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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1986/2022

**SUBJECT: 2022 TROPICAL TUNAS MSE TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP MEETING**  
(Online, 19 - 20 May 2022)

I would like to inform you that the 2022 Tropical Tunas MSE Technical Sub-Group meeting will be held online between 19 and 20 May 2022.

Attached please find 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.

In order to organize the online meeting in advance of the session, in particular regarding the number of participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **10 May 2022**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay in providing access to participants to the meeting and to the related documents. Participants must also register for the meeting using the online registration form available on the [current meetings page](#) of our website by **12 May 2022**.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Tentative Agenda and information for participants.



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### Background

In 2021, the SCRS reviewed the progress of the tropical tunas MSE process. At the July 2021 meeting, it was discussed that there was a priority to define the major uncertainties to be considered in the multi-stock MSE (BET, YFT, E-SKJ stocks), and also the phases remaining from the project initiated in 2018. It was clarified that the MSE plan should be linked to the revised stock assessment schedule. It was noted that a technical meeting for MSE would be necessary to make progress on the MSE and has been included for the 2021/22 workplan.

### Tentative Agenda\*

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Meeting objectives and current roadmap of ICCAT Tropical Tunas MSE
3. State of development of MSE for tropical tunas
  - 3.1 Atlantic western SKJ
  - 3.2 Atlantic multi-stock
  - 3.3 Stocks/fisheries in other oceans
4. Input to be obtained from ICCAT Commission
  - 4.1 Management objectives
  - 4.2 Performance indicators
  - 4.3 Type of harvest strategies to be considered
5. Update to roadmap
6. Capacity building
7. Research recommendations
8. Other matters
  - 8.1 Terms of Reference for the new two contracts (for W-SKJ and multi-stock MSE)
9. Adoption of the report and closure

\* An annotated agenda will be circulated by the Chair during the week before the start of the meeting, which will include the schedule for the different agenda items.



## Additional information for participants

### 1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held online between 19 and 20 May 2022. Meeting hours will be from **11:00 - 16:30 CET (UTC +1)** 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 and presentations

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](mailto:info@iccat.int) or [nathan.taylor@iccat.int](mailto:nathan.taylor@iccat.int) by **12 May 2022**. Documents and presentations provided after this 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 for the meeting by **10 May 2022** at the latest. Early registration is essential for the Secretariat to ensure the setting-up of the online platform. **Online registration** must be completed through the ICCAT [current meetings page](#) or [Registration form](#). All delegates from CPCs wishing to attend the meeting must notify their Head Delegate or Head Scientist in advance to ensure that they are included in the official list that must be sent to the Secretariat by **12 May 2022**.



## 6. Online settings

The Secretariat is using the Zoom application for online meetings. You can find the hardware requirements to join an online meeting at the following link: [Zoom 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: [Zoom-overview](#), if you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat for support. All duly registered participants **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.