

A white outline of a world map is centered on a blue background. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Africa. The background has a subtle gradient from light blue at the top to a slightly darker blue at the bottom.

# 2024 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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## Contracting Parties (53) and in Cooperators (4).

On 7 June 2024, the Government of **Costa Rica** had deposited the instrument of accession to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. In accordance with Article XIV, paragraph 3 of the Convention, Costa Rica is already a full member of the Commission.

## 7 CPCs have approved, ratified or accepted of the Palma de Mallorca Protocol.

The following Contracting Parties have approved, ratified and accepted the Protocol:

- ✓ European Union: 11 September 2020 (approval)
- ✓ Norway: 3 November 2020 (acceptance)
- ✓ Canada: 23 June 2021 (acceptance)
- ✓ Japan: 30 July 2021 (acceptance)
- ✓ Belize: 3 February 2022 (ratification)
- ✓ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: 12 April 2024 (acceptance)
- ✓ Costa Rica: 7 June 2024



The ICCAT Recommendations adopted in 2023 entered into force on 18 June 2024, but 1 January 2025 (Rec. 23-12) and 1 July 2025 (Rec.23-14)

Intersessional meetings, Working Groups, ICCAT training courses and meetings at which ICCAT was represented

ICCAT has held **27** meetings and **10** workshops and webinars. The Secretariat participated in **14** meetings and technical consultation processes, which included several regional fisheries management organizations.

During the SCRS Plenary, the Tagging lottery was held.



## Letters concerning compliance with budgetary obligations

The Executive Secretary notified all the Contracting Parties of the amount of their contributions to the 2024 budget. In July 2024 and October 2024, a reminder was sent to the Contracting Parties that had not made the corresponding payments.

## Publications of the Secretariat - 2024

- ✓ **Report for Biennial Period 2022-23**, Part II (2023), Vols. 1, 2, 3 and 4: English/French/Spanish
- ✓ **Collective Volume of Scientific Papers**, Vol. 81, comprising eight volumes
- ✓ **Statistical Bulletin No. 49**, which includes the catch series by species and country from 1950 to 2022
- ✓ **ICCAT Newsletter** (February 2024 and September 2024).



## Secretariat staff

### New appointments

In January 2024, **Ms. Stasa Tensek** was hired as the Officer of the ICCAT research and data collection programmes. Ms. Tensek has been working since 2015, under annual contracts, as the Assistant Coordinator of the Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna.

In March 2024, **Mr Fabio Fiorellato** was hired as the ICCAT Biostatistician, following the voluntary separation from service of Mr Carlos Palma.

Also in March, **Mr Aitor Elorriaga** was hired as a Software Developer (IOMS) for a nine-month period, to integrate the UN/FLUX system for vessels data exchange, 80% of the development costs of which will be covered by a contract with the European Union. At the end of this period, his contract will become part of the ICCAT staff.



In May 2024, **Mr Álvaro Fúster** was hired as an IT Specialist Technician.

In June 2024, **Mr Dashiell Portel** was hired as Software Developer (IOMS), after completion of the 12-month contract as Software Developer (IOMS), to integrate the vessel management system, financed by the European Union. This appointment was requested by the Online Reporting Technology Working Group.

Following the departure of Ms. Jenny Cheadle, **the Department of Compliance has been restructured**, with **Mr Alberto Parrilla**, who until then held the position of Compliance Officer, taking over **as Head of Department**. This post has been filled by **Dr Valérie Samedy**, who was working **as Technical Officer** and VMS Manager, leaving this post vacant. The vacancy announcement was circulated at the end of May. Following the selection process, **Mr Felix Mergarejo Dremova (11 November 2024)** will be contracted.

In addition, Mr Fabio Fiorellato has informed the Secretariat of his voluntary separation from service, effective on 25 November 2024. Following his notice, the Secretariat will be contracted **Mr Bruno Deprez (ranked second from Biostatistician selection process)**, who has accepted the position and will join the Secretariat on 11 November 2024.





## Other matters

### Management of other programmes

It should be noted that the Financial Report contains detailed information on the **20 programmes and funds such as: Regional Observer Programme, Meeting Participation Fund, IOMS Funds, Special Data Fund, Strategic Research Programme, and Fund Capacity Building, among others.**

### Secretariat staff pension plan

Document STF-210 will be discussed.