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SUBJECT: SHORTFIN MAKO SHARK STOCK ASSESSMENT MEETING (*Hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 9-13 June 2025*)

Following the Commission's adoption of the SCRS meeting schedule for 2025, I would like to inform you that the Shortfin Mako Shark Stock Assessment Meeting is scheduled to be held from 9-13 June in hybrid format. The in-person meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat. I am pleased to provide the tentative agenda of the meeting (attached herewith) 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 shortly be published on the [meetings page](#) of our website.

In order to organize the hybrid meeting in advance of the session, in particular, regarding the number of in-person participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **30 May 2025**, at the latest. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing participants access to the meeting and the related documents. All participants (online and in-person) must also register for the meeting by **30 May 2025** using the online registration form which will shortly be available on the [meetings page](#) of our website.

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national scientists from developing States that are Contracting Parties and that can provide information relevant to the meeting objectives. According to the [Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund](#) adopted at the 2023 Commission meeting, requests should be sent to ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int at least **45 days** in advance (**25 April 2025**) of the start of the meeting. Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. All the information related to the [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 including **explanations of the expected contribution to the meeting** and how it relates to the meeting objectives.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Tentative Agenda and information for participants.



Shortfin Mako Shark Stock Assessment Meeting
(Hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 9-13 June 2025)

Objectives

The Sharks Species Group main objective for 2025 is to conduct a stock assessment for Atlantic shortfin mako shark. In addition, it will draft its recommendations on research, statistics and for management, draft its responses to the Commission, draft the new Executive Summaries and review the activities of the Shark Research and Data Collection Programme (SRDCP).

Tentative Agenda*

1. Opening, adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Summary of available data for the assessment
 - 2.1 Intersessional work
 - 2.2 Catches
 - 2.3 Indices of abundance
 - 2.4 Biology
 - 2.5 Length compositions
 - 2.6 Other relevant data
3. Methods and other data relevant to the assessment
 - 3.1 Production models
 - 3.2 Length-based age-structured models: Stock Synthesis
 - 3.3 Other methods
4. Stock status results
 - 4.1 Production models
 - 4.2 Stock Synthesis
 - 4.3 Other methods
 - 4.4 Synthesis of assessment results
5. Projections
6. Recommendations
 - 6.1 Research and statistics
 - 6.2 Management
7. Responses to the Commission
8. Sharks Draft Executive Summaries
9. Shark Research and Data Collection Programme (SRDCP)
10. Other matters
11. Adoption of the report and closure

* An annotated agenda will be circulated by the Chair during the week before the start of the meeting, which will include the schedule for the different agenda items.



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format from 9-13 June 2025. The in-person meeting will be at the ICCAT Secretariat in Madrid, Spain. The meeting hours will be from **9:00 - 18:00 CET (CEST)**.

2. Contact information

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3. Language

Following the decision and recommendations from the Commission and SCRS in 2024, language interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

4. Call for scientific papers and presentations

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. Following the latest SCRS deadlines for the submission of SCRS documents and presentations, for this meeting, these should be sent to info@iccat.int and/or nathan.taylor@iccat.int by **2 June 2025**. Documents and presentations provided after this deadline will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the Chair(s). 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 **30 May 2025** 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 meetings page](#) or the 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 **30 May 2025**.

6. Online settings

The online meeting will be held on [Zoom](#). It is generally advisable that you connect to the meeting using the Zoom client. You can find the hardware requirements to join an online meeting at the following link: [Zoom Hardware requirements](#). Participants must be logged into their Zoom client using the email that they used to register for the meeting. 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 Zoom application can be found at the [Zoom-overview webpage](#), if you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat for support. All participants duly registered **will receive an email** from the Zoom platform **with a link to join the meeting**.