



Madrid, 1 August 2024

## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 07965/ 2024

**SUBJECT: 24TH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT): TENTATIVE AGENDAS AND SCHEDULE**

Further to ICCAT Circular #05747 of 5 June 2024, on behalf of the Chairman of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I should like to provide you with the Agendas for the 24th Special Meeting of the Commission to be held at the [Parklane Hotel](#), Limassol, Cyprus, from 11 to 18 November 2024, and those of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission. The Agendas have been posted on the 2024 Commission dedicated [webpage](#), which will also be used for posting documents for general distribution before and during the meeting. All Agendas are tentative until the time of their adoption at the meeting, and hence may be subject to change. The tentative schedule is being proposed as contained in document GEN-002 (attached herewith). Other meeting documents will be posted once they become available.

Please note that **Panel 1 will also meet in Cyprus on 9-10 November 2024**. No specific agenda for this meeting will be provided, as it will be considered an additional session of the Panel 1 during the Annual Meeting.

I would like to recall that, in accordance with the [Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 14-14 on the establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for Developing ICCAT Contracting Parties \(Rec. 20-09\)](#), there is funding available to cover travel and accommodation expenses for **one delegate** per developing Contracting Party. Requests should be transmitted to the ICCAT Secretariat ([ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int](mailto:ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int)) by **27 September 2024** at 16:30 hrs (Madrid time) for the Annual Meeting and **25 September 2024** at 16:30 hrs (Madrid time) for the meeting of Panel 1. Requests received after the deadline **will not be considered**. The Commission meeting invitation form needed for an assistance funding request can be downloaded [here](#). The form must be fully completed to proceed with payment. Funding assistance will be granted only if the conditions stipulated in the [Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund](#) are strictly respected.

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**Attachments:** Provisional Agendas for the 24th Special Meeting of the Commission (PLE-100, STF-200, COC-300, PWG-400, PA1-500, PA2-600, PA3-700, PA4-800) and Tentative Schedule (GEN-002).

### **Tentative Commission agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
3. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations
4. Introduction of Observers
5. Review of the report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) and discussion of a proposal to set a process on the status of the responses to the Commission requests
6. Review of the reports of the 2024 Intersessional Meetings, and consideration of any necessary actions
7. Final review of follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of the need for future Performance Review.
8. Assistance to developing coastal States and capacity building
9. Cooperation with and updates relating to other organisations
  - 9.1 Cooperation with other intergovernmental organisations (IGOs)
  - 9.2 Update on progress of ABNJ2
  - 9.3 Updates on other relevant instruments.
10. Discussion on Implementation of Biodiversity Instruments
11. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein
12. Reports of Panels 1 to 4 and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein
13. Report of the Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein
14. Report of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein.
15. Streamlining of conservation and management measures
16. Inter-sessional meetings in 2025
17. Other matters
18. Date and place of the next meeting of the Commission
19. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**Tentative agenda of the  
Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Reports from the Secretariat
  - 4.1 2024 Administrative Report
  - 4.2 2024 Financial Report
  - 4.3 Review of progress of the payment of arrears and voting rights
5. Assistance to developing CPCs
  - 5.1 Review of procedures and funding for the Meeting Participation Fund
  - 5.2 Funding mechanisms for other capacity building activities
6. Review of the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group on the review of the Rules of Procedure (VWG-RRP) of the Commission
7. Review of the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financial Position for ICCAT (VWG-SF)
8. Information on staff pension fund and future actions needed
9. Funding needs for scientific research
10. Funding needs for proposed ICCAT conservation and management measures
11. Review of Budget and Contracting Party contributions for 2025
12. Other matters
13. Adoption of report and adjournment

