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Analysis of ICCAT Reporting Obligations

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SUMMARY



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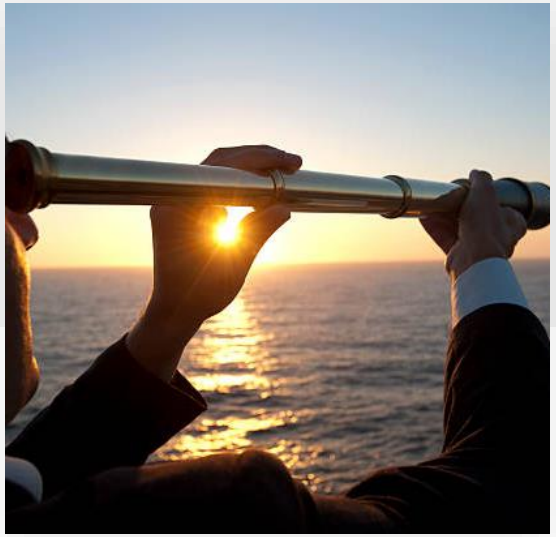
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STUDY MANDATE & APPROACH

Need: ICCAT CPCs and Secretariat face increasingly complex and burdensome reporting obligations with duplication and overlaps.

Study Scope: Review all ICCAT reporting requirements, assess the use of transmitted information / data, evaluate IOMS, benchmark against other tuna RFMOs with a deeper review of two tuna RFMOs to select with ICCAT members

Service provider selection: ICCAT commissioned Bureau Veritas Living Resources – BV LR - following a public tender (April 2026)

Duration: 24 months (July 2026 – July 2028) **Terms of reference (ToR):** ICCAT Circular 02579/2026 (and 08838/2026)

Team: Four senior experts in tuna fisheries policy, information systems, and statistics aligned with the Terms of Reference. Names: Olivier Roux, Raul Vilela (Dr.), Christopher O'Brien, and Vincent Defaux

- Led by Mr. V. Defaux, a permanent BV LR Senior Fisheries Consultant with support from an additional BV LR Fisheries Consultant Elsa Gautheret

Methodology: Desk review of ROs and reporting tools, statistical data analysis of submitted data and information, targeted stakeholder consultation (questionnaires, semi-structured interviews). Controlled BV AI tools (Jules, Copilot) support RO collation, summarising and editorial review; all outputs verified by the team

Reference period: reporting years 2024 – 2026

Deliverable: **Draft final report at ICCAT Regular Meeting (November 2027)**



SITUATION TO DATE ?

Initial - Inception phase

PROGRESS & CURRENT STATUS MID-OCTOBER 2026


Source: ICCAT's website

Completed:

- Scope and methodology agreed with ICCAT Secretariat such as focus on IOMS as online reporting tool
- Preliminary inventory of reporting obligations finalised
- Read-only access to reporting information and IOMS obtained

Inception phase completed by a **Draft Progress Note – Inception Report submitted** on 16 October

In Progress:

