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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 5699/2021

SUBJECT: 27TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) (ONLINE, 15 - 22 NOVEMBER 2021)

On behalf of the Chairman of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I should like to inform you that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the *27th Regular Meeting of the Commission* will be held online, from **15 to 22 November 2021**. Please note that an Intersessional Meeting of *Panel 2* and another meeting of the *Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee*, will also be held also on **12 November 2021** and **13-14 November 2021**, respectively.

The respective **Tentative Agendas** for this meeting and those of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as well as the **Tentative Schedule**, will be made available as soon as possible on the ICCAT [web site](#). This announcement will also be placed on our [web site](#). Documents for general distribution which become available before and during the meeting will also be placed on a dedicated [webpage](#).

The Secretariat will be using the Zoom application for the online meetings. You can find the hardware requirements to join an online meeting at the following link: [Zoom Hardware requirements](#). We **strongly suggest using headphones with a microphone** to be able to listen and speak comfortably during the meeting. A brief and clear introduction of the application can be found at: [Zoom-overview](#), if you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat for support. Simultaneous translation will be provided in the 3 ICCAT official languages, as well as in Arabic, as usually done during the annual Commission meetings.

As regards the organization of the meeting, the ICCAT Secretariat has established the following procedures:

Meeting registration

- To facilitate the registration process, an electronic Pre-Registration Form will be made available on the ICCAT [web site](#). Please enter your details and click the **send** button to forward it to the Secretariat. Please note that if you also wish to attend the PA2 and/or the COC meetings that will precede the Commission meeting, you should select those meetings while entering your details in the registration form.
- In order to organize the online meetings in advance of the sessions, in particular, regarding the number of participants, Head Delegates are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the Commission and the subsidiary bodies (PA2 and COC) meetings by **5 November 2021**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay in providing access to participants to the meetings. Participants must also register for the meetings using the online registration form that will be made available on the current meetings page of our website, by **5 November 2021**, at the latest.
- In addition, I would appreciate that Head Delegates inform the Secretariat of the names and position titles of the people representing their delegations by **10 September 2021**. These will be the only delegates with the option to speak (Panelists) on behalf of their delegations, whereas all other participants will have access to the meeting and documents but will not have the opportunity to speak during the meeting.
- All participants duly registered and authorized to attend the meetings **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meetings**.



Submission of documents and proposals

I should also like to remind all Contracting Parties of the decision taken by the Commission that all documents **not dependent on SCRS advice should be submitted one month before the opening of the meeting** (15 October 2021) and **proposals which require the most recent available scientific advice, at least one week in advance of the meeting** (8 November 2021), if possible. Any late submissions will not be accepted by the Secretariat, unless accepted by the Chair. Additional information regarding documents submission and distribution will be sent in a separate circular.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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