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SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE EBCD TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

As noted by the Chair of the Permanent Working Group in his summary report, a meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group is needed in 2021. This meeting has been convened for 8 and 9 June 2021 from 12:00 noon to 16:30 hours Madrid time through Zoom. In order to facilitate the online meeting, simultaneous interpretation will be offered.

A tentative agenda and a letter from the Chair of the Technical Working Group are attached. Heads of Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat of the names of the representative(s) of their CPC as soon as possible, and not later than **1 June 2021**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay on providing access to participants to the meeting and to the related documents. Please note that attendance should be limited to those with a technical working knowledge of the eBCD system and an interest in its functioning and improvement. Participants must also register for the meeting using the online registration form available on the current meetings page of our website by **3 June 2021**.

The Agendas and other meeting documents will be published in the [OwnCloud document folder](#) as they become available. Further information on access to the meeting will be sent to registered participants shortly before the meeting.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachments: Letter from the eBCD TWG Chair and Tentative Agenda.



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Dear All,

While not explicitly included in the 2021 meeting planning calendar, as referred to in Annex 10 of the *Proceedings of Essential Commission Business in lieu of the 22nd Special Meeting*, I proposed a meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group (TWG) in the first quarter of 2021. I have since been liaising with the Secretariat to find a window and as a result would like to propose a meeting from 8-9 June 2021.

The objective of the meeting will be take stock of the state of play of system implementation and discuss proposals for development originating from ICCAT subsidiary bodies (PA2 and BFTCT WG), Secretariat and/or TRAGSA.

Given the often technical and exhaustive nature of group discussions, we will need to focus our deliberations and avoid where possible issues that are not fundamental and/or already identified. There will however certainly be an opportunity for CPCs to raise any specific issues they would like to seek the views of the group.

Please find enclosed a tentative agenda for the meeting which will take place over two 4-hour virtual sessions, the details for which will be sent by the Secretariat in due course. Supporting documents for points 2, 3 and 4 of the agenda will soon be uploaded onto the meeting cloud site. As has been the practice in the past TRAGSA will be present in the meeting and simultaneous interpretation will also be made available.

I hope and look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Ansell
PWG Chair

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE EBCD TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING

(Virtual by Zoom, 8-9 June 2021)

1. Welcome and adoption of agenda and nomination of rapporteur
2. System overall state of play
3. Proposals for system development [coming from]:
 - a) ICCAT Subsidiary bodies
 - b) TRAGSA
 - c) ICCAT Secretariat
4. System messages:
 - a) Proposed changes
 - b) Review of system alerts and inconsistencies
5. Contractual state of play and financial aspects
6. Reporting to Commission/PWG
7. Any other business
8. Next steps, adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.