INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS



COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA CONSERVATION DES THONIDES DE L'ATLANTIQUE

COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

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SUBJECT: THIRD INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 1 (hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 20-22 June 2023)

Following the recent decision taken during the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 held from 27 to 31 March 2023, I am pleased to inform you that the Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 has been scheduled from 20 to 22 June 2023 in Madrid (Spain) which will have a hybrid format. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Chamartín The One (formerly Hotel Weare Chamartin) and the meeting hours will be from 9:00 – 18:00 hours Madrid time, with the usual coffee and lunch breaks.

After consultation with the Chair of Panel 1, the main topics of the meeting will be definition of the bigeye tuna TAC and allocation of bigeye tuna quotas, however other measures relevant to the conservation and management of tropical tunas may also be discussed. The tentative Agenda for the meeting will be posted in the Nextcloud meeting document folder, as well as other meeting documents, whenever they are received. Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement to potential delegates.

In order to organize the hybrid meeting in advance of the session, in particular, regarding the number of inperson participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **9 June 2023**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting and the related documents. All participants (online and in-person) must also register for the meeting by **12 June 2023**, using the online registration form which will be available on our meetings webpage soon.

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national managers from developing States that are Contracting Parties. According to the *Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund* adopted at the 2020 Commission meeting, requests should be sent to ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int at least **75 days** in advance of the start of the meeting. However, exceptionally due to short notice, in this case the deadline for the submission of funding request has been set 60 days before the start of the meeting (**21 April 2023**). Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. All the information related to the ICCAT Special Funds for participation in ICCAT meetings and capacity building is available on the ICCAT website. It is highly recommended to visit this web page in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary to fully complete the invitation form.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

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