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SUBJECT: 2019 THIRD INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA MSE TECHNICAL GROUP (Madrid, Spain, 19 – 21 September 2019)

I should like to inform you that the 2019 Third Intersessional Meeting of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna MSE Technical Group will be held 19 – 21 September 2019, at the Secretariat in Madrid, Spain.

Attached please find the objectives, the tentative agenda of the meeting and other relevant information about their organization. I would appreciate very much if you could distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the meetings. This announcement will also be published on the [current meetings page](#) of our web site.

In order to have an estimation of the number of participants in advance of the session I would also appreciate if you could send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meetings by **5 September 2019**.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel



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Attachment: Objectives, Tentative Agendas and Information for participants.

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Objectives

The 2019 Third Bluefin Tuna MSE Technical Group meeting is continuously tasked with evaluating whether the Operating Models (OMs) meet acceptable criteria for presenting to the Bluefin Tuna Species Group based on the results at the Second BFT MSE Technical Group intersessional meeting in July 2019. The Group will also advance the development of candidate management procedures (CMPs) and its graphical presentations.

The results of this meeting will be discussed during the Bluefin Tuna Species Group meeting to be held in Madrid, 23-27 September 2019.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Review of July Meeting results regarding Operating models (OMs)
3. Compile candidate reference and robustness sets OMs
4. Develop plausibility weighting scenarios
5. Compile summary of Candidate Management Procedure results for BFT Working Group discussion
6. Develop graphical presentation of CMP results
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the report and closure

Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meetings will be held from 19-21 September (Thursday to Saturday) 2019 (registration starts at 08:30 am, on 19 September). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 18:00.

The meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat: C/Corazón de María 8, Madrid, Spain. Please [click here](#) for a map with the Secretariat's location and information about Madrid.

2. Contact information

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3. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English, as no simultaneous translation can be provided. Scientific documents can be written in English, French or Spanish.

4. Call for scientific papers

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. In order to better organize the meetings, in 2014 the SCRS established deadlines for submitting documents, which were revised in 2015. These deadlines provide the rapporteurs with valuable information to better fit the meeting timetable as well as allow the Secretariat to make the documents available to participants in advance of the meeting. In 2015 the SCRS "proposed that a new deadline for the submission of SCRS documents should be implemented; these documents should be provided in their entirety at least one week before the meeting in which they are to be presented to facilitate their review by participating scientists prior to these meetings". As such the full documents for this meeting should be provided to info@iccat.int or ai.kimoto@iccat.int by **12 September 2019**. Authors are reminded to closely follow the [Guidelines for Authors of Scientific Documents for the ICCAT SCRS and Collective Volume Series](#). Furthermore, the original documents (text, tables and figures) should be prepared in WORD or compatible software.

5. Funding

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a scientist from each ICCAT developing Contracting Party who can provide information relevant to the meeting objectives, particularly in reference to provision of data.

According with the Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund adopted at the 2014 Commission meeting, requests should be received **45 days** in advance. The deadline for the request of funding assistance will be **5 August 2019**. Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date.

All the information related with the ICCAT special funds for participation in ICCAT meeting and capacity building is available in the ICCAT web site ([here](#)). It is highly recommended to visit this web page in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary to fully complete the invitation form including explanations of the expected contribution to the meeting and how it relates to the meeting objectives.

6. Hotel information

A list of recommended hotels will be uploaded to the ICCAT website ([here](#)).