

**LETTER FROM THE PWG CHAIR ON THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
AMENDING REC. 18-12 ON THE APPLICATION OF THE EBCD SYSTEM**

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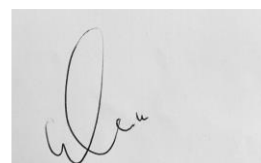
Dear PWG Members,

Given the difficulties to conduct thorough discussions and exchanges between CPCs this year and in accordance with the procedures communicated by the Commission Chair, in particular points 1 and 2 of the "*Essential Business of the Permanent Working Group*" circulated in #6716/20, now posted on the [2020 Commission documents website](#), I consider a simple roll-over of the derogations provided in paragraphs 5b and 5d of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation 17-09 on the Application of the eBCD System* [Rec. 18-12] to be an appropriate way forward. Accordingly, I propose replacing the year '2020' with '2021' where applicable as an amendment to Recommendation [18-12] allowing parties to comprehensively revisit this in 2021.

A draft Recommendation that reflects this is enclosed as "*Draft recommendation by ICCAT to amend Rec. 18-12 on the application of the eBCD system*" [PWG-408/20].

Best Regards,

PWG Chair

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be 'Neil Ansell' written in a cursive style.

Neil Ansell