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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 3030/2022

**SUBJECT: 2022 ATLANTIC SWORDFISH STOCK ASSESSMENT MEETING (Online, 20-29 June 2022)**

I would like to inform you that the *2022 Atlantic Swordfish Stock Assessment Meeting* will be held online from 20 to 29 June 2022.

Attached please find the objectives and 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 June 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 by **13 June 2022** using the online registration form which will be made available shortly on the [current meetings page](#) of our website.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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



## 2022 ATLANTIC SWORDFISH STOCK ASSESSMENT MEETING

*(Online, 20 - 29 June 2022)*

### Objectives

In 2022, the SCRS will assess the North and South Atlantic swordfish stocks which were last assessed in 2017. In March 2022, the Swordfish Species Group reviewed available biological information, fisheries data, and CPUEs to be used as inputs in the 2022 assessments and agreed on a fleet structure. The assessment meeting, scheduled for 20–29 June 2022 (online), will review assessment methods, evaluate diagnostics from model runs and provide an updated stock status and initial management advice for North and South Atlantic stocks.

### Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Updates on available data on catches, biology, size composition (limited to any updates since the data-preparatory meeting)
3. Updates on fleet structure (limited to any updates since the data-preparatory meeting)
4. Summary of relative abundance indices to be used (limited to any updates since the data-preparatory meeting)
5. North Atlantic Stock
  - 5.1. Methods and model settings
  - 5.2. Model Diagnostics
    - 5.2.1. Stock Synthesis
    - 5.2.2. JABBA
    - 5.2.3. Other models
  - 5.3. Stock status results
  - 5.4. Projections
6. South Atlantic Stock
  - 6.1. Methods and model settings
  - 6.2. Model Diagnostics
    - 6.2.1. JABBA
    - 6.2.2. Stock Synthesis
    - 6.2.3. Other models
  - 6.3. Stock status results
  - 6.4. Projections
7. Implications of the assessment for N-SWO MSE
8. Recommendations
  - 8.1. Research and Statistics
  - 8.2. Management
9. Responses to the Commission
10. Review of the workplan
11. Other matters
12. Adoption of the report and closure



## Additional information for participants

### 1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held online from 20 to 29 June 2022. Meeting hours will be from **11:00 - 16:30 CET CEST** to account for time zone differences, with a 30 minute break around 13:30.

### 2. Contact information

Chair of the meeting: Dr. Rui Coelho ([rpscoelho@ipma.pt](mailto:rpscoelho@ipma.pt))  
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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](mailto:info@iccat.int) or [nathan.taylor@iccat.int](mailto:nathan.taylor@iccat.int) by **13 June 2022**. Documents and presentations provided after the latter 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 June 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 **10 June 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 Rooms Users Guide](#). 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**.