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SUBJECT: WORKSHOP FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE BYCATCH RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION PROGRAMME (BReP) (Malaga, Spain, 27-30 October 2026)

The 2026 Workplan for the Ecosystems and Bycatch Subcommittee (SC-ECO) identified the need to finalize the Bycatch Research and Data Collection Programme (BReP) for its potential approval in 2027. To this end, the Commission approved a workshop in 2026, which has now been scheduled between **27-30 October** in Málaga (Spain) and will be held at the [Spanish Institute of Oceanography](#) (IEO/CSIC). The workshop will have a hybrid format but no interpretation services will be available during the workshop, therefore discussions will be held in English.

Furthermore, in the framework of the SC-ECO's activities, it was recognized that coordination with other Ecosystems and Bycatch Groups within tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (t-RFMOs) was needed to explore and reflect on different approaches for assessing and mitigating similar bycatch issues. Therefore, it is planned to include such coordination within the activities of the BReP. Moreover, the work initiated in May 2026 will be continued during the workshop to identify joint objectives among the t-RFMOs related to bycatch, including methodologies for data analysis, advances on possible mitigation measures, best practice guidelines, and ways to harmonize measures, among other issues.

A revised version of the draft version of the BReP document presented at the Subcommittee meeting last May will be brought to the workshop. To this end, the document will be circulated during September 2026 in the three ICCAT official languages. Editorial suggestions and/or comments shall be sent to **Dr Andrés Domingo** (dimanchester@gmail.com) by **17 October 2026** at the latest. During the workshop all points of the document will be reviewed, and some tables will be revised to identify knowledge gaps, serving as a guide for developing work proposals.

The workshop format will be in person and online (hybrid) using the ZOOM platform. Working hours will be from 9:00 to 18:00 (Madrid time, CET). In order to organize the workshop in advance of the session, in particular, regarding the number of participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the workshop by **25 September 2026**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing participants with access to the workshop and the related documents. All participants must also register for the meeting by **25 September 2026** using the online registration form which will be available shortly on the current meetings page of our website.

I would be grateful if you could distribute this announcement to qualified individuals who might be interested.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel



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Attachment: Tentative workshop programme and additional information for participants.



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Tentative workshop programme

27 October

1. Opening of the Workshop and introduction of participants
2. Presentation of the BReP, discussion, and approval of the working methodology
3. Presentation of the process initiated for coordination among the bycatch groups of the RFMOs, discussion, and approval of the working methodology
4. Selection of rapporteurs
5. Group work (review of tables, information gaps)

28 October

6. Presentation of progress
7. Discussion and group work between BReP and RFMOs (review of tables, information gaps, definition of priorities)

29 October

8. Presentation of progress
9. Discussion and group work between BReP and RFMOs (review of tables, information gaps, definition of priorities)

30 October

10. Presentation of progress
11. Presentation and approval of the BReP proposal
12. Presentation and approval of report



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The workshop will be held in person and online on 27-30 October 2026, and will be held at Centro Oceanográfico de Málaga, Explanada de San Andrés s/n muelle 9, Málaga (Spain). **The workshop hours will be from 9:00 - 18:00 CET.**

2. Contact information

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3. Language

Following the recommendations from the SCRS and the decision of the Commission in 2025, language interpretation will not be provided during the workshop.

4. Call for scientific papers and presentations

Participants are encouraged to submit editorial suggestion and/or comments to the revised version of the draft version of the BReP - the document was presented at the 2026 Subcommittee on Ecosystems and Bycatch meeting held last May - shall be sent to **Dr Andrés Domingo** (dimanchester@gmail.com) by **17 October 2026** at the latest. During the workshop all points of the document will be reviewed, and some tables will be revised to identify knowledge gaps, serving as a guide for developing work proposals.

5. Registration

Participants are kindly requested to register for the workshop by **25 September 2026** at the latest. Early registration is essential for the ICCAT 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 workshop 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 ICCAT Secretariat by **25 September 2026**.

6. Online settings

The ICCAT 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 ICCAT Secretariat for support. All participants duly registered **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.