

MEETING PARTICIPATION FUND¹

In 2014 the Commission adopted the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 11-26 on the Establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for Developing ICCAT Contracting Parties* [Rec. 14-14] which substitutes and repeals Rec. 11-26 in its entirety.

Recommendation 14-14 establishes a Meeting Participation Fund (MPF) to support representatives of those ICCAT Contracting Parties which are developing States for the purpose of attending and/or contributing to the work of the Commission and other subsidiary bodies. This fund was initially provisioned with €60,000.00 from the Working Capital Fund.

The new recommendation differs from the previous one in that participation of two members per delegation (a manager and a scientist) will be financed for SWGSM meetings only, for the remainder of meetings one member per delegation will be financed.

This fund was financed in 2016 with an allocation of €250,000.00 charged to the Working Capital Fund, as approved by the Commission in 2015. In addition, the Secretariat received two voluntary contributions from United States in the amounts of €4,480.00 and €17,815.79 and two from the European Union, through the European Union Funds for Capacity Building, one from the 2016 Fund in the amount of €43,680.00 and another one from the carryover of the same 2015 Fund in the amount of €8,284.67.

To these funds, the carryover of financial year 2015 must be added, which amounted to €7,151.18. Therefore, the available amount in 2016 has been €331,411.64.

Implementation of this fund has significantly driven participation by representatives of developing Contracting Parties, so much so that 100 trips have been organised and 24 CPCs have benefited. This initiative has not presented a risk for the Commission's finances until 2016. However, in recent years, the usage of the Working Capital Fund to finance this and other activities such as Commission and intersessional meetings, as well as other activities related to databases, such as the eBCD, have significantly reduced the Working Capital Fund. Therefore, the Commission is requested to include of a budgetary item for the annual financing of this Fund.

Taking into account that in 2016 the number of requests for participation in meetings has increased, and therefore, the expense incurred charged to this fund, it is considered appropriate to destine €200,000.00 as the allocation for 2017, based on the amount forecast to be spent in 2016.

Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities are requested to inform STACFAD and the Executive Secretary of the amounts which they could commit to the MPF through voluntary contributions for 2017.

Finally, it is recalled that access to the funds for participation in meetings is governed by a protocol published on the web site and sent to the delegations for each meeting. The requests received are submitted for approval to the ICCAT Chairman and the STACFAD Chair.

¹ Information at 7 November 2016.

Special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)	
Opening balance for financial year 2016	€7,151.18
REVENUE	€324,260.46
Financed by the Working Capital Fund	€250,000.00
Voluntary contribution from the United States	€4,480.00
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Voluntary contribution from the European Union through the European Union Fund for Capacity Building for 2015	€8,284.67
Voluntary contribution from the European Union through the European Union Fund for Capacity Building for 2016	€43,680.00
Expenses	€258,692.24
Scientific meetings	€178,338.61
<i>ICCAT Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods Meeting (Madrid, Spain, 15-19 February 2016)</i>	€3,671.48
<i>Yellowfin Data Preparatory Meeting (Pasajes, Spain, from 7 to 11 March 2016)</i>	€16,002.93
<i>Small Tunas Species Group Intersessional Meeting (Madrid, Spain, from 4 to 8 April 2016)</i>	€18,247.48
<i>Sharks Species Group Intersessional Meeting (Madeira, Portugal, from 25 to 29 April 2016)</i>	€12,765.15
<i>Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Session (Madeira, Portugal, from 28 April to 6 May 2016)</i>	€6,166.18
<i>Training Workshops on Standardization CPUE series for Sailfish (Miami, United States, 25 to 29 May 2016)</i>	€6,444.26
<i>Sailfish Stock Assessment Session (Miami, United States from 30 May to 3 June 2016)</i>	€16,921.71
<i>Yellowfin Data Preparatory Meeting (Pasajes, Spain, from 27 June to 1 July 2016)</i>	€14,758.06
<i>Mediterranean Swordfish Stock Assessment Session (Casablanca, Morocco, from 11 to 16 July 2016)</i>	€2,088.31
<i>Bluefin Tuna Species Group Meeting (Madrid, Spain, from 25 to 29 July 2016)</i>	€10,564.92
<i>The intersessional meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ecosystems (Madrid, Spain, 5-9 September 2016)</i>	€14,175.65
<i>SCRS Species Groups Meeting and Meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (Madrid, Spain, from 26 September to 7 October 2016)</i>	€56,532.49
Intersessional meetings of Panel 2 / Compliance Committee meeting / Working Group on the ICCAT Convention Amendment meeting <i>(Madrid, Spain, 2-8 March 2016)</i>	€21,085.37
2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs <i>(Bilbao, Spain, 14-16 March 2016)</i>	€4,898.01
Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) meeting / Intersessional meeting of Panel 2 <i>(Sapporo, Japan, 18-21 July 2016)</i>	€25,113.16
20th Special Meeting of the Commission <i>(Vilamoura, Portugal, 14- 21 July 2016)</i>	€29,257.09
Balance as of 7 November 2016	€72,719.40

