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COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA
CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

Madrid, 7 April 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 2103 / 2022

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE PANEL 1 LOGISTICS

Further to Circular #1825 from 29 March 2022, I am pleased to provide additional information regarding the 2022 Intersessional meeting of Panel 1 that has been scheduled between 28 and 30 June 2022.

The meeting will be hosted by the European Union in the Azores (São Miguel, Portugal), at the [Azor Hotel](#). Due to the current pandemic situation, although the current measures are alleviating in the Azores, after a visit to the venue and meeting with local authorities, the Secretariat considers that a precautionary approach should be implemented, namely by reducing the meeting room to 75% of its usual capacity and slightly increasing the distance between seats. Accordingly, a maximum number of 150 participants will be allowed to physically attend the meeting. Participants will be requested to use a mask during the meeting.

Based on the above aspects, a maximum number of **three participants per each Panel 1 member will be allowed to attend the meeting in-person**. However, if there is no objection, because of the magnitude of the tropical tuna fisheries and the related size of its usual delegation, the European Union may in addition to the three participants per CPC, allow two additional participants to attend from each of its Member States active in the tropical tuna fishery. A single participant will be allowed from Observers that regularly attend the Panel 1 intersessional meetings. If there is any objection to this proposal, please inform the Secretariat **by 13 April 2022**.

All other participants that may attend the meeting virtually will have full access to the meeting documents and discussions through the ZOOM platform, to ensure appropriate participation and transparency in decision making, *i.e.* so that when decisions are taken in the room there is sufficient transparency and clarity for those who are attending virtually (not in the room). This current arrangement may be adjusted according to the evolution of the pandemic and/or updates regarding the measures being locally implemented.

In order to organize the meeting in advance of the session, in particular regarding in-person participation, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat **by 22 April 2022** a list of delegates who will be part of the official delegation traveling to the Azores. The list of additional official members of the delegation that will participate virtually to the meeting shall be submitted to the Secretariat **by 21 June 2022**. Any late submission of the online participants may cause delay on providing online access to the meeting. Participants must also register for the meeting of our website **by 17 June 2022** using the Online Registration Form that will shortly be available on the [current meetings webpage](#).

Participants travelling to the Azores are kindly requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements well in advance to the meeting, as the meeting will be held during the high season. Information regarding **travel requirements** is available [here](#), noting that this information might be regularly updated. The Secretariat has contracted an agency to assist on the meeting arrangements, which has made agreements with local hotels located at walking distance from the meeting venue. To check and benefit from special prices the Secretariat will shortly post information on these hotels on the [current meetings webpage](#).



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Finally, those delegates requiring a *Note verbale* from the Secretariat to apply for a visa, are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible and provide information on the place where it will be processed.

In case the current pandemic situation changes significantly, the Secretariat will circulate the relevant information to the CPCs, as well as any possible measures that may need to be implemented.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Madrid, 29 March 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1825 / 2022

SUBJECT: INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE PANEL 1

Further to Circulars #1329/22 and #1646 (from 18 February and 18 March 2022, respectively), and based on the feedback received from CPCs, I am pleased to announce that the 2022 Intersessional meeting of Panel 1 has been convened between 28 and 30 June 2022. The meeting will be hosted by the European Union in the Azores (São Miguel, Portugal). This meeting will be held based on a hybrid format, to allow for in-person participation as well as online attendance using the Zoom platform.

The Secretariat will soon visit the meeting venue and will provide further details on the meeting arrangements as soon as possible.

The Tentative Agenda has been developed in consultation with the Panel 1 Chair. This and other meeting documents 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/2npPMC4kelyyGYL>. CPCs wishing to submit documents for discussion at the meeting are requested to do so as early as possible.

Here attached you can also find a letter from the Chair with his views on how to proceed, including a workplan.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Attachment: PA1 Chair letter and Tentative Agenda for the intersessional meeting



29 March 2022

Greetings to all,

The intersessional meeting of Panel 1 is scheduled for 28-30 June 2022 via a hybrid format and the draft agenda is attached. Although the agenda covers a number of relevant aspects that are essential to review the *Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 19-02 replacing Recommendation 16-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas* [Rec. 21-01], I urge CPCs to endeavour to fully participate in the discussions to make headway, with a particular focus on the development of the criteria for allocating quotas especially for bigeye tuna. At the end of the session, it is my resolve to set up a small Working Group to collate all the views of all members of the panel and to come up with a draft revision of Rec. 21-01. This would allow Panel 1 to work intersessionally aiming to have a draft proposal by September 2022, well before the November 2022 meeting. Accordingly, in the interim I encourage all CPCs who have draft proposals to forward those to me and the Secretariat.

Kind regards,

Paul Bannerman



Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of rapporteur and meeting arrangements
3. Review of fishery management, capacity and FAD plans submitted by CPCs, including any request for clarification
4. General overview of Rec. 21-01
5. Consideration of bigeye TAC for 2023 and beyond, and yellowfin if appropriate
6. Allocation key for distribution of bigeye TAC and yellowfin if appropriate
7. Review of potential capacity limits in light of the allocation key
8. Review of current requirements related to monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of report / adjournment