# 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

Madrid, 16 April 2025

## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 03230/2025

SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF THREE ICCAT WORKING GROUPS TO BE HELD IN JUNE 2025 (EMS, CDS AND IMM) (hybrid/Brussels, Belgium, 17-20 June 2025)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the ICCAT meetings scheduled for 2025 (ICCAT Circular #11923/2024), I would like to inform you that the three following meetings will be held at the **Conference Centre Albert Borschette**, Room AB-4A, 4th floor, **Rue Froissart 36, 1049 Brussels**, **Belgium,** from **17 to 20 June 2025**. The meetings will have a hybrid format, and the meetings times will be from 9:00 to 18:00 (local time). Please note that the three meetings will be held back-to-back, and once one is closed the next one will start at the immediate session, by the following order:

Date	Meeting
17-20 June	Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Meeting (EMS WG)
	Second Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group Meeting (CDS WG)
	18th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)

The Tentative Agendas will be posted together with any other documents in the nextCloud folders. Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement among potential delegates. This announcement will also be included on our current meetings webpage.

CPCs wishing to submit documents for the forthcoming meetings are requested to do so as early as possible, and no later than **6 June 2025**, in order to ensure that they can be translated and published in time for the start of the meetings.

Please note that since the meetings will be held at a building of the European Commission. In order to organize the meetings, issue the online participant links, and EU DGMARE to grant access to in-person participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meetings by 2 June 2025. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay or preclude in providing access to the meetings to participants. Therefore, all participants must also register for the meetings by 2 June 2025, using the online registration form which will soon be available on our meetings webpage. Moreover, please note that in-person access to the meetings will be managed by a security system called "V-PASS", and therefore the V-PASS system will contact those persons directly requesting further information related to their IDs, date of birth, etc., which will be further processed by the EU. Participants are also requested to arrive at the venue well in advance of the start of the meetings, as ID registration will be required at security first.

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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 2023 Commission meeting, requests should be sent to ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int at least **45 days** in advance of the start of the meetings (**3 May 2025**). Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. As has been the case previously in similar situations when several meetings of the same subsidiary body of the Commission were scheduled back-to-back, aiming at the best use of the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), only one delegate per Contracting Party may request financial assistance. Therefore, if attending more than one of the meetings, the same nominee should be nominated for all meetings for which assistance is being sought. 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 webpage 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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Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachments:** Tentative Agendas for EMS, CDS and IMM WG meetings. Instructions on how to get to the venue of the meetings.

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## **Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group Meeting (EMS WG)**

(Hybrid/Brussels, Belgium, 17-20 June 2025)

### Tentative agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
- 2. Nomination of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of agenda
- 4. Review of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) projects and programmes
- 5. Development of templates and guidelines for the preparation of domestic programmes and reporting of results
- 6. Review of received CPC domestic programmes
- 7. Discussion on the use of EMS in ICCAT fisheries including the potential use of EMS to assist monitoring in small scale fisheries
- 8. Discussion on coordination and synergies between the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and scientific applications of EMS
- 9. Intersessional work
- 10. Other matters
- 11. Adoption of report and closure

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### Second Meeting of the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG)

(Hybrid/Brussels, Belgium, 17-20 June 2025)

### Tentative agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
- 2. Nomination of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of the agenda
- 4. Determination of key elements on expanded Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) in ICCAT
- 5. Consideration of the operational and technical aspects of expanded CDS
- 6. Next steps and future intersessional work
- 7. Consideration of any issues arising from the First Meeting of the Standing CDS WG in relation to eBCD and other elements
- 9. Any other matters
- 10. Adoption of the report and closure



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### 18th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)

