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CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 13191/ 2023

SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF STANDING CATCH DOCUMENT SCHEME WORKING GROUP AND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 2 (*Hybrid, Madrid, Spain, 4-8 March 2024*)

Further to ICCAT Circular #13057/23 of 19 December 2023 I should like to inform you that the First Meeting of the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG) has been scheduled to take place on 4 March 2024, and the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 from 5 to 8 March 2024. Both meetings will be held in hybrid format, i.e. online and at the Secretariat offices in Madrid (Calle Corazon de Maria, 8). Meeting times will be 09:00 to 18:00 (Madrid time) with two 30-minute breaks, one at 11:00 and the other at 16:00, plus a break for lunch between 13:00-14:30.

The Tentative Agendas and any other meeting documents will be circulated soon and published in the NextCloud meeting document folders.

CPCs that have documents for discussion at the meetings, or any additional reports/background information which may be of interest to the group are requested to submit these before **23 February 2024**, with the exception of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Fishing, Farming, Inspection and Capacity Management Plans which must be submitted by **15 February 2024**. Please note that an updated version of the template for submission of these plans will soon be published on the ICCAT web site. The latest versions of the 2023 plans are available in Word version [here](#).

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 of the start of the meeting. CPCs wishing to request financial assistance to attend either or both of these meetings should do so in accordance with the [established procedures](#) by the following deadlines:

19 January 2024 CDS WG
20 January 2024 Panel 2

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 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 **23 February 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 this date (**23 February 2024**), using the online registration form which will become available on our meetings webpage shortly.



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Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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