



Madrid, 7 March 2019

## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 01367 / 2019

### SUBJECT: JOINT T-RFMO FAD WORKING GROUP MEETING (8-10 MAY, SAN DIEGO, USA)

I should like to inform you that the ICCAT Secretary has received correspondence from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), regarding the convening of the Joint Tuna RFMOs FAD Working Group, which is programmed to take place in San Diego, California, USA, under the chairmanship of Dr Josu Santiago, between 8-10 May 2019.

Two representatives (a scientist and a manager) from each developing CPC (of one or several tuna RFMOs) with relevant FAD tuna fisheries shall receive financial support to attend the meeting using funds provided by the European Union. For the purpose of making the necessary arrangements, the interested members should contact Ms Monica Galvan [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org).

In addition the Group Chair has requested the following information to be circulated to all those whom it may concern:

- *Format of the meeting:* Except for the session during which the conclusions and recommendations will be discussed and adopted, the meeting will be held in an informal format in order to make the discussion on technical and scientific issues more open and productive.
- *Appointed coordinators will lead the different discussion topics of the agenda:* Each coordinator or a designated expert will make a "keynote" presentation in addition to providing in advance a summary document highlighting the major issues with a view to preparing and stimulating the discussion. This document should include a list of references covering all t-RFMOs. A list of "focus questions" will also be developed prior to the meeting and in consultation with the identified participants in the Working Group to facilitate the discussion.
- *In relation to documents and presentations:* Participants are welcome to submit all documents that they would consider relevant. The Chair and the leaders of the discussion topics, in consultation with the identified participants in the Working Group, will determine which documents are to be presented orally and what precise time slot should be allocated for its presentation. Guidelines for the authors of documents will be prepared and provided by 15 March at the latest, as well as an online platform for submission of abstracts. **Deadlines for the submission of these documents will be 31 March for titles and abstracts and 30 April for the full documents.**
- *Provisional agenda:* The provisional agenda has been attached.



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Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Provisional agenda of the meeting.

**SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT  
TUNA RFMOS FAD WORKING GROUP**  
*(8 to 10 May 2019, San Diego, California, USA)*

**Provisional Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Review of the progress of the key areas for action for the Joint t-RFMO FAD Working Group identified during the 1st Joint t-RFMO FAD Working Group Meeting
4. Review of the current management measures on FADs
5. Definitions of terms related to FAD fishing, notably those related to science and management of FADs
6. Minimum standards and formats to optimize and harmonize the collection of data on FADs and definition of systems to accurately quantify numbers of FADs and active buoys
7. Marking and tracking of FADs
8. FAD fishery indicators
9. Progress regarding scientific information on FADs and ongoing research in the different tRFMOs
10. Impacts of FADs in tuna fisheries and recent developments in their mitigation
11. Current and future initiatives for FAD fishery sustainability
12. Areas of future cross RFMO collaboration on FADs
13. Other matters
14. Recommendations
15. Adoption of the report and closure