**Tentative agenda of the  
Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC)**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Review of progress made by the Online reporting Technology Working Group (WG-ORT) and next steps
5. Review of Secretariat Report to the Compliance Committee
6. Consideration of capacity building as a tool to improve compliance, including identification of available capacity building opportunities and CPC needs and requests for capacity building
7. Review of response to Chair's letters arising from the 2023 meeting
8. Review of Compliance Annex (Compliance tables by species)
9. Review of other relevant information, including submissions under [Rec. 08-09](#)
10. Review of CPC implementation of and compliance with ICCAT requirements
11. Review of information relating to NCPs
12. Determination of recommended actions to address issues of non-compliance by CPCs and issues relating to NCPs arising from items 5 and 7
  - a) Endorsement of the Compliance Annex
  - b) Identifications or other actions under the trade measures recommendation ([Rec. 06-13](#))
  - c) Action under data recommendations ([Recs. 05-09](#) and [11-15](#))
  - d) Any other actions under [Ref. 22-18](#)
13. Consideration of requests for cooperating status
14. Considerations of updates to Strategic Plan for Review of Compliance Priorities in 2025
15. Recommendations to the Commission to improve compliance
16. Other matters
17. Adoption of report and adjournment

**Tentative agenda of the Permanent Working Group for the improvement of ICCAT statistics and conservation measures (PWG)**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Review of the report of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) and other relevant subsidiary working groups and consideration of any necessary actions
5. Consideration, taking into account the findings of point 4, of the effectiveness and practical aspects of implementation of:
  - 5.1 Catch Documentation and Statistical Document Programs
  - 5.2 Observer Programmes and Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS)
  - 5.3 At-sea and in-port transshipment requirements
  - 5.4 Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements
  - 5.5 At-sea vessel sighting and inspection programmes
  - 5.6 Port inspection schemes and other port State measures
  - 5.7 Vessel listing requirements
  - 5.8 Vessel Monitoring Satellite System requirements
  - 5.9 Flag State responsibilities
  - 5.10 Other issues
6. Review and establishment of the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) vessel list
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the report and adjournment

### Tentative agenda of Panel 1

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review of Panel membership
5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)
6. Review of the reports of the intersessional meetings of Panel 1 and consideration of any necessary actions
7. Review of compliance tables
8. Consideration of progress on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for western skipjack and Tropical Tunas multi-stocks
9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities (Res. 15-13)*
10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above
11. Research
12. Other matters
13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

## Tentative agenda of Panel 2

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review of Panel membership
5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)
6. Review of the report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, and consideration of any necessary actions
7. Review of compliance tables
8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities (Res. 15-13)*
9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above
10. Research
11. Other matters
12. Adoption of the report and adjournment



### Tentative agenda of Panel 3

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review of Panel membership
5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)
  - 5.1 Research
6. Review of compliance tables
7. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities (Res. 15-13)*
8. Identification of outdated measures in light of 7 above
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of the report and adjournment

#### Tentative agenda of Panel 4

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review of Panel membership
5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)
6. Review of the reports of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4, and consideration of any necessary actions
7. Review of compliance tables
8. Consideration of progress on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for North Atlantic swordfish
9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities (Res. 15-13)*
10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above
11. Research
12. Other matters
13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**Tentative schedule for the 2024 Commission meeting**  
**Calendrier provisoire de la réunion 2024 de la Commission**  
**Programa provisional para la reunión de la Comisión de 2024**

<i>Day/Time Jour/Heure Día/Hora</i>	<i>8:30-9:00</i>	<i>9:00-10:30</i>		<i>11:00-13:00</i>		<i>14:30-16:00</i>		<i>16:30-18:00</i>	<i>18:00 -19:00</i>
<i>Sat/Sam./Sáb. 9</i>	Registration Inscription Registro	PA1	Coffee break /Pause-café /Pausa café	PA1	Lunch /Déjeuner /Almuerzo	PA1	Coffee break /Pause-café /Pausa café	PA1	
<i>Sun/Dim./Dom. 10</i>		PA1		PA1		PA1		PA1	Officers meeting Réunion des mandataires Reunión de cargos
<i>Mon/Lun./Lun. 11**</i>	Registration/HD Meeting Inscription/Réunion HD Registro/Reunión HD	Opening*/PLE Ouverture*/PLE Apertura*/PLE		PLE		PLE		PLE	
<i>Tues/Mar./Mar. 12</i>		PA1		PA2		PA3		PA4	
<i>Wed/Mer./Miérc. 13</i>		STACFAD		PWG		COC		PA2	
<i>Thurs/Jeu./Juev. 14</i>	HD Meeting (TBD) Réunion HD (TBD) Reunión HD (TBD)	COC		PA4		PWG		PA1	
<i>Fri/Ven./Vier. 15</i>		COC		PA2		STACFAD		PA2	
<i>Sat/Sam./Sáb. 16</i>		COC		PWG		PA4		STACFAD	
<i>Sun/Dim./Dom. 17</i>		PA1		TBD		No meeting Aucune réunion Sin reunion		No meeting Aucune réunion Sin reunión	
<i>Mon/Lun./Lun. 18</i>		TBD		PLE		PLE		PLE	

