

**24th Special Meeting of the International Commission  
for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)**  
(11-18 November 2024)

**Tentative Annotated Agendas**

**Plenary Sessions**

1. Opening of the meeting

*The Meeting will be opened by the Commission Chair, Mr Ernesto Penas (EU), who will welcome the participants both in-person and on-line.*

2. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements

*The Plenary Agenda is document **PLE-100/2024**. The Tentative Schedule is contained in **GEN-002/2024**. However, this will be subject to change as the meeting progresses and participants are advised to follow the [meeting document site](#) regularly for updated versions.*

3. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations

*Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, the ICCAT Executive Secretary, will introduce the Contracting Parties present. The List of participants will be made available as **GEN-008/2024**.*

4. Introduction of Observers

*Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, the ICCAT Executive Secretary, will introduce the Observer Delegations present. The List of participants will be made available as **GEN-008/2024**.*

5. Review of the Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*Dr. Craig Brown, SCRS Chair will present the main findings of the SCRS, contained in the SCRS Report (**PLE-104/2024**) and make a reference to the ICCAT Secretariat's Report on Research and Statistics (**PLE-105/2024**). Information on individual species will be presented to the Panels. Dr. Brown will inform the Commission in relation to the Development of a new Strategic Plan for the SCRS (**PLE-114/2024**), the Revised Publication Guidelines for Species Executive Summaries (**PLE-118/2024**), the Priorities and cost to incorporate in the budget the interpreting costs of the SCRS Intersessional meetings, and the SCRS proposed Calendar for 2025, the suitability of the alternative approaches to scientific observer programmes proposed by CPCs, on his re-election as SCRS Chair and his intention to appoint a Vice-chair.*

*The revised Roadmap for the ICCAT Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Processes will be presented as **PLE-108/2024**. Final adoption of this Roadmap may need to be postponed to the final Plenary session until after the Panels have deliberated.*

6. Review of the Reports of the 2024 Intersessional Meetings, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The Reports of the various intersessional meetings will be discussed by the relevant subsidiary bodies, who may report back to the Commission with their findings following review. Reports of the various Intersessional meetings have been published as: Report of the Meeting of the Virtual Working Group on Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (VWG-RRP) (**PLE-109/2024**); Report of the First Meeting of the Joint Experts Group on Climate Change (JEG-CC) (**PLE-110/2024**); Report of the Second Meeting of the JEG-CC (**PLE-111/2024**); Report of the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 on Western Skipjack MSE (**PA1-501/2024**); Report of the Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (**PA1-502/2024**); Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 (**PA2-602/2024**); Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish MSE (**PA4-803/2024**); Report of the First Meeting of the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG) (**PWG-403/2024**); Report of*

*the Second Meeting of the CDS WG (PWG-404/2024); Report of the Meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group (EMS WG) (PWG-406/2024); Report of the 17th Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) (PWG-407/2024), Report of the Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance (PIEG) (PWG-408/2024) and the Report of the Meeting of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group (WG-ORT) (COC-302/2024).*

7. Final review of follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of the need for future Performance Review

*Each subsidiary body, if time allows, should review and consider any additional updates to the implementation of the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel. The Plenary should consider the findings of each body, as well as the recommendations referred to Plenary, to determine if further action is needed. However, if time is short, this could be considered at the 2025 Annual Meeting. The information pertaining to the Plenary will be made available as PLE-120/2024.*

8. Assistance to Developing coastal States and capacity building

*Information on the "Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)" is presented in STF-206/2024.*

9. Cooperation with and updates relating to other organisations

- 9.1 Cooperation with other IGOs

*Information can be found in "International cooperation" as PLE-106/2024.*

*General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) will intervene on this point.*

*A "Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)" has been made available as PLE-107/2024.*

*A revision of the "MoU between the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) and International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Secretariats for Transshipment at sea by Large-Scale Tuna Fishing Vessels (LSTLVs)" (PLE-115/2024).*

- 9.2 The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will make a brief presentation on the ABNJ2 (PLE-111/2024). Additional information and update on progress of ABNJ2 can be found in "International cooperation" as PLE-106/2024.

- 9.3 Updates on the Marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)

10. Discussion on Implementation of Biodiversity Instruments

11. Reports of the two intersessional meeting of the Joint Experts Group on Climate Change (JEG-CC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein.

