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**SUBJECT: 2010 INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING OF THE SCRS SUB-COMMITTEE ON ECOSYSTEMS (Madrid, Spain – May 31 to Jun 4, 2010)**

I have the honor to inform you that the SCRS Sub-Committee on Ecosystems will hold a meeting on May 31-Jun 4, 2010 in Madrid, Spain.

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 assurance of my highest consideration.

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*Executive Secretary*

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Attach.: Objectives and Tentative Agenda.

**2010 INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING OF  
THE SCRS SUB-COMMITTEE ON ECOSYSTEMS**

*(Madrid, Spain – May 31 to Jun 4, 2010)*

**Objectives**

- The Sub-Committee on Ecosystems encourages scientists to continue providing available detailed information regarding interactions with by-catch species that may allow quantification of total removals.
- Review any new information concerning ecosystems
- Develop analyses, based on extensive observer datasets or on simulation, to provide advice on the optimum observer coverage that is needed to obtain precise and accurate estimates of by-catch, for different taxa.
- Review the development and application of ecosystem indicators to assess the ecosystem impacts in ICCAT fisheries.
- Review work performed on the short term contract to build a by-catch database and meta database and evaluate how it can help in the development of an Ecological Risk Assessment approach to identify species or groups of species most at risk and prioritize future work of the Sub-Committee on by-catch issues.

**Tentative Agenda**

1. Opening, adoption of the Agenda and meeting arrangements.
2. Review of new information regarding ecosystems
3. Optimum observer coverage for reliable estimates of by-catch
4. Ecosystem indicators useful for the SCRS
5. Review by-catch database and its use in ERA
6. Other matters
7. Recommendations
8. Adoption of the report and closure

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### 1. Date and venue

May 31 (Monday) to June 4 (Friday), 2010. (Registration starts at 09:00 am, May 31). 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 **May 19, 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\\_CoIVol\\_ENG\\_2009.pdf](http://www.iccat.int/Documents/SCRS/Other/Guide_CoIVol_ENG_2009.pdf)). Furthermore, the original documents (text, tables and figures) should be prepared in WORD or compatible software.

### 5. 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 (Item 2). Applications should be sent by **March 25, 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 April 10.

## 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

Further information may be obtained in <http://www.iccat.int/Madrid.htm>