coordinators of current tagging programs (to potentially include BFT, SHK, ALB and SWO) covering brand types; results and how results have been used (e.g. stock assessment, general knowledge of the species, etc.), products generated (e.g. SCRS documents, external publications), problems and proposals for future tagging activities.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Nomination of Rapporteur(s)
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Brief historical overview of ICCAT tagging programmes
5. Current ICCAT tagging programmes (developed activities, SCRS advice produced, products produced, problems and proposals for future tagging activities)
6. Draft proposal of workplan for the Working Group
7. Recommendations (to the Species Groups)
8. Other matters
9. Report and meeting adjournment