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CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS



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COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA
CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

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SUBJECT: SECOND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 1 (*hybrid/Bilbao, Spain, 5-7 May 2026*)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the ICCAT meetings scheduled for 2026, I would like to inform you that the Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 has been scheduled for **5-7 May 2026**. The meeting will be held at the Ercilla Hotel in Bilbao (Spain), will have a hybrid format, and the meeting times will be from 9:00 to 18:00 (local time).

The Tentative Agenda (here attached) will be posted together with any other documents in the [Nextcloud meeting document folder](#). Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement to potential delegates. This announcement will also be included on our [current meetings webpage](#).

The ICCAT Secretariat will upload the Annual Fishing, Management and Capacity Declarations and Plans for Tropical tunas, along with their FAD Management Plans, where applicable, on the [NextCloud site](#) under the PA1_2 folder, as they become available in the three official languages.

Should CPCs have any questions about the plans published, please submit them to the ICCAT Secretariat before **20 April 2026** for those available by that date, in order for these questions to be transmitted to the CPC(s) concerned in advance of the meeting. This may help CPCs respond to any issues raised during the meeting and expedite the discussion. Such questions may be sent individually (i.e. CPC by CPC) or in one combined submission once all plans are available, as preferred.

CPCs wishing to submit documents for the forthcoming meeting are requested to do so as early as possible, and no later than **20 April 2026**, in order to ensure that they can be translated and published in time before the start of the meeting.

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 **23 April 2026**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to the meeting to participants. All participants must also register for the meeting by **23 April 2026**, using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

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 meeting (**21 March 2026**). Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. 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.



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Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Tentative Agenda (PA1_MAY_01/i2026).



Tentative agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of rapporteur and meeting arrangements
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Review of fishing, capacity and FAD management plans submitted by CPCs, including statements for development of fisheries
5. Approaches to the yellowfin tuna allocation key for distribution of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) (with particular attention to the interests of developing coastal States)
6. Additional management measures for yellowfin tuna in case the total catch exceeds (in any year) the TAC (of 110,000 t) as stipulated in Rec. 24-01
 - 6.1. Yellowfin tuna allocation key
 - 6.2. Review of potential capacity limits in light of the allocation key
7. Review other measures relevant to the conservation and management of tropical tuna
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of report and closure