

**WORKING GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM –
2020 STATUS REPORT**

(Submitted by the Interim Chair of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group)

Overview of Working Group Activities for 2020

The Online Reporting Technology Working Group (WG-TOR) was scheduled to meet intersessionally 8-9 May 2020 at the ICCAT Secretariat headquarters in Madrid to continued advancing the development of the Integrated Online Management System (IOMS) in anticipation of presenting to the Commission for its consideration a prototype of the system in relation to this first phase in 2020. Unfortunately, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the intersessional meeting was postponed and has not yet been rescheduled

Despite the postponement of the scheduled WG-TOR intersessional meeting, the ICCAT Secretariat has made continued progress in the development of IOMS. The IOMS Phase 1 is considered completed and is awaiting the revision by the WG-TOR for a final approval by the Commission. Phase 1 included the creation and development of the IOMS database, the IOMS core application and the IOMS annual report Part II/Section 3. The most up-to-date version of IOMS was deployed in the ICCAT cloud infrastructure (<https://ioms.iccat.int>) and has been used as a “working prototype” for testing and demonstration purposes. In addition, the IOMS development team has moved on to the first stages of phase 2 which will involve four main web applications/modules: a) ICCAT Vessel manager; b) Port manager; c) Bluefin tuna weekly and monthly reports manager; d) Statistical document programs (SDP) manager (BET, SWO). Additional details on the current status and planned next steps for the technical development are described in **Appendix 1**.

Also during 2020, Ms. Oriana Villar (USA) resigned as Chair of the WG-TOR. The WG-TOR agreed that Ms. Terra Lederhouse (USA) would serve as interim Chair of the Group until it is able to meet to select a new Chair from among its membership, consistent with paragraph 5 of Rec. 16-19.

Next steps for the WG-TOR:

1. Testing of IOMS Phase 1 working prototype and identify potential refinements. It is proposed that this testing may take place virtually by individual WG-TOR members and refinements shared with the Secretariat by correspondence.
2. Reschedule the 2020 WG-TOR intersessional meeting for early 2021 to:
 - a) Receive a status update of the IOMS Phase 1.
 - i. New features and major corrections after testing.
 - ii. Approval to deploy IOMS Phase 1 into production.
 - b) Work plan for IOMS Phase 2.
 - i. Main modules and requirements involved.
 - ii. Roadmap.
 - iii. Intersessional work.
 - c) Select a new Chair from among the WG-TOR membership
3. Complete necessary refinements and present to the Commission in 2021.