Summary of expenses

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Scientific meetings</i>	<i>Intersessional meetings of Panel 2 / Compliance Committee meeting / Working Group on the ICCAT Convention Amendment meeting</i>	<i>2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs</i>	<i>Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) meeting / Panel 2 meeting</i>	<i>20th Special Meeting of the Commission</i>	
Algeria	i) C	€401.03				
	j)	€1,815.84		X	€2,965.12	
	l)	€3,416.68			X	
Belize				X	€3,399.04	
Brazil	c)	€2,495.58				
	d)	€2,727.55				
	e) C	€34.00	X	€1,628.63	X	€2,202.31
	g)	€3,058.95				X
	k)	€2,756.52				
	l)	€4,043.09				
Cabo Verde	b)	€2,812.41				
	c)	€2,961.97				
	d)	€2,089.76				
	l)	€4,892.75				
Côte d'Ivoire	a)	€2,356.45				
	b)	€2,410.97				
	c)	€2,346.62				
	d)	€2,049.17				
	e)	€2,614.92	X	€2,335.30	X	€1,603.60
	g)	€4,067.16				X
	h)	€2,537.63				
	k)	€2,189.60				
l)	€3,897.90					
Egypt		X	€2,380.49			

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El Salvador	l) €2,969.94	X €2,749.20			
Gabon	d) €2,381.41		X €1,841.48	X €3,449.26	
Ghana	b) €1,513.44		C €380.45		
	f) €2,196.84				
	g) €2,423.74				
	h) €2,289.56				
Guatemala, Rep. of					X €2,973.94
Guinea, Rep. of				X €4,279.36	X €2,400.56
Liberia	l) €4,726.34				X €298.28
Morocco	c) €1,701.66				
Mauritania	c) €2,247.74				
	h) €3,336.43				
	j) €2,339.74				
	k) €2,454.62				
	l) €4,016.44				
Mexico	j) €4,701.02				X €2,680.36
	l) €4,335.71				
Namibia	l) €3,261.97				
Nigeria		X €2,384.49			X €2,332.13
Panama		X €2,899.29			

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São Tomé and Príncipe	c)	€3,155.86								
	f)	€2,224.47								
	g)	€2,753.89								
	h)	€3,166.52			X					
	k)	€4,022.74								
	l)	€4,945.52								
Senegal	b)	€1,667.22								
	c)	€1,879.41								
	f)	€2,022.94	X	€2,422.93	X	€1,072.48	X	€2,894.10	X	€1,852.21
	g)	€2,249.83								
Sierra Leone	l)	€3,508.61								
	b)	€2,744.67								
Tunisia	a)	€1,315.03								
	b)	€3,112.34								
	c)	€1,458.64								
	i)	€1,687.28	X	€2,203.17			X	€2,153.61	X	€1,983.34
	j)	€1,708.32								
Uruguay	l)	€3,234.35								
	b)	€1,741.88								
	d)	€1,762.69								
	e)	€1,762.69								
	h)	€3,427.92	X	€2,081.87					X	€3,094.94
k)	€2,752.17									
l)	€4,573.02									

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Venezuela	d)	€1,754.57			
	e)	€1,754.57			
	g)	€2,368.14			
	l)	€4,710.17			
Total	€178,338.61	€21,085.37	€4,898.01	€25,113.16	€29,257.09

- a) Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods Meeting (WGSAM)
- b) Yellowfin data preparatory Meeting
- c) Intersessional Meeting of the Small tunas Species Group
- d) Sharks Species Group Intersessional Meeting
- e) Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Meeting
- f) Training workshops on Standardized CPUE series for Sailfish
- g) Sailfish Stock Assessment Meeting
- h) Yellowfin Stock Assessment meeting
- i) Mediterranean Swordfish Stock Assessment Meeting
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- k) Intersessional Meeting of the Sub-committee on Ecosystems
- l) Species Groups Meeting and Meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

C. Trip cancelled