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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 00077/2026

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON COORDINATION OF TAGGING INFORMATION – TENTATIVE AGENDA (*online, 3 February 2026*)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the schedule of ICCAT meetings for 2026, I would like to inform you that the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Coordination of Tagging Information is scheduled to be held online on 3 February 2026. I am pleased to provide herein the tentative agenda of the meeting.

I would appreciate 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.

The meeting format will be online using the ZOOM platform. Meeting times will be from 11:00 to 18:30 (Madrid time, CET), with two breaks of 30 and 60 minutes at 13:00 and 15:30, respectively.

In order to organize the meeting and issue the online participant links, you are kindly requested to send to the ICCAT Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **26 January 2026**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting. All participants must also register for the meeting by **26 January 2026**, using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Meeting Tentative Agenda.



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(*Online, 3 February 2026*)

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Nomination of Rapporteur(s)
4. Current ICCAT tagging programmes (including a brief reference to previous programmes)
5. Rewarding related to tag recoveries
6. Terms of reference of tagging: needs and concerns to be considered.
7. Brief update on the performance of eTAGs after Wildlife Computers modifications to solve battery passivation issues.
8. Brief update on eTAGs DataBase development and European Tacking Network
9. Scope, objectives and potential tasks of the Working Group
10. Tagging Working Group coordination with Species Groups
11. 2026 and 2027 workplans
12. Recommendations
13. Other matters
14. Adoption of the report and closure



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be in an online format on 3 February 2026. The meeting hours will be from 11:00 to 18:30 (Madrid time, CET), with two breaks of 30 and 60 minutes at 13:00 and 15:30, respectively.

2. Contact information

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3. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English, following the decision and recommendations from the Commission and SCRS in 2025. No interpretation will be provided during the meeting, therefore scientific documents and presentations should be preferable provided in English.

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, they should be provided to info@iccat.int and/or ai.kimoto@iccat.int by **27 January 2026**. Documents and presentations provided after the latter deadline will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the Coordinator. Authors are reminded to closely follow the new [*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 **26 January 2026** at the latest. Early registration is essential for the ICCAT Secretariat to ensure the setting up of the online platform. **Online registration** must be completed through the [**ICCAT meetings web 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 ICCAT Secretariat by **26 January 2026**.



6. Online settings

The ICCAT Secretariat is using the Zoom application for the online meeting. You can find the hardware requirements to join an online meeting at the following link: [Zoom Hardware requirements](#). 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 application can be found in [Zoom-overview](#), if you have further questions, please contact the ICCAT Secretariat for support. All participants duly registered **will receive an e-mail** through the online platform **with a link to join the meeting**.