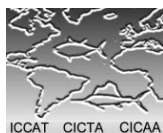


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Madrid, 12 May 2020

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 2968/2020

SUBJECT: 2020 SWO MSE TECHNICAL MEETING (Online, 4-5 June 2020)

Following the 2020 intersessional meeting of the Swordfish and the decisions made regarding further intersessional work aiming the development of the Northern Atlantic Swordfish MSE process, I would like to inform you that a Swordfish MSE technical ONLINE meeting has been scheduled and will be held between 4 and 5 June 2020.

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

In order to organize the Online meeting, in particular, regarding the number of participants in advance of the session, I would also appreciate if you to **send to the Secretariat a list of delegates** who will participate in the meeting by **25 May 2020** at the latest. Participants shall also register to the meeting using the online registration form available in the [current meetings page](#) of our website by **28 May 2020**.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Objectives, Tentative Agenda and Information for participants.



2020 SWO MSE TECHNICAL MEETING

(Online, 4-5 June 2020)

Objectives

At the 2020 SWO intersessional meeting, a short term workplan was established for the Contractors together with the Modelers to finalize the reference set of Operating Models (OM), followed by a discussion to start of testing Candidate Management Procedures (cMPs). The SWO Species Group requested another short interim meeting (in the form of a webinar) to further discuss any outstanding issues, depending on the progress with OM development. Given that a candidate OM grid is now complete, the MSE technical meeting requested at the SWO inter-sessional meeting is now planned and announced. The objectives of this meeting are to evaluate the performance of the candidate OM grid, discuss cMP development, develop discussion points for interactions with the Commission, and devise a workplan for SWO MSE for the remainder of 2020.

Tentative Agenda

4 - 5 June 2020 (working hours 12:00 - 16:30 CET)

Day 1 (4 June)

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements (15 minutes)
2. Update on the OM reference grid and model validation (2.5 hours)
 - 2.1. OM fits and red face tests
 - 2.2. OM plausibility weighting
 - 2.3. Grid completeness and other axes of uncertainty
 - 2.4. Robustness OMs
3. Status and plans for the development of preliminary CMP (1.5 hours)
 - 3.1. cMP types (model based vs empirical)
 - 3.2. Standards for simulated data
 - 3.3. cMP development responsibilities
 - 3.4. Performance metrics

Day 2 (5 June)

4. Points of discussion for future Interactions with the Commission (1 hour)
 - 4.1. Exceptional circumstances
 - 4.2. Timing for advice delivery
5. Workplan until the end of the 2020 MSE contract (0.5 hours)
6. Other matters (0.5 hours)
7. Logistics for the meeting report (2 hours)
8. Closure (15 minutes)



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held **Online** between 4 and 5 June 2020. Meeting hours will be from **12:00 - 16:30 CET** to account for time zone differences.

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, Spanish or French.

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 and 2019 the SCRS "proposed that a new deadline for the submission of SCRS documents and presentations should be implemented; these documents/presentations 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 and presentations for this meeting should be provided to info@iccat.int or nathan.taylor@iccat.int by **28 May 2020**. Documents and presentations provided after the latter deadline will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the Chair. 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. Registration

Participants are kindly requested to register to the meeting by **28 May 2020** at the latest. Earlier registration is essential for the Secretariat to ensure setting the online platform. **Online registration** shall be made in the ICCAT website [current meetings page](#) (*other meetings*) or [Registration form](#). All delegates from CPCs willing to attend the meeting **shall notify their Head Delegate or Head Scientist** in advance to ensure they are included in the official list that shall be sent to the Secretariat by **25 May 2020**.

6. Online settings

The Secretariat is using **Microsoft Teams** application for the online meetings. You can find the hardware requirements to join an Online meeting at the following link: [Teams Hardware requirements](#). We strongly suggest using headphones with a microphone to be able to hear and speak comfortably during the meeting.

A brief and clear introduction of the application can be found at: [Teams-overview](#), if you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat for support. All participants duly registered **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.