

**LETTER FROM PA2 CHAIR ON A DRAFT PLAN FOR
PANEL 2 INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN EARLY MARCH 2021**
(Circular ICCAT n° 7749, dated 12 November 2020)

12 November 2020

Dear Colleagues:

Further to my letter contained in ICCAT Circular 7644/2020, I, in consultation with the Secretariat, have produced for your review a draft plan for Panel 2 Intersessional Meeting early March 2021 as well as a preparatory work schedule.

There could be two options in terms of the agenda. One is to focus only on endorsement of fishing and farming plans to be submitted by CPCs. Another option is to discuss not only plans but also other issues that have been identified as possible items for the intersessional meeting.

As you see the plan, the meeting will be a virtual one and the total hours available will be shorter than a normal one. Nevertheless, I suggest the second option, which would require much preparatory work by CPCs, the Secretariat and myself. If you feel that this is too ambitious or cumbersome under the current extraordinary conditions, please feel free to say so.

Since some of the preparatory work will have to start early next year, the plan should be fixed as soon as possible so that people will have plenty of time to prepare documents. Please submit your comments to the Secretariat by **5 PM on 20 November 2020**.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shingo Ota', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shingo Ota
Panel 2 Chair