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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1138/10

**SUBJECT: 2010 BLUEFIN TUNA DATA-PREPARATORY MEETING (Madrid, June 14 to 19, 2010)**

I have the honor to inform you that the Bluefin Data Preparatory Meeting will be held on June 14 to 19, 2010 at the Secretariat offices in Madrid.

Attached please find the objectives and Tentative Agenda of the meeting as well as other relevant information about the organization. I would appreciate it very much if you distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the meeting.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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**Attachments:** Objectives, Tentative Agenda, Information for Participants.

## **2010 Bluefin Data Preparatory Meeting**

*(Madrid, Spain, June 14 to 19, 2010)*

### **Objectives**

The last bluefin tuna stock assessment (East and West) was conducted in 2008 and the next has been scheduled by the Commission for 2010. The data preparatory meeting is being held in order to synthesise the large amount of new data, to prepare the catch statistics and review new biological information in advance of the quantitative assessment.

### **Tentative Agenda**

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Update of basic information
  - 2.1 Task I (catches)
  - 2.2 Task II (catch-effort and size samples)
3. Review of catch estimates (historical and current)
4. Review of catch rate information
5. Review of catch-at-age generation
6. Review of compliance data
7. Review of capacity
8. Review of tagging data and mixing hypotheses
9. Recommendations
10. Other matters
11. Adoption of the report and closure

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### 1. Date and venue

June 14 (Monday) to 19 (Saturday), 2010. (Registration starts at 09:00 am, June 14). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 18:00.

The meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat: c/Corazón de María 8, Madrid, Spain. For a map with the Secretariat's location and information about Madrid please consult <http://www.iccat.int/Madrid.htm>

### 2. Contact information

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### 3. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English, as no simultaneous translation can be provided. Scientific documents can be written in English, Spanish or French.

### 4. Call for scientific papers

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. The titles, names of authors and abstracts of papers should be submitted to ICCAT ([info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int)) by **June 4, 2010**. Authors are requested to bring electronic versions of their papers and make them available at the start of the meeting. Authors are also encouraged to submit these electronic versions before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet. Authors are reminded to closely follow the Guidelines for Authors of Scientific Documents for the ICCAT SCRS and Collective Volume series ([http://www.iccat.int/Documents/SCRS/Other/Guide\\_CoVol\\_ENG\\_2009.pdf](http://www.iccat.int/Documents/SCRS/Other/Guide_CoVol_ENG_2009.pdf)). Furthermore, the original documents (text, tables and figures) should be prepared in WORD or compatible software.

### 5. Provision of data

Parties should submit relevant information such as catch, size and index of abundance information through 2009, two weeks before the 2010 inter-sessional data preparatory meeting.

## 6. Funding

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national scientists from developing coastal States who can provide information relevant to the meeting objectives, particularly in reference to provision of data (Items 2-5). Applications should be sent by **May 10, 2010**, to the ICCAT Secretariat ([info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int)), containing an explanation of the expected contribution to the meeting and how it relates to the meeting objectives. Successful applicants will be notified by **May 20, 2010**.

## 7. Hotel information

The following table shows some hotels located within walking distance of the Secretariat. The room rates shown are indicative and are not guaranteed. Participants are asked to make their own reservations.

Hôtel	Single use (€)
ABBA Madrid Hotel Avda. América, 32 28028 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 212 5000; Fax +34 91 212 5001 <a href="http://www.abbahoteles.com">http://www.abbahoteles.com</a>	100 (+7% TVA) Breakfast included
AC Avenida de América C/ Cartagena, 83 28028 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 724 4240; Fax +34 91 724 4241 reservas.acamerica@ac-hotels.com <a href="http://www.ac-hotels.com/">http://www.ac-hotels.com/</a>	110 (+7% TVA) Breakfast not included
Apartamentos Togumar C/ Canillas, 59 28002 Madrid, Spain Tel. + 34 91 519 00 51; Fax +34 91 519 48 45	60 (+7% TVA) Breakfast = €7
Silken Puerta de América Hotel Avda. América, 41 28002 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 744 54 00; Fax +34 91 744 54 01 <a href="http://www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-puerta-america-madrid/">http://www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-puerta-america-madrid/</a>	See Web site

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