

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS (SCRS)
(Hotel Velázquez, Madrid, October 4-8, 2010)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of Agenda and arrangements for the meeting
3. Introduction of Contracting Party delegations *
4. Introduction and admission of observers *
5. Admission of scientific documents
6. Report of Secretariat activities in research and statistics
7. Review of national fisheries and research programs **
8. Executive Summaries on species including the Kobe matrix with the corresponding levels of catch for bluefin and bigeye tunas [Res. 09-12]:
YFT-Yellowfin, BET-Bigeye, SKJ-Skipjack, ALB-Albacore, BFT-Bluefin, BIL-Billfishes, SWO-Atl. Swordfish, SWO-Med. Swordfish, SBF-Southern Bluefin, SMT-Small Tunas, SHK-Sharks
9. Report of inter-sessional meetings
 - 9.1 Working Group on Stock assessment methods
 - 9.2 Bigeye Data preparatory meeting
 - 9.3 Blue Marlin Data Preparatory
 - 9.4 Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ecosystems
 - 9.5 Mediterranean swordfish Stock Assessment and albacore Data Preparatory meeting
 - 9.6 Bigeye Stock Assessment
 - 9.7 Bluefin Stock Assessment
10. Report of Special Research Programs
 - 10.1 Atlantic Wide Research Programme for Bluefin tuna (GBYP)
 - 10.2 Enhanced Research Program for Billfish
11. Report of the Sub-Committee on Statistics
12. Report of the Sub-Committee on Ecosystems
13. A Consideration of Implications of the "Future of ICCAT" meeting in Brazil this July
14. A Consideration of Implications of the Tuna RFMOs workshops held in 2010 in Barcelona and Brisbane.
15. Consideration of plans for future activities
 - 15.1 Inter-sessional meetings proposed for 2011
 - 15.2 Date and place of the next meeting of the SCRS
16. General recommendations to the Commission
 - 16.1 General recommendations to the Commission that have financial implications
 - 16.2 Other recommendations
17. Responses to Commission's requests ***

17.1 Defining a standardized methodology for the collection of sport and recreational fisheries data for all species under the ICCAT mandate, including estimates of post-release mortality and data from sampling, tagging and counting programs.

18. Other matters

19. Election of the Chairman

20. Adoption of report and closure

* The Executive Secretary will list the Contracting Parties and Observer Delegations present. Any statements should be presented in writing only.

** The text to be included in the SCRS report should be very short and presented in writing on or before 30 September. Oral presentations, if any, should be brief and focus on aspects that are not covered elsewhere by the individual species groups.

*** Responses derived from the results of 2010 stock assessments for bigeye, Mediterranean swordfish and Atlantic bluefin (western and eastern and Mediterranean stocks) including the Kobe matrix for bigeye and bluefin tunas are included in Agenda Item 8.

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
(ICCAT Secretariat, 27-28 September, 2010)

1. Opening, adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Review of fisheries and biological data (new and historical revisions) submitted during 2010
 - 2.1 Task I (nominal catches and fleet characteristics)
 - 2.2 Task II (catch & effort and size samples)
 - 2.3 Tagging
 - 2.4 Trade information (BFT Catch Documentation scheme; SWO/BET Statistical Documents)
 - 2.5 Other relevant statistics
3. Updated report on the ICCAT relational database system
4. National and international statistical activities
 - 4.1 International and inter-agency coordination and planning (FAO, CWP, FIRMS)
 - 4.2 National data collection systems and improvements
5. Report on data improvement activities
 - 5.1 ICCAT-Japan Data and Management Improvement Project
 - 5.2 Data Funds from [Res. 03-21]
 - 5.3 Data recovery activities
 - 5.4 BFT-E VMS data
 - 5.5 BFT-E observer data
 - 5.6 BFT-E weekly catch reports
 - 5.7 Transshipment observer data
6. Review of publications and data dissemination
 - 6.1 Review of the results of the ICCAT-Aquatic Living Resources publication agreement
 - 6.2 Development of small tunas and sharks identification species sheets
7. Review of progress made for a revised ICCAT Manual
8. Consideration of recommendations from 2010 inter-sessional meetings
9. Evaluation of data deficiencies pursuant to [Rec. 05-09]
 - 9.1 Current data catalogues of major species by stock
 - 9.2 Implications of identified deficiencies in future stock assessments
 - 9.3 Proposals for data recovery plans and improvements on data collections systems
10. Review of existing data submission formats and procedures
 - 10.1 Formats and e-FORMS improvement (to account for current fishery practices)
 - 10.2 Improvements to the ICCAT coding system
 - 10.3 Rules applied to historical data revisions
 - 10.4 Rules used to determine deadlines for submitting statistics
 - 10.5 Other related matters
11. Review of existing rules and procedures on data handling and dissemination
 - 11.1 Public domain information
 - 11.2 Non-public domain information
12. Future plans and recommendations
13. Other matters
14. Adoption of the report and closure

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE TROPICAL SPECIES GROUP
(ICCAT Secretariat, September 30 to October 1, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific documents for the species
2. Review of the report of the inter-sessional meeting
3. Update of the BET, SKJ, YFT Executive Summaries
4. Workplan for 2011

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE ALBACORE SPECIES GROUP
(ICCAT Secretariat, September 30, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific documents for the species
2. Review of the report of the inter-sessional meeting
3. Update of the Atlantic ALB Executive Summary
4. Workplan for 2011

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE BILLFISH SPECIES GROUP
(ICCAT Secretariat, October 1, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific documents for the species
2. Review of the report of the inter-sessional meeting
3. Update of the Executive Summaries SAI, WHM and BUM
4. Plans for the Enhanced Program for Billfish Research
5. Workplan for 2011

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE SWORDFISH SPECIES GROUP
(ICCAT Secretariat, September 29, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific documents for the species
2. Review of the report of the inter-sessional meeting
3. Update of the SWO Executive Summaries
4. Workplan for 2011

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE SMALL TUNA SPECIES GROUP
(ICCAT Secretariat, October 1, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific documents for the species
2. Update of the Executive Summary for SMT
3. Workplan for 2011

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE SC ECOSYSTEMS
(ICCAT Secretariat, September 29, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific information
2. Review of the report of the inter-sessional meeting
3. Workplan for 2011

2010 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE SHARK SPECIES GROUP
(ICCAT Secretariat, September 29-30, 2010)

1. Review of new scientific documents for the species
2. Update of the Sharks Executive Summary
3. Workplan for 2011