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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 03916/ 2025

**SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE STANDING WORKING GROUP ON DIALOGUE BETWEEN FISHERIES SCIENTISTS AND MANAGERS (SWGSM) (Hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 8 July 2025)**

Following the adoption by the Commission of the SCRS meetings scheduled for 2025, I would like to inform you that the Meeting of the Standing Working Group on Dialogue between Fisheries Scientists and Managers (SWGSM) has been scheduled for 8 July 2025. While the meeting will have a 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 and managers who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will shortly be published on the current 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 ICCAT Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **30 June 2025**, at the latest. 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 **30 June 2025** using the online registration form which will be available shortly on the [current meetings page](#) of our website.

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national scientists and managers 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](mailto:ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int) at least **45 days** in advance (**24 May 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 webpage in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary for national scientists to fully complete the invitation form including **explanations of the expected contribution to the meeting** and how it relates to the meeting objectives.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*



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**Attachment:** Tentative Agenda.



**Meeting of the Standing Working Group on Dialogue between Fisheries Scientists and Managers  
(SWGSM)**

*(Hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 8 July 2025)*

**Tentative Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting logistics
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. General overview of the SCRS workplan to draft the Science Strategic Plan 2026-2031
  - a. Drafting process
  - b. Highlighted objectives achieved through the Science Strategic Plan 2015-2020
  - c. SWOT analysis of the Science Strategic Plan 2026-2031
  - d. Overview of the draft document
5. Focused discussion of the draft SCRS Science Strategic Plan 2026-2031  
(SCRS is seeking feedback and editorial suggestions)
6. Intersessional workplan to finalize SCRS Science Strategic Plan 2026-2031
7. SWGSM workplan
  - a. Topic(s) and timing of the 2026 Meeting of the SWGSM
  - b. Intersessional work
8. Recommendations
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of report and closure