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CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS



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Madrid, 6 April 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 2071/2022

SUBJECT: 2022 SKIPJACK TUNA STOCK ASSESSMENT MEETING
(Online, 23 - 27 May 2022)

Further to Circular #1993 of 5 April 2022, please find attached a revised tentative agenda for the 2022 Skipjack Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting of the Tropical Tunas Species Group that will be held online between 23 and 27 May 2022.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Revised Tentative Agenda.



2022 Skipjack Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting

(Online, 23 – 27 May 2022)

Objectives

The SCRS will conduct the 2022 assessment of the skipjack tuna stock with data up to 2020. An intersessional workplan agreed upon during the Data Preparatory meeting will define the parameters and models for the assessment analyses.

Tentative Agenda*

1. Opening, adoption of Agenda, and meeting arrangements
2. Summary of available data for assessment and updates since Data Preparatory meeting
 - 2.1. Fisheries statistics, size, and CAS estimates
 - 2.2. Biological parameters and fleet structure
 - 2.3. Relative indices of abundance
3. Stock Assessment Models and other data relevant to the assessment
 - 3.1. Eastern stock
 - 3.1.1. Statistically integrated model (Stocks Synthesis 3)
 - 3.1.2. Surplus Production models (JABBA and MPB)
 - 3.2. Western stock
 - 3.2.1. Statistically integrated model (Stocks Synthesis 3)
 - 3.2.2. Surplus Production models (JABBA)
4. Stock status results
 - 4.1. Eastern stock
 - 4.1.1. Statistically integrated model (Stocks Synthesis)
 - 4.1.2. Surplus Production models, (JABBA and MPB)
 - 4.1.3. Synthesis of assessment results
 - 4.2. Western stock
 - 4.2.1. Statistically integrated model (Stocks Synthesis)
 - 4.2.2. Surplus Production models (JABBA)
5. Projections Kobe Matrix for Skipjack tuna stocks
 - 5.1. Eastern stock
 - 5.2. Western stock
6. Recommendations
 - 6.1. Management
 - 6.1.1. Eastern stock
 - 6.1.2. Western stock
 - 6.2. Research and statistics – including those with financial implications
7. Responses to the Commission
8. Other matters
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.



Madrid, 5 April 2022

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I would like to inform you that the 2022 Skipjack Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting of the Tropical Tunas Species Group will be held online between 23 and 27 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, with regard to the number of participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **13 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 **16 May 2022**.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

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 - 2.1 Fisheries statistics, size, and CAS estimates
 - 2.2 Relative indices of abundance
3. Stock Assessment Models and other data relevant to the assessment
 - 3.1 Catch integrated model, Stocks Synthesis
 - 3.2 Surplus Production models, JABBA and MPB
 - 3.3 Other indicators of stock status
4. Stock status results
 - 4.1 Catch integrated models, Stocks Synthesis
 - 4.2 Surplus Production models, JABBA and MPB
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5. Projections
 - 5.1 Kobe Matrix for Skipjack tuna stocks
6. Recommendations
 - 6.1 Management
 - 6.2 Research and statistics
 - 6.1.1 With financial implications
 - 6.1.2 Without financial implications
7. Responses to the Commission
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report and closure

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Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held online between 23 and 27 May 2022. Meeting hours will be from **11:00 - 16:30 CET (Madrid Time)** 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 interpretation 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 or mauricio.ortiz@iccat.int by **16 May 2022**. Documents and presentations provided after the 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 **13 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 in advance their Head Delegate or Head Scientist to ensure that they are included in the official list that must be sent to the Secretariat by **16 May 2022**.

6. Online settings

The Secretariat is using the Zoom application for the 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 participants duly registered **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.