

Follow Up of the Second Performance Review of ICCAT - Panel 2

Colour key for column “Completion status following annual meeting” only:

Red – Not started or little progress, requiring significant work.
Orange – Started, progress but still requiring additional work to respect deadlines.
Green – Completed or Significant progress made and on track for completion within deadlines.

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Data Collection and Sharing	6. The Panel recommends that a mechanism be found to allow minor occasional harvesters without allocations to report their catches without being subject to sanctions.	COC	X	M	Refer matter to the COC in cooperation with the other relevant bodies for consideration and also to the Panels as the issue could also be addressed in the context of management recommendations.	Overall efforts should be coordinated initially by the PWG.		Ongoing
	6bis. The Panel concludes that ICCAT scores well in terms of agreed forms and protocols for data collection but, while progress has been made, more needs to be done particularly for bycatch species and discards.	SCRS	X	M			Not specific to Panel 2, but to be taken into account <u>considered</u> .	Ongoing

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Integrated MCS Measures	71. Evaluates the need and appropriateness of further expanding coverage by national and non-national on-board observers for fishing and fishing activities.	PWG	X	M	Refer to PWG for consideration and also the Panels as observer program requirements can be and some have been agreed as part of management measures for specific fisheries.	SCRS evaluation of current observer program requirements is pending due to lack of reporting.		
	72. Considers expanding VMS coverage, adopting uniform standards, specifications and procedures, and gradually transforming its VMS system into a fully centralized VMS.	PWG	X	S	Refer to PWG for consideration as Rec. 14-07 must be reviewed as per para 6 in 2017. Also refer to the Panels as VMS requirements can be and some have been agreed as part of management measures for specific fisheries.	IMM meeting/PWG may consider the possibility of expanding VMS coverage.	No consensus on this issue in PWG. Standardisation has already been taken into account by Panel 2.	No further work required by Panel 2 until PWG indicates any change in current position.

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Reporting Requirements	85. The Panel recommends that ICCAT, through its Panels 1 to 4, should undertake an overall review of the current reporting requirements, on a stock-by-stock basis, both in relation to Task 1 and Task 2 data contained in the myriad of recommendations, in order to establish whether the reporting obligations in question could be reduced or simplified.	PWG	X	M	Refer to PWG to undertake this review and present its findings and suggestions to the Panels for their approval.	Such a review will involve many recommendations including proposals developed by virtually all the Panels. PWG is well placed to take a comprehensive look at all these measures. The SCRS and the Secretariat could also provide support for this work, where appropriate. <u>In 2024, an ad hoc group focused on reducing redundancy has been assembled for this purpose.</u>	Awaiting outcome of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group, but Panel 2 may also wish to consider redundancies.	Ongoing

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	87. The Panel recommends that ICCAT consider introducing a provision in new recommendations, whereby the introduction of new reporting requirements would only become effective after a 9- to 12-month period has elapsed. This would assist Developing States to adapt to new requirements. This is particularly relevant where the volume and/or nature of the reporting have changed significantly. The difficulties Developing States encounter in introducing new administrative/reporting requirements at short notice, is well documented in the compliance context. The option for Developed CPCs to apply the new reporting requirements immediately may of course be maintained, if those CPCs consider it opportune.	COM	X	S	Refer to all ICCAT bodies that can recommend binding reporting requirements for consideration when developing such recommendations. Commission to coordinate action among the bodies.			Ongoing

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Decision-Making	91. Reviews its working practices in order to enhance transparency in decision-making, in particular on the allocation of fishing opportunities and the work of the Friends of the Chair.	COM	X	S	Commission to coordinate action among the bodies.	The Implementation of Res. 16-22 will assist with improving transparency in the COC Friends of the Chair process.	Progress on allocation of fishing opportunities has been made in terms of some species under the Panel 2 purview.	Ongoing
Presentation Scientific Advice	114. The Panel recommends that the Commission adopt specific management objectives and reference points for all the stocks. This would guide the SCRS in its work and increase the consistency of SCRS advice.	SWGSM	X	S	Refer to SWGSM where work is already ongoing.		The management objectives and reference points have already been adopted for BFT and ALB-N through the MSE process. Similar ones should be established for Mediterranean albacore. <u>By the end of 2024, based on the SCRS, ICCAT will review the management framework for Mediterranean albacore, including the revision of the catch limits and alternative management scenarios.</u>	Ongoing

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	115. The Panel recommends that the development of harvest control rules through Management Strategy Evaluation should be strongly supported.	SWGSM	X	S	Refer to SWGSM and the Panels for consideration; work is already ongoing regarding this matter.		See 114 above. In 2022, the Commission adopted the <i>Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Management Procedure for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna to be Used for both the Western Atlantic and Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Management Areas</i> (Rec. 22-09). A similar recommendation should be adopted for Mediterranean albacore. <u>By the end of 2024, based on the SCRS, ICCAT will review the management framework for Mediterranean</u>	Ongoing

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	<p>116. The Panel recommends that in a precautionary approach, the advice with more uncertainty should, in fact, be implemented more readily.</p>	COM	X	S	<p>Commission to coordinate action among the bodies including referring for their consideration when drafting a new or revising existing conservation and management measures.</p>	<p>Related to rec. 43.</p>	<p>Panel 2 has taken conservation and management measures for BFT and ALB-N based on scientific advice that takes a precautionary approach. A similar approach should be adopted for Mediterranean albacore.</p> <p><u>By the end of 2024, based on the SCRS, ICCAT will review the management framework for Mediterranean albacore, including</u></p>	Ongoing

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