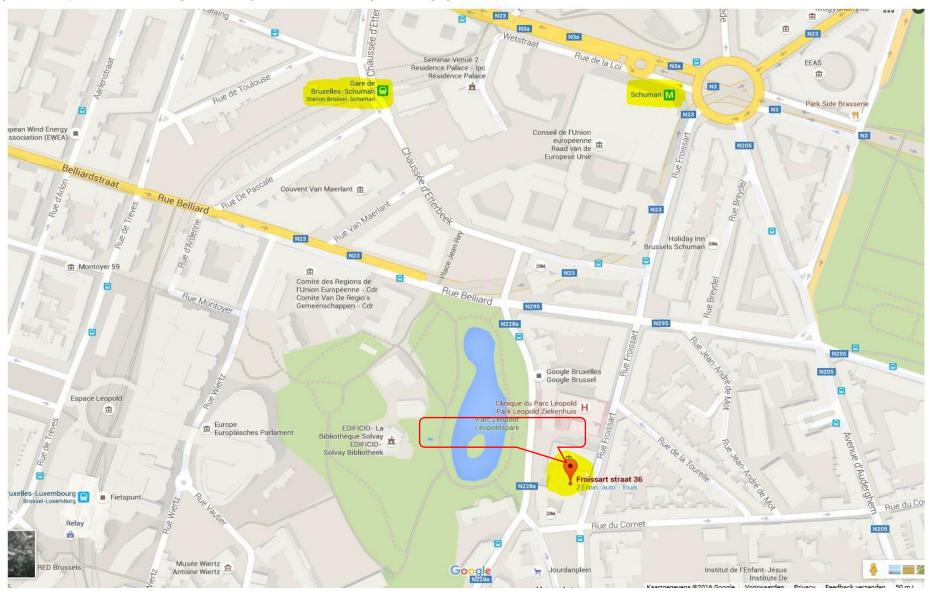
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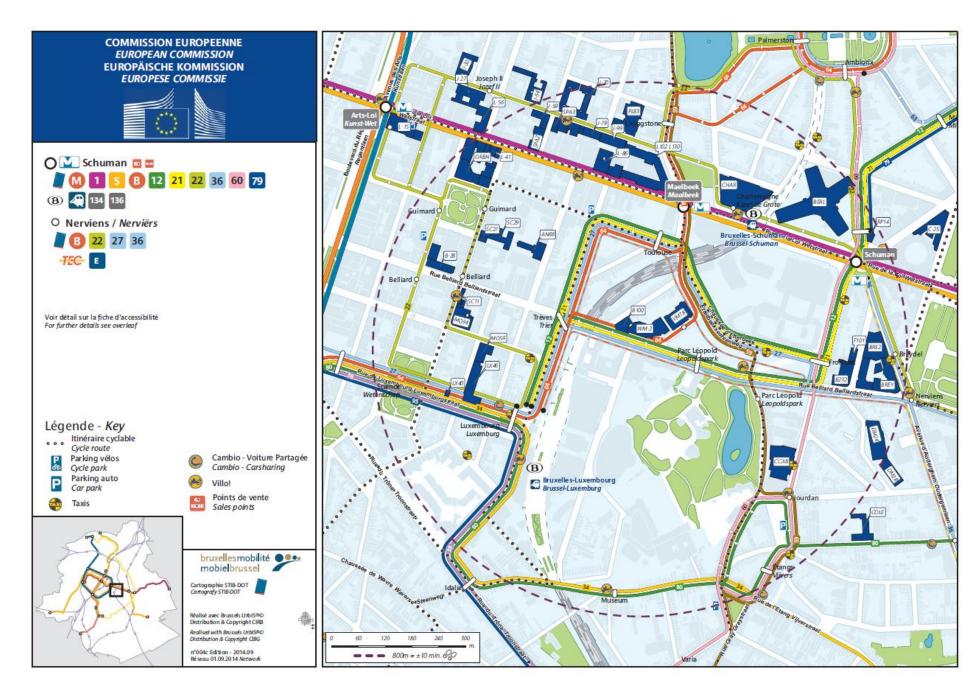
#### Tentative agenda

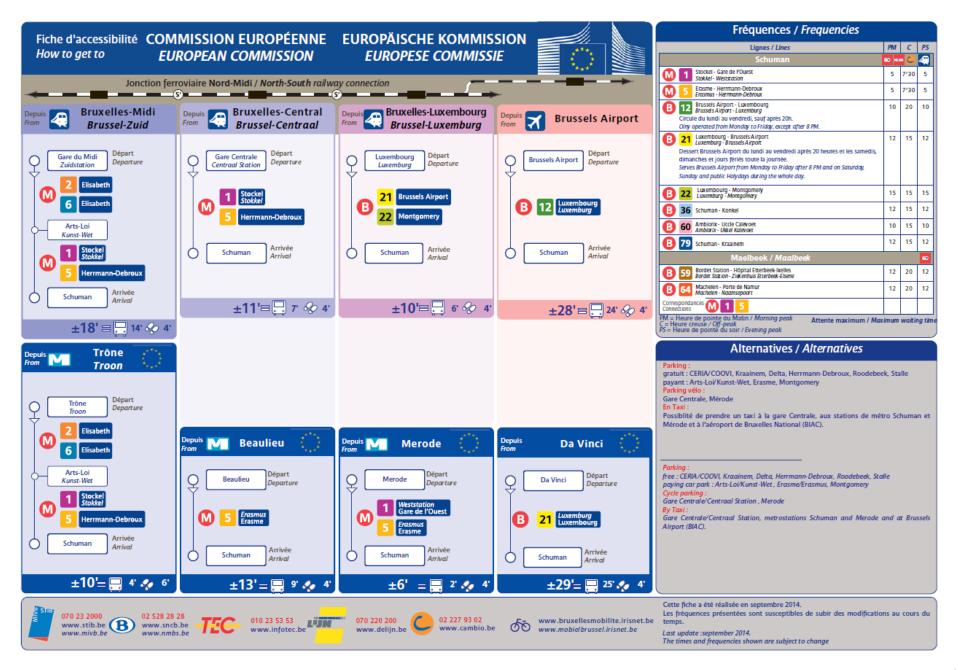
- 1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
- 2. Nomination of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of agenda
- 4. Review of Statistical Document Programs and Catch Documentation Schemes (SDP/CDSs):
  - 4.1 Consideration of outputs from the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG) meetings
- 5. Consideration of measures relating to monitoring and inspection, and flag State responsibilities:
  - 5.1 Consideration of outputs of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group (EMS WG)
  - 5.2 Review of points referred from Panel 2:
    - 5.2.1 Possible amendments to the eastern bluefin tuna plan (Rec. 24-05)
    - 5.2.2 Possible amendments to the western bluefin tuna plan (Rec. 22-10)
- 6. Observer programmes
- 7. At-sea and in-port transhipment requirements
- 8. Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements
- 9. Vessel sighting and inspection programmes
- 10. Port inspection schemes and port State measures
  - 10.1 Review of Rec. 23-17
  - 10.2 Discussions relating to Port Inspection Expert Group (PIEG)
- 11. Vessel listing requirements
- 12. Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements
- 13. Other matters
- 14. Adoption of report and closure

## Instructions on how to get to the meeting venue

**Centre Albert Borschette** is located at **Rue Froissart 36, Brussels**. The easiest way to get to the venue is to get to Schuman metro or train station and walk to the venue (approx. 6 min.). Please see the map below. To get to Schuman area, please see page 2 and 3.







Please find the nearest hotels marked on this map.