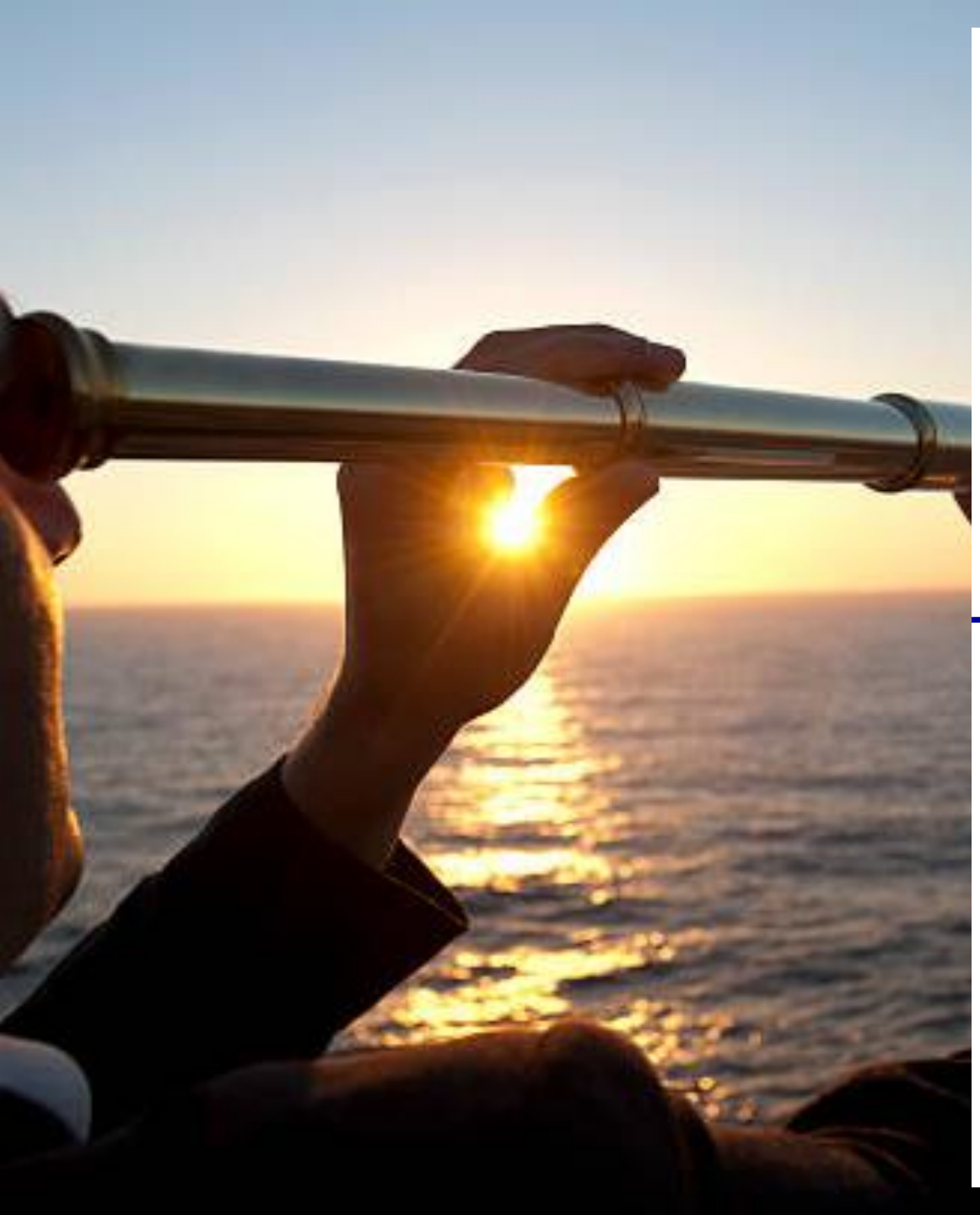
- Targeted stakeholder consultation preparations underway → Introduction Letter transmitted to CPCs and Observer Organisations. Consultation of tuna RFMOs included.

Engagement:

- Six meetings held with the ICCAT Secretariat; ongoing close collaboration

Upcoming:

- Presentation at ICCAT 25th Special Meeting (Vilamoura, Portugal, 16 – 23 November 2026) with stakeholder feedback opportunity – this Presentation
- Mapping consolidation and Preliminary analysis starting in December 2026



WHAT'S NEXT?

Implementation phase including a targeted consultation, and main expected outcome

IMPLEMENTATION & DELIVERY ROADMAP

Up to end of first semester 2027:

- A **final Progress Note – Inception Report (PN – IR)** by end of December 2026 based on work carried out from mid-October 2026
- Targeted stakeholder consultations via questionnaires and interviews including specific consultations and discussions with relevant ICCAT Working Groups in particular the WG-ORT
- In-depth analysis of reporting flows and IOMS performance
- Comparative benchmarking of RFMO best practices
- Synthesis of findings into evidence-based recommendations through an interim **analytical assessment report** (iAAR), then its final version **(fAAR)** to submit **by end of June 2027**

November 2027: Draft final report (DFR) presented at ICCAT Regular Meeting for stakeholder feedback

Final Phase up to July 2028: Refinement and delivery of **final report (FR)**


Source: ICCAT's website

Main expected outcome: Recommendations for simplifying ICCAT's reporting framework while preserving essential information for science and compliance

PN-IR End **2026** ❯ iAAR **April 2027** ❯ fAAR End of **June 2027** ❯ DFR Oct. **2027** ❯ Final Report **23 July 2028 Latest**



Q & A SESSION

Any questions ?

YOUR CONTACTS FOR THE CONSULTATION

ICCAT Circular 08838/2026 issued on 13 October 2026 - sent to CPCs and Observers to ICCAT meetings



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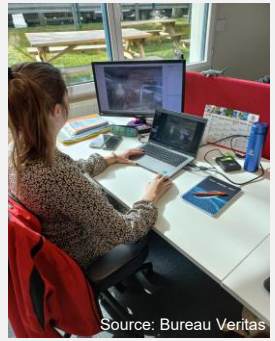
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