

Madrid, 9 January 2026

## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 00128 / 2026

**SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF STANDING CATCH DOCUMENT SCHEME WORKING GROUP (CDS WG)**  
(online, 5 February 2026)

I should like to inform you that the First Meeting of the Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG), which will focus primarily on eBCD developments and future needs, has been scheduled for **5 February 2026**. The meeting will have an online format, and the meeting times will be 12:00 to 17:00 (Madrid time). If work cannot be completed an additional 30 minutes may be envisaged. There will be two 30-minute breaks, one at 13:30 and the other at 15:30.

The Tentative Agenda attached herein will be posted together with any other documents in the [meeting nextCloud folder](#). 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 any documents for discussion at the meeting, or any additional reports/background information which may be of interest to the Group, are requested to submit these before **23 January 2026**, in order to ensure that they can be translated and published in time for the start of the meeting.

In order to organise 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 **23 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 this date (**23 January 2026**), using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Tentative agenda.



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**Tentative agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. eBCD system overall state of play
5. Review/progress of eBCD system developments and received cost/time estimate(s)
6. Consideration of new eBCD issues and/or possible future development:
  - a) stemming from Recommendations
  - b) from CPCs
7. Update on Call for Tenders to commission a feasibility study on the technological migration of the eBCD system and options for multi-species extension
8. Next steps and future intersessional work
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of the report and adjournment