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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 6989/2020

**SUBJECT: 2020 SWO MSE TECHNICAL MEETING** (*Online, 25-26 November*)

Following the 2020 SCRS Swordfish Species Group meeting and the decisions made regarding further intersessional work aimed at development of the Northern Atlantic Swordfish MSE process, I would like to inform you that a second Swordfish MSE technical ONLINE meeting has been scheduled and will be held from 25-26 November 2020.

Attached please find the objectives, the tentative agenda of the meeting and other relevant information about its 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, with regard to 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 meeting by **16 November 2020** at the latest. Participants shall also register for the meeting using the online registration form available in the [current meetings page](#) of our website by **18 November 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, 25-26 November 2020)*

### Objectives

At the 2020 SCRS Swordfish Species Group 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 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 meeting requested has been scheduled and is now announced. The objectives of this meeting are to update the current status of the OM development, update the status of the preliminary CMP development, update points of discussion for future meetings of the Commission (Panel 4) and prepare the workplan for the 2021 work.

### Tentative Agenda

*25-26 November 2020 (working hours 12:00 - 16:30 CET)*

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Updates on the OM reference grid and model validation
3. Updates on the development of preliminary CMP
4. Updates on points of discussion for future interactions with the Commission
5. Workplan for the 2021 MSE contract
6. Other matters
7. Arrangements for the meeting report and close



## Additional information for participants

### 1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held **Online** from 25-26 November 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 to 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](mailto:info@iccat.int) or [nathan.taylor@iccat.int](mailto:nathan.taylor@iccat.int) by **18 November 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 **18 November 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 **16 November 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**.