COC Compliance Committee/Comité d'application/Comité de Cumplimiento

PWG Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures/Groupe de travail permanent pour l'amélioration des statistiques et des mesures de conservation de l'ICCAT/Grupo de trabajo permanente para la mejora de las estadísticas y normas de conservación de ICCAT

STACFAD Standing Committee on Finance and Administration/Comité permanent pour les finances et l'administration/Comité permanente de finanzas y administración

PA 1-4 Panels 1 to 4/Sous-commissions 1 à 4/Subcomisiones 1 a 4

PLE Plenary/Plénière/Sesiones plenarias

HD Head Delegate/Chef de délégation/Jefe de delegación

TBD To be decided/A déterminer/Por decidir

\* The meeting will start at 9:30 on Monday 11 November and at 9:00 am for the rest of the week./La réunion commencera à 9h30 le lundi 11 novembre et à 9h pendant le restant de la semaine./La reunión comenzará a las 09:30 horas el lunes, 11 de noviembre, y a las 09:00 horas durante el resto de la semana.

\*\* A welcome cocktail party will be held on the evening of Monday, 11 November 2024./Un cocktail de bienvenue sera offert dans la soirée du lundi 11 novembre 2024./Se ofrecerá un cóctel de bienvenida en la tarde del lunes, 11 de noviembre de 2024.



Madrid, 5 June 2024

## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 05747/ 2024

**SUBJECT: 24TH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT): HOTEL BOOKING & VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Further to ICCAT Circular #4003 of 30 April 2024, I should like to provide you with some additional information regarding hotel booking and visas, aiming the *24th Special Meeting of the Commission*. The meeting will have a hybrid format and will be held at the [Parklane Hotel](#), Limassol, Cyprus, from 11 to 18 November 2024.

Please note that the **Panel 1 will also meet in Cyprus on 9-10 November 2024**. The agenda for this meeting will be provided later, as it will be considered an additional session of the Panel 1 during the Annual meeting.

Additional information on the venue and special rates for hotel booking is now available [here](#). Special hotel rates will only be available in case you book through the local agency, TOPKINISIS, that has developed a dedicated hotel booking form available [here](#).

Relevant information regarding entrance in Cyprus and **visa requirements** can be find [here](#).

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Madrid, 30 April 2024

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On behalf of the Chairman of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I have the honour to inform you that the European Union will host the 24th Special Meeting of the Commission. The meeting will have a hybrid format and will be held at the [Parklane Hotel](#), Limassol, Cyprus, from 11 to 18 November 2024.

The respective **Tentative Agendas** for this meeting and those of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as well as the **Tentative Schedule**, will be posted on the [ICCAT website](#) whenever they become available. Information on Visa requirements, Meeting registration and hotel reservation, will soon be circulated and posted on the [ICCAT website](#).

Please note that the mail distribution list is limited. We therefore ask that you circulate this announcement among potential members of your delegation.

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We would appreciate if you could inform the Secretariat of the tentative list of names and titles of the people attending the meeting in-person as members of your delegation by **30 September 2024**. This information is essential for the Secretariat to adjust in due time the necessary meeting logistics.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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