**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON THE APPLICATION
ON THE INTEGRATED ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
Proposal submitted by the Chairs of the Compliance Committee and the WG-TOR

RECALLING the *Recommendation by ICCAT for the Development of an Online Reporting System* (Rec. 16-19) adopted by the Commission in 2016, and all of the benefits of developing an integrated online reporting system noted therein;

FURTHER RECALLING the *Recommendation by ICCAT to Continue the Development of an Integrated Online Reporting System* (Rec. 21-20) adopted by the Commission in 2021;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the significant number of measures that require CPCs to submit information in various formats and under different schedules;

NOTING that the reporting requirements of the Commission are numerous and change over time and that any such system must, by its nature, be broad in scope and dynamic;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the work of ICCAT benefits from timely and transparent information sharing;

RECOGNIZING the developments in electronic information exchange and the benefits, to the Secretariat and ICCAT members, of rapid communication with regard to the processing, management, and distribution of information;

NOTING that ICCAT's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) acknowledged in its 2022 report the importance of the IOMS project on the future of ICCAT and recommended that the Commission continue to support the development of the IOMS system;

CONSIDERING the progress made to date by the Online Reporting Technology Working Group (WG-TOR) and the Secretariat to develop the Integrating Online Management System (IOMS) and the utility of the system to enhance compliance with ICCAT reporting requirements;

MINDFUL that IOMS was released into production in August 2021, and that CPCs were encouraged to submit various sections of their 2021 and 2022 Annual Reports using IOMS;

DESIRING to continue to find ways to enhance the effective functioning of the Commission, including by reducing the burden associated with ICCAT reporting requirements for both the Secretariat and the CPCs and increasing access to valuable information;

HIGHLIGHTING that the Secretariat has offered numerous trainings to facilitate the use of IOMS;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. All CPCs shall, as soon as possible, submit to the Secretariat the information necessary to ensure registration of [an Admin] user for the Integrated Online Management System (IOMS). Access to and use of the system cannot occur for those who fail to register.

2. Beginning in 2023, CPCs shall submit the relevant portions of their Annual Report (Part I, Annex 1; Part II, Section 3) directly into IOMS. Submission of these portions of the Annual Report in other formats will no longer be accepted by the Secretariat.

3. Notwithstanding Paragraph 2, upon exception granted by the Chair of the Compliance Committee, in consultation with the Chair of the WG-TOR and the Secretariat, CPCs may request assistance from the Secretariat to complete reporting requirements offline for upload into IOMS. Requests for approval must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the respective reporting deadline, with CPCs indicating why use of the IOMS is not feasible. Such requests shall be circulated to the Commission. The Secretariat shall include in its report to the Compliance Committee for the Annual Meeting a summary of requests and exceptions pursuant to this paragraph.

4. CPCs may communicate to the Secretariat and the WG-TOR their experiences on technical aspects of system implementation including any difficulties experienced and identification of improvements to functionalities to enhance IOMS implementation and performance. The Commission may consider these recommendations to further develop the system.

5. As detailed in the *Recommendation by ICCAT to Continue the Development of an Integrated Online Reporting System* (Rec. 21-20), the WG-TOR shall continue its work and, as new modules are developed in IOMS, CPCs shall be required to submit the relevant compliance documents to IOMS, as appropriate.

6. This Recommendation supplements and amends *ICCAT's Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Reports* (Ref. 12-13).