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SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ON ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA ELECTRONIC TAGGING (*Hybrid/Madrid (Spain), 4-6 July 2023*)

I should like to transmit you information on the upcoming Workshop on Atlantic bluefin tuna electronic tagging, which has been scheduled between 4-6 July 2023 at the ICCAT Secretariat (in Madrid, Spain), which will be organized within the framework of the ICCAT Atlantic-Wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP). This workshop will have a hybrid format.

Data from electronic tagging has greatly informed knowledge of bluefin movement and life history, which have been directly used for management purposes within the framework of the recently adopted management procedure for Atlantic bluefin tuna (based on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process). Along the last years the quantity and quality of data from electronic tagging has increased significantly. However, some important knowledge gaps on bluefin tuna stocks spatial patterns and population structure remain, and broad joint analyses of the whole available data sets are still pending. Therefore, the field of bluefin tuna science stands to gain from finding ways to work together to jointly analyze these compiled datasets and to deepen in the coordination among different initiatives to better fill the knowledge gaps.

To address these needs, GBYP will organize this workshop aimed at reaching a broad consensus on the strategic planning of future electronic tagging and the best use of the available tagging data. I would appreciate it very much if you could distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the workshop.

Further information, including the workshop agenda and other relevant to participants, will be posted on the GBYP web page by **30 May 2023**, at the latest.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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