*The Chair of the JEG-CC will report on the work undertaken and the recommendations, namely regarding the "Revised ICCAT Plan of Action on Climate Change" (PLE-116/2024).*

12. Standing Working Group on Dialogue between Fisheries Scientists and Managers (SWGSM)

*The Chair of the JEG-CC will present a "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 14-13 on enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers" as document PLE-119/2024.*

13. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Chair of STACFAD will report on the work undertaken and the recommendations of STACFAD, including decisions relating to the budget and contributions for 2024 (STF-203/2024, STF-204/2024, and STF-205/2024).*

14. Reports of Panels 1 to 4 and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The reports of the panels will be adopted by correspondence. The Commission should consider the recommendations forwarded by the Panels for adoption.*

15. Report of the Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Committee, as well as the "2023 Compliance Tables received in 2024" (COC-304/2024) and actions which may be required on the basis of the COC discussions, which are available in the "Compliance Summary Tables" (COC-308/2024). The COC may be guided in its actions by Res. 16-17.*

16. Report of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Group, including the approval of the List of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities (PWG-405/2024).*

17. Streamlining of conservation and management measures

*The ICCAT Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, has drafted the document "Streamlining of ICCAT conservation and management measures" (PLE-103/2024).*

18. Intersessional meetings in 2025

*The Commission may wish to set the dates and venues for Intersessional meetings in 2025, including the meeting format (in-person, online or hybrid). Several of the Draft Recommendations include the possibility of establishing new Working Groups. If adopted, these will need to be taken into account.*

19. Other matters

*Other matters may be raised by Contracting Parties present at the meeting, or by the Chair, if required. However, where possible, CPCs should inform the Chair in advance of the meeting of any other matters they wish to raise and submit any relevant documents in advance.*

20. Date and place of the next meeting of the Commission

*The Commission needs to determine the dates and place of the next Annual meeting.*

21. Adoption of the report and adjournment

*The Chair will inform on the procedure for the adoption of the meeting proceedings.*

**Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)**

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*The Meeting will be opened by Mrs. Deirdre Warner-Kramer (USA), Chair of STACFAD.*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **STF-200/2024**.*

## 4. Reports from the Secretariat

## 4.1 2024 Administrative Report

*This has been made available as **STF-201/2024**.*

## 4.2 2024 Financial Report

*The Financial Report has been published as **STF-202/2024** and document **STF-207/2024** shows the current situation of the ICCAT Working Capital Fund.*

## 4.3 Review of progress of the payment of arrears and voting rights

*Information will be circulated during the meeting taking into account the most updated information available through document **STF-205/2024** (Information on past-due amounts and arrears payment plans).*

## 5. Assistance to developing CPCs

## 5.1 Review of procedures and funding for the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

*Information on expenditure of the MPF is contained in document **STF-206/2024**.*

## 5.2 Funding mechanisms for other capacity building activities

## 6. Review of the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group on the review of the Rules of Procedure (VWG-RRP) of the Commission

*The "Report of the meeting of the Virtual Working Group on the Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (VWG-RRP)" is available as **PLE-109/2024**.*

*The Guidelines for the Election of Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Commission and its Subsidiary Bodies (submitted by the Commission Chair in coordination with STACFAD Chair) is available as **STF-208/2024**.*

## 7. Review of the outcomes of the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financial Position for ICCAT (VWG-SF)

*The "Report of the meeting of the Review of the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financial Position for ICCAT (VWG-SF)" is available as **STF-209/2024**.*

## 8. Institutional arrangements regarding the ICCAT Secretariat

## 8.1 Information on staff pension fund and future actions needed

*The ICCAT Secretariat will inform on the new situation regarding the staff pension and propose a few ways forward for discussion, which are available as **STF-210/2024**.*

8.2 Secretariat office issues

*The Secretariat will inform on several issues currently affecting the working conditions at the offices and possible way forward to solve these.*

9. Funding needs for proposed ICCAT conservation and management measures

*Following a decision by the Commission in 2019, each proposal should be accompanied by an estimate of the additional resources required, particularly by the ICCAT Secretariat, for the implementation of any new reporting requirements or other tasks it contains (STF-212/2024).*

10. Review of Budget and Contracting Party contributions for 2025

*The "Draft ICCAT Budget for financial year 2025" was circulated in advance and is available in document **STF-203/2024**, which includes funding requests for scientific research. The budget for eBCD was also circulated 60 days in advance and has been distributed as **STF-204/2024**.*

11. Other matters

12. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**Panel 1**

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*Mr. Emmanuel Kwame Dovlo (Ghana), Chair of Panel 1, will open the meeting.*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

