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SUBJECT: INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 2 (*hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 4-6 March 2025*)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the ICCAT meetings scheduled for 2025 (ICCAT Circular 11923/24), I would like to inform you that the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 has been scheduled for **4-6 March 2025**. The meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat in Madrid, have a hybrid format and the meeting times will be from 9:00 to 18:00 (local time).

The Tentative Agenda will be posted together with any other documents in the [Nextcloud meeting document folder](#). Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement among potential delegates. This announcement will also be included on our [current meetings webpage](#).

The Tentative Agenda can be found here attached. The Revised Template for submitting the fishing, farming, inspection and capacity plans for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna is currently under review and will be circulated and posted as soon as possible.

The deadline for receipt of these plans is **14 February 2025**, but early submission is appreciated. The Secretariat will upload the plans to the [NextCloud site](#) as they become available in the three official languages. Should CPCs have any questions on the plans published, please submit them to the Secretariat before **21 February 2025** for those available by that date, in order for these questions to be transmitted to the CPC(s) concerned in advance of the meeting. This may help CPCs to respond during the meeting to any issues raised and expedite the discussion and endorsement of the plans. Such questions may be sent individually (i.e. CPC by CPC) or in one combined submission once all plans are available, as preferred.

CPCs wishing to submit documents for the forthcoming meeting are requested to do so as early as possible, and no later than **21 February 2025**, in order to ensure that they can be translated and published in time for the start of the meeting.

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 **24 February 2025**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to the meeting to participants. All participants must also register for the meeting by **24 February 2025**, using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

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 (**18 January 2025**). Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. 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 webpage in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary to fully complete the invitation form.



Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



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Attachment: Tentative Agenda (PA2_01/i2025).



Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Consideration of annual fishing plans, fishing and farming inspection and capacity management plans and farming management plans as well as annual aquaculture plans for 2025 submitted by CPCs
5. Determination of actions to be taken with respect to the plans under item 4
6. Review of any updates relating to ongoing pilot schemes
 - 6.1 Farming with artificially hatched fries
 - 6.2 Short-term storage
 - 6.3 Growth ratios
 - 6.4 Others
7. Consideration of issues of interpretation of Rec. 24-05, and possible amendments
8. Discussion on the allocation for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna
 - 8.1 Presentation by Chair of Panel 2 on allocation
 - 8.2 Presentation by CPCs on allocation
 - 8.3 Discussion on allocation
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of report and closure