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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 00324/2026

SUBJECT: INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATISTICS (SC-STATS)
- TENTATIVE AGENDA (*online, 24-25 February 2026*)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the schedule of ICCAT meetings for 2026, I would like to inform you that the Intersessional Meeting of the Subcommittee on Statistics (SC-STATS) is scheduled to be held online on **24-25 February 2026**. I am pleased to provide herewith the Tentative agenda of the meeting as well as additional information for participants.

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 10:00 to 17:30 (Madrid time, CET), with two breaks of 60 and 30 minutes at 12:00 and 15:00, 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 **17 February 2026**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting and to the [ICCAT NextCloud folder](#) where the meeting documents and presentations will be made available. All participants must also register for the meeting by **17 February**, 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: Tentative agenda and additional information for participants.

Intersessional Meeting of the Subcommittee on Statistics
(Online, 24-25 February 2026)

Tentative agenda

1. Opening and meeting arrangements
2. Adoption of the agenda and nomination of Rapporteurs
3. Follow-up to SC-STATS 2025 and SCRS decisions
4. Review of ICCAT statistical forms and reporting workflows
5. Review of the shark species codes and statistics using guidance from SCRS/2025/238
6. Migration of Task 1 and Task 2 to the IOMS
 - a. Ongoing work with Task 1 Nominal catches (T1NC)
 - b. Planning future work on Task 2 Catch & effort (T2CE)
7. Split the sampling areas in the Mediterranean to replace older T1NC areas
8. Ad hoc groups established by SC-STATS – progress review
 - a. Ad hoc group on ST09 (Observers – Rec. 22-12)
 - b. Ad hoc group on standardisation of T1NC tables in Executive Summaries
 - c. Ad hoc group on treatment of data gaps and use of estimates (“carryovers”)
 - d. Ad hoc group on ICCAT rules and procedures on data protection, access and dissemination
 - e. Technical ad hoc group on flat file (CSV) formats for Task 2 datasets
9. Review of the 2026 Workplan
10. Responses to the Commission
11. Other matters
12. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting



Additional information for participants

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held online on 24-25 February 2026. The meeting hours will be from 10:00 to 17:30 (Madrid time, CET), with two breaks of 60 and 30 minutes at 12:00 and 15:00, respectively.

2. Contact information

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3. Language

Following the recommendations from the SCRS and the decision of the Commission in 2025, language interpretation will be provided during the meeting. Participants are encouraged to take advantage of native language opportunities and use video during interventions to facilitate the interpreter's task.

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 carlos.mayor@iccat.int by **17 February 2026**. Documents and presentations provided after the deadline will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the Convener. 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 **17 February 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 **17 February 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**.