*The Agenda is presented in **PA1-500/2024**.*

## 4. Review of Panel membership

*Document **GEN-004/2024** contains current Panel membership.*

## 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*The "Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics" is contained in document **PLE-104/2024**. Dr. Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 1 and respond to the questions raised by the Commission in relation to tropical tunas.*

## 6. Review of the reports of the intersessional meetings of Panel 1 and consideration of any necessary actions

*The "Reports on the First and Second Intersessional Meetings of Panel 1" are contained in **PA1-501/2024** and **PA1-502/2024**, respectively.*

## 7. Review of Compliance Tables

*The "2023 Compliance Tables received in 2024" have been published as **COC-304/2024**.*

## 8. Consideration of progress on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for western skipjack and Tropical Tunas multi-stocks

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on the progress made during the year on the ongoing MSE processes, including the document on "Western Atlantic skipjack MSE: Background, overview, final results, & decision guide" (**PA1-510/2024**)*

*The United States provided a "Draft Resolution by ICCAT on development of initial conceptual management objectives for Atlantic bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, and the eastern stock of skipjack tuna" (**PA1-506/2024**).*

*The European Union provided a "Draft Resolution by ICCAT on operational management objectives for Atlantic bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, and the eastern stock of skipjack tuna" (**PA1-508/2024**).*

9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the [Resolution by ICCAT on criteria for the allocation of fishing possibilities \(Res. 15-13\)](#)

The following proposal has been put forward to Panel 1:

*The Chair of PA1, following the Intersessional meeting and the following two correspondence periods presented a new proposal "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 22-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas" (**PA1-505/2024**).*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 23-02 on Brazil's bigeye tuna payback plan", submitted by Brazil as **PA1-509/2024**.*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on a candidate management procedure for western Atlantic skipjack tuna", submitted by Brazil as PA1-511/2024.*

10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

11. Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

12. Other matters

*The Panel will review and consider any additional updates to the implementation of the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel (PA1-507/2024).*

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

## Panel 2

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr. Shingo Ota (Japan), Chair of Panel 2.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 2 is available as **PA2-600/2024**.*

4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2024**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS), including research

*The SCRS Report is contained in document **PLE-104/2024**. Dr. Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 2 and respond to the questions raised on northern temperate species. Dr. Brown will also update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

6. Review of the Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The "Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2" is available as **PA2-602/2024**. The Panel 2 Chair will briefly explain the results of the meeting.*

7. Review of Compliance Tables

*The "2023 Draft Compliance Tables received in 2024" have been published as **COC-304/2024**.*

*The bluefin tuna and northern albacore tables contained in **COC-304/2024** should be examined as early as possible to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.*

*A document entitled "A case for Libya's Joint Fishing Operation (JFO) (to be discussed under Agenda item 7)", submitted by the Chair of Panel 2 as **PA2-610/2024**.*

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the [Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities \(Res. 15-13\)](#)

*[Rec. 22-05](#) provides that, by the end of 2024, based on the scientific advice provided by the SCRS on the basis of the most recent data available, ICCAT shall adopt, where necessary to comply with the management objectives, amendments to the management framework for Mediterranean albacore, including the revision of the catch limits and alternative management scenarios.*

The following documents have been tabled by CPCs:

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-08 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean" submitted by the Chair of Panel 2, after review in the IMM WG, as document **PA2-605/2024**.*

*A discussion paper entitled "Towards a more equitable allocation of eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna-continued", submitted by the United Kingdom, in document **PA2-606/2024**.*



*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 23-08 for a pilot project for farming bluefin tuna (Thunnus thynnus) in the Cantabrian Sea”, submitted by the European Union, in document **PA2-607/2024**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-08 which amends the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean”, submitted by the European Union, in document **PA2-608/2024**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 22-10 for a conservation and management plan for western Atlantic bluefin tuna”, submitted by the European Union, in document **PA2-609/2024**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 22-08 on the monitoring of bluefin tuna farming”, submitted by Japan as **PA2-611/2024**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 22-08 establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean”, submitted by the European Union as **PA2-613/2024**.*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to amend the ICCAT Recommendation 22-05 to establish a rebuilding plan for Mediterranean albacore”, submitted by the European Union as **PA2-614/2024**.*

*A document entitled “Position paper on the bluefin tuna discussion at the 2024 ICCAT Annual Meeting – Contribution to Panel 2, Agenda X”, submitted by the European Union as **PA2-616/2024**.*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

10. Other matters

*A summary of the “Regulations and other related documents adopted by all concerned Contracting Parties to implement the [Rec. 22-08](#)” is presented in document **PA2-603/2024**.*

