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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: 25TH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT)

Following the adoption by the Commission of the ICCAT meetings scheduled for 2026, on behalf of the Chair of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I have the honour to inform you that the European Union will host the 25th Special Meeting of the Commission, which will be held at the [Centro de Congressos do Algarve](#) that is part of the [Tivoli Marina Vilamoura](#) hotel complex (Vilamoura, Portugal) from 16 to 23 November 2026. Please note that the meeting will be in hybrid format and the Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (PA1) will be held previously at the same venue between 14-15 November 2026.

For this meeting of the Commission, it should be noted that an agency has been hired (ALIVE TRAVEL) and, therefore, information concerning hotels with which the agency has arranged special rates, visa requirements, the venue and other relevant information for delegates has been compiled on a dedicated webpage that is available [here](#).

In accordance with the [Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 14-14 on the establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for developing ICCAT Contracting Parties \(Rec. 20-09\)](#), there is funding available to cover travel and accommodation expenses for **one delegate** per developing Contracting Party. As agreed at the 2025 Commission meeting, on a trial basis, a second delegate from developing CPCs could be funded to participate in the Annual Meeting if sufficient funds remain after ensuring the participation of at least one delegate from all eligible delegations. Therefore, requests should be transmitted to the ICCAT Secretariat (ICCAT-Travel@iccat.int) by **2 October 2026 (30 September 2026 for the PA1 Meeting)** and clearly identify the priority delegate. Requests received after the deadline **will not be considered**. The Commission Meeting invitation form needed for an assistance funding request can be downloaded [here](#). The form must be fully completed to proceed with payment. Funding assistance will be granted only if the conditions stipulated in the [Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund](#) are strictly respected.

The respective **Tentative Agendas** for this meeting and those of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as well as the **Tentative Timetable**, will be published on the [meeting documents webpage](#) when available.

Please be advised that the distribution list is limited, therefore we kindly request that you circulate this announcement to potential members of your delegation.

I should also like to remind all CPCs of the decision taken by the Commission that all documents not dependent on SCRS advice should be submitted one month before the opening of the meeting (**16 October 2026**) and proposals which require the most recent available scientific advice, at least one week in advance of the meeting (**9 November 2026**). Additional information regarding documents submission will be posted on the [meeting documents webpage](#) at a later stage.

I would appreciate if you could inform the ICCAT Secretariat of the tentative list of names and titles of the people attending the meeting in-person as members of your delegation by **30 September 2026**. This information is essential for the ICCAT Secretariat to adjust in due time the necessary meeting logistics.



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Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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