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Madrid, 24 January 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 0403 / 2022

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEMS (EMS)

Further to Circular #9260 of 20 December 2021, and in accordance with paragraph 3 of the *Resolution by ICCAT for the establishment of an ICCAT Working Group on the use of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS)* [Res. 21-22], a first meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) Working Group has been convened for 28 February 2022. This meeting will be held online using the Zoom platform between 11:00 and 17:00 Madrid time, with a break of one hour at around 13:30.

In order to organize the online meeting, Head Delegates are requested to inform the Secretariat on the composition of their delegation by **21 February 2022** at the latest. Participants must also register for the meeting using the online registration form available on [ICCAT current meetings webpage](#) by **21 February 2022**.

The Tentative Agenda, together with a note from the Chair of the PWG who will be acting as Chair for this first meeting, is attached. The Agenda and other meeting documents, including the information requested by the PWG Chair in his note, will be published in the OwnCloud document folder as they become available. All documents will be available in the ownCloud at: <https://meetings.iccat.int/index.php/s/IQP9NB1kq0vuoFg>.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachments: Note from PWG Chair and Tentative Agenda for the WG on EMS Meeting.



24 January 2022

NOTE FROM PWG CHAIR

In view of the forthcoming meeting of the *Working Group on Electronic Monitoring Systems (WG-EMS)* on 28 February 2022, I would like to share the Agenda and make some suggestions.

The overall objective of the first WG-EMS meeting should be to agree on a workplan for 2022 in order to move forward with the elements laid down in *Resolution by ICCAT for the establishment of an ICCAT Working Group on the use of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS)* [Res. 21-22]. There will be an opportunity to exchange views on implementation strategies and overall priorities and ongoing trials/pilot projects and specifications, although more exhaustive technical discussions would best be deferred to the June meeting.

To capitalize on the time available in the meeting I would like to invite participating CPCs to transmit in advance of the meeting updated information on trials/pilot projects they are undertaking together with any other relevant information. These will be posted on the meeting document ownCloud site alongside other information from 2021 (as posted for the 2021 IMM meeting).

I hope you can consider this agreeable, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Neil Ansell
PWG Chair

WORKING GROUP ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEMS (WG-EMS)

(Online, 28 February 2022)

1. Opening of the Meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Brief update of the work done by the SCRS Technical Sub-Group on EMS
5. Compilation and evaluation of relevant reports and other information
6. Implementation strategies and overall priorities in ICCAT fisheries
7. Current and potential pilot projects on the use of EMS
8. Consideration of a workplan for the WG
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of Report and closure