*The summary of the “Report submitted by Norway on its Pilot project for short term storage of bluefin tuna in 2024” is available as **PA2-604/2024**.*

*The “Report on the implementation of the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for East Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna” has been published as **PA2-601/2024**.*

*The Panel will review and consider any additional updates to the implementation of the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel (**PA2-612/2024**).*

11. Adoption of the report and adjournment

### Panel 3

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr. Qayiso Mketsu (South Africa), Chair of Panel 3.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

*The Panel will appoint a Rapporteur to record the proceedings.*

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 3 is available as **PA3-700/2024**, will be reviewed and adopted.*

4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2024**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*The SCRS Report is contained in document **PLE-104/2024**. Dr. Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 3.*

5.1 Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives, including any relevant outcomes or recommendations.*

6. Review of Compliance Tables

*The Panel will examine the "2023 Compliance Tables received in 2024", published as **COC-304/2024**. The Panel's review should ensure that all entries in the table are in accordance with paragraph 4 of [Rec. 22-06](#).*

7. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the [Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities \(Res. 15-13\)](#)

*The Panel will consider the "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on development of initial conceptual management objectives for southern Atlantic albacore", submitted by South Africa as **PA3-701/2024**.*

8. Identification of outdated measures in light of 7 above.

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

9. Other matters

*Any additional topics for discussion may be introduced under this item.*

10. Adoption of the report and adjournment.

**Panel 4**

## 1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by Mr. Amar Ouchelli (Algeria), Chair of the Panel 4.*

## 2. Appointment of Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

*The Agenda for Panel 4 is available as **PA4-800/2024**.*

## 4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2024**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

## 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*The SCRS Report is contained in document **PLE-104/2024**. Dr. Craig Brown will present the findings of the Committee relevant to Panel 4.*

## 6. Review of the reports of the First, Second, and Third Intersessional Meetings of Panel 4, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The Chair will summarise the outcomes of the Intersessional meeting held prior to the Commission meeting. The "Report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)" can be found in **PA4-803/2024**.*

## 7. Review of Compliance Tables

*The "2023 Compliance Tables received in 2024" have been published as **COC-304/2024**.*

*Egypt and Libya have reported catches of Mediterranean swordfish in recent years that exceed the allocated reserve for CPCs without a quota. This may require consideration by the Panel.*

## 8. Consideration of progress on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for North Atlantic swordfish

9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the [Resolution by ICCAT on Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities \(Res. 15-13\)](#)

*Rec. 23-04 provides that, "At the 2024 ICCAT Annual meeting, the Commission shall review the final Candidate Management Procedures (CMPs) and select one for adoption and application to establish the TAC for 2025-2027 and future years".*

*The "Development or Fishing/Management plans for North Atlantic swordfish" submitted by CPCs in 2024 are contained in **PA4-801/2024** and the "Mediterranean swordfish fishing plans" submitted in 2024 are contained in **PA4-802/2024**.*

The following Draft Recommendations and Resolutions have been submitted to Panel 4 for consideration:

*A paper on "Whale Sharks and Mobulid Rays caught in association with ICCAT fisheries – Entry into force of ICCAT Recs 23-12 and 23-14", submitted by the EU and UK (**PA4-804/2024**).*

*"Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on the conservation and management of sharks caught in association with ICCAT fisheries", submitted by the European Union (**PA4-805/2024**).*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT”, submitted by the United States, Canada, Belize, South Africa, the European Union, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Norway, Liberia, and Mexico (PA4-806 /2024).*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on conservation and management measures, including a management procedure, for North Atlantic swordfish”, submitted by the United States and the European Union (PA4-809/2024).*

*“Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for a conservation and management plan for North Atlantic swordfish”, submitted by Canada (PA4-810/2024).*

*Document “Conservation of North Atlantic shortfin mako caught in association with ICCAT fisheries”, submitted by the United Kingdom (PA4-811/2024).*

*Document “Catch limits for Mediterranean swordfish”, submitted by the PA4 Chair (PA4-814/2024).*

10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above

*If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.*

*“Online Reporting Technology Working Group (WG-ORT) (Ad hoc group to address redundancy in reporting requirements) - Interim Report”, submitted by the Chair of the WG-ORT (PA4-807/2024).*

11. Research

*The SCRS Chair will update the Panel on ongoing research initiatives.*

12. Other matters

*The Panel will review and consider any additional updates to the implementation of the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel (PA4-808/2024).*

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment