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CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

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SUBJECT: SCRS SCIENCE STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING (*Hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 9-11 July 2025*)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the SCRS meetings scheduled for 2025, I would like to inform you that the SCRS Science Strategic Plan Meeting has been scheduled between 9-11 July 2025. The meeting will have a hybrid format and the in-person meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat. I am pleased to provide the tentative agenda of the meeting (attached herewith) and other relevant information about the organization. I would appreciate it 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 [current meetings page](#) of our website.

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 ICCAT Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **1 July 2025**, at the latest. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing participants with access to the meeting and the related documents. All participants (online and in-person) must also register for the meeting by **1 July 2025** using the online registration form which will be shortly available on the [meetings page](#) of our website.

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national scientists from developing States that are Contracting Parties and that can provide information relevant to the meeting objectives. 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 (**25 May 2025**) of the start of the meeting. Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. All the information related to the [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 including **explanations of the expected contribution to the meeting** and how it relates to the meeting objectives.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Tentative Agenda and other relevant information for participants.



SCRS Science Strategic Plan Meeting
(Hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 9-11 July 2025)

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting logistics
2. Adoption of Agenda and nomination of section rapporteurs
3. General review of the draft SCRS Science Strategic Plan 2026-2031
 - 3.1 Drafting process
 - 3.2 Highlighted objectives achieved through the Science Strategic Plan 2015-2020
 - 3.3 SWOT analysis of the Science Strategic Plan 2026-2031
 - 3.4 Overview of the draft document
4. Report on the Meeting of the Standing Working Group on Dialogue between Fisheries Scientists and Managers (SWGSM)
 - 4.1 General feedback from SWGSM on the new SCRS Science Strategic Plan
 - 4.2 Specific suggestions on text or structure of the new SCRS Science Strategic Plan
5. Focused discussion of the draft of the new SCRS Science Strategic Plan
 - 5.1 Review of the overall structure
 - 5.2 Identification of key topics, objectives and strategies to be included
 - 5.3 Proposals for specific edits to the text (e.g. additions, deletions and modifications)
6. Intersessional workplan to finalize the new SCRS Science Strategic Plan (if necessary)
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of report and closure



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Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format between 9 and 11 July 2025. The in-person meeting will be held in Madrid (Spain), at the ICCAT Secretariat. The meeting hours will be from **9:00 - 18:00 CET (CEST)**.

2. Contact information

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3. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English, following the decision and recommendations of the Commission and SCRS in 2022. No interpretation will be provided during the meeting, therefore scientific documents and presentations should be preferably provided in English.

4. Call for scientific papers and presentations

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. Following the latest SCRS deadlines for the submission of SCRS documents and presentations, for this meeting, these should be provided to the [ICCAT Secretariat](#) and/or [Dr Miguel Neves dos Santos](#) by **2 July 2025**. Documents and presentations provided after the latter deadline will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the Chair. Authors are reminded to closely follow the [Guidelines for Authors of Scientific Documents for the ICCAT SCRS and Collective Volume Series](#). Furthermore, the original documents (text, tables, and figures) should be prepared in WORD or compatible software.

5. Registration

Participants are kindly requested to register for the meeting by **1 July 2025** at the latest. Early registration is essential for the Secretariat to ensure the setting up of the online platform. **Online registration** must be completed through the [ICCAT meetings page](#) or the Registration form. All delegates from CPCs wishing to attend the meeting must notify in advance their Head Delegate or Head Scientist to ensure that they are included in the official list that must be sent to the Secretariat by **1 July 2025**.

6. Online settings

The Secretariat is using the Zoom application for the online meeting. You can find the hardware requirements to join an online meeting at the following link: [Zoom Hardware requirements](#). We strongly suggest using headphones with a microphone to be able to hear and speak comfortably during the meeting.

A brief and clear introduction of the application can be found in [Zoom overview](#), if you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat for support. All participants duly registered **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.