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COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA
CONSERVATION DES THONIDES DE L'ATLANTIQUE

COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA
CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

Madrid, 1 September 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 6598 / 2022

SUBJECT: SECOND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE BFT TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP ON MSE
(Online, 5 - 9 September 2022)

Further to ICCAT Circulars #4972/2022 of 7 July 2022 and 6473/2022 of 26 August 2022, the Secretariat would like to inform you that, at the request of the meeting co-Chairs, the **new meeting hours** will be **12:00-17:30 (Madrid time)**.

The Secretariat apologises for any inconvenience that this change on such short notice may have caused.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Madrid, 26 August 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 6473/ 2022

SUBJECT: SECOND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE BFT TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP ON MSE
(Online, 5 - 9 September 2022)

I would like to inform you that since the format of the Second Intersessional Meeting of the BFT Technical Sub-Group on MSE has been changed to an **online** meeting, it has been rescheduled from **5 to 9 September 2022**. Accordingly, the meeting hours will be 11:00-16:30 (Madrid time).

As indicated in ICCAT Circular # 4972/2022 of 7 July 2022, in order to organize the online meeting in advance of the session, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the online meeting by **26 August 2022**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay in providing access to participants to the meeting and to the related documents. All participants must also register for the meeting using the online registration form on the [current meetings](#) page of our website by **29 August 2022**.

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Madrid, 7 July 2022

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 4972 / 2022

SUBJECT: SECOND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE BFT TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP ON MSE
(Madrid (Spain)/Hybrid, 5 - 8 September 2022)

I would like to inform you that the *Second Intersessional meeting of the BFT Technical Sub-Group on MSE* will be held in a hybrid format, between 5 and 8 September 2022, at the ICCAT Secretariat (Madrid, Spain).

Although it is difficult to anticipate what will be the pandemic situation in September, which could oblige the implementation of restrictions on the total number of participants that can physically attend the meeting in the ICCAT building in Madrid, CPCs and Observers are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting in-person by **22 July 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. Please note that the tentative agenda may be subject to changes, based on decisions to be taken during the *Third intersessional meeting of Panel 2 on Bluefin Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation (BFT MSE)* scheduled online on 14 July 2022.

In order to organize the online meeting in advance of the session, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting online by **26 August 2022**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay on providing access to participants to the meeting and to the related documents. All participants must also register for the meeting using the online registration form which will be available shortly on the [current meetings page](#) of our website by **29 August 2022**.

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Attachment: Tentative Agenda and information for participants.



SECOND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE BFT TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP ON MSE
(Madrid (Spain)/Hybrid, 5 - 8 September 2022)

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements and assignment of rapporteurs
2. Summary of developments on ABFT-MSE
 - 2.1 Report on 2022 July Panel 2 meeting on BFT MSE
 - 2.2 Round-robin from CMP developers and any final changes
 - 2.3 Changes to CMPs based on Panel 2/Commission input
3. Final CMP features and performance tuning of each CMP
4. 2021 index values and first year TAC calculations for each CMP
 - 4.1 Needed indices for 2021: Mor-Portugal trap, MEXUS Longline, Canada SWNS Handline
5. Final CMP recommendations to Panel 2 from SCRS
6. Communications material
 - 6.1 4-pager
 - 6.2 BFT MSE Ambassadors programme presentations
7. Update of trial specification document (TSD)
8. Other matters



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meetings will be held in Madrid Spain)/hybrid from 5-8 September 2022 (Monday to Thursday) (registration starts at 08:30 am, on 5 September). Meeting hours will be approximately **from 09:00 to 18:00 CEST (UTC +2)**.

The in-person meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat: c/Corazón de María 8, Madrid, Spain.

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 ai.kimoto@iccat.int by **29 August 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 **29 August 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](#) (which will be available shortly). 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 **26 August 2022**.

6. Online (Hybrid) 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**.

7. Hotel information

A list of recommended hotels is available on the [ICCAT website](#).