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SUBJECT: 3RD WORKSHOP ON COLABORATIVE WORK TO ASSESS THE BYCATCH OF MARINE TURTLES IN ICCAT FISHERIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (*in-person only, Olhão Portugal) 6-10 October 2025*)

I am pleased to inform you that the 3rd Workshop on collaborative work to assess the bycatch of marine turtles in ICCAT fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea, will be held in the building of the Portuguese Institute for the Ocean and Atmosphere (*Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera, IPMA*) in Olhão (Portugal), from 6 to 10 October 2025 and will have an in-person format.

Funding for participation is very limited and only available for nominated experts, according to the 2025 SCRS workplan, namely regarding the Subcommittee on Ecosystems and Bycatch (bycatch component).

The Tentative Agenda and additional information for participants are attached herewith. Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement to potential delegates.

In order to organize the workshop and assist the host (IPMA), 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 by **5 September 2025**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay in providing access to participants to the workshop and to the related documents. Participants must also register for the workshop by **12 September 2025**, at the latest, using the [online registration form](#) which will shortly be available on the [current meetings page](#) of our website.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Tentative agenda and Additional information for participants



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(in-person, IPMA building, Olhão, Portugal, 6-10 October 2025)

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the meeting.
2. Appointment of Rapporteurs
3. Review of the process to date
4. Presentation of the work carried out
 - 4.1 Analysis of the impact of loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) bycatch in the Mediterranean Sea and adjacent Atlantic waters by ICCAT fleets
 - 4.2 Estimation of loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) bycatch in pelagic longline fisheries in the Mediterranean and adjacent Atlantic waters, using the "Bycatch Estimation Tool".
 - 4.3 Turtle strandings in the western Mediterranean and adjacent Atlantic waters: completing the map
 - 4.4 Knowledge gaps on sea turtle bycatch in the Mediterranean: An overview
 - 4.5 Review of fisheries bibliography
 - 4.6 The state of the art of sea turtle research in the Mediterranean Sea.
5. Definition of the structure of the report on the impact of ICCAT fisheries on turtles in the Mediterranean and adjacent waters
 - 5.1 Content
 - 5.1.1 See item 3 above
 - 5.1.2 Information Gap Matrix
 - 5.2 Conclusions and Recommendations
6. Advance in the process of assessing the impact of the ICCAT fisheries in the Mediterranean on other bycatch species (turtles, birds, sharks)
7. Workplan
8. Final remarks and closure



Additional information for participants

Workshop Chair: [Andrés Domingo](#) (Uruguay)

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Other useful information

Additional information on how to reach the workshop venue and local hotels are available in the ICCAT [current meeting webpage](#).