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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 2250/2017


SUBJECT: 2017 SHORTFIN MAKO SHARK STOCK ASSESSMENT
(Madrid, Spain – 12 to 16 June, 2017)

I have the honor to inform you that the Shortfin Mako Shark Stock Assessment Meeting will be held between 12-16 June 2017, in Madrid, Spain.

Attached please find the objectives, the tentative agenda of the meeting and other relevant information about the organization. I would appreciate it very much if you distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will also be published on our web site.

In order to have an estimation of the number of participants in advance of the session I would also appreciate if you could send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **29 May 2017**.

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.


Driss Meski
Executive Secretary



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Attachment: Tentative Agenda, Information for participants.

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Objectives

In 2016 the SCRS elaborated a work plan for 2017 which included a stock assessment meeting to assess the stock status of the North and South Atlantic shortfin mako shark.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Summary of available data submitted by the assessment data deadline (30 April 2017)
 - 2.1 Stock identity
 - 2.2 Catches
 - 2.3 Indices of abundance
 - 2.4 Biology
 - 2.5 Length compositions
 - 2.6 Other relevant data
3. Methods and other data relevant to the assessment
 - 3.1 Production models
 - 3.2 Length-based age-structured models: Stock Synthesis
 - 3.3 Other methods
4. Stock status results
 - 4.1 Production models
 - 4.2 Stock Synthesis
 - 4.3 Other methods
 - 4.4 Synthesis of assessment results
5. Projections
6. Recommendations
 - 6.1 Research and statistics
 - 6.2 Management
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the report and closure

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held from 12 (Monday) to 16 (Friday) June, 2017 (registration starts at 08:30 am, June 12). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 18:00.

The meeting will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat: c/Corazón de María 8, Madrid, Spain. For a map with the Secretariat's location and information about Madrid please [click here](#).

2. Contact information

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3. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English, as no simultaneous translation can be provided. Scientific documents can be written in English, Spanish or French.

4. Call for scientific papers

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. In order to better organize the meetings, in 2014 the SCRS established deadlines for submitting documents, which were revised in 2015. These deadlines provide the rapporteurs with valuable information to better fit the meeting timetable as well as allow the Secretariat to make the documents available to participants in advance of the meeting. In 2015 the SCRS "proposed that a new deadline for the submission of SCRS documents should be implemented; these documents should be provided in their entirety at least one week before the meeting in which they are to be presented to facilitate their review by participating scientists prior to these meetings". As such the full documents for this meeting should be provided to info@iccat.int or miguel.santos@iccat.int by **5 June 2017**. Authors are reminded to closely follow the *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. Provision of data

At the 2017 Shortfin Mako Data Preparatory meeting, the Group decided that any additional catch data or revisions to the data provided in tables 7 and 8 of the meeting report, that CPCs may wish to see incorporated in the assessment, must be submitted by the end of April 2017, or it will not be included in the assessment input files. The Group further specified that this should in fact be the case for all data to be included in the assessment of the shortfin mako stocks (including size data, CPUEs etc.). As such a general deadline of 30 April 2017 was set for all data to be included in the 2017 Shortfin Mako Stock Assessment (North and South).

6. Funding

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a scientist from each ICCAT developing Contracting Party who can provide information relevant to the meeting objectives, particularly in reference to provision of data.

According with the Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund adopted at the 2014 Commission meeting, requests should be received **45 days** in advance, i.e. **28 April 2017**. Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date.

All the information related with the ICCAT special funds for participation in ICCAT meeting and capacity building is available in the ICCAT web site [here](#). It is highly recommended to visit this web page in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary to fully complete the invitation form including explanations of the expected contribution to the meeting and how it relates to the meeting objectives.

7. Hotel information

Please note that the prices below are approximate and may vary. The Secretariat does not have fixed prices agreements with the hotels below unless specifically indicated. All delegates should make their own reservations directly with the hotel.

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| APARTAMENTOS TOGUMAR C/ Canillas, 59 28002 Madrid, Spain Tel. + 34 91 519 00 51; Fax +34 91 519 48 45 | Double room (incl. breakfast): 75€ Double room (room only): 66€ Single room (incl. breakfast): 62€ Single room (room only): 57€ (10% VAT included) |
| HOTEL ABBA 4* Avda. América, 32 28028 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 212 5000; Fax +34 91 212 5001 http://www.abbahoteles.com | Double room single use: 90€ - 130€ (10 % VAT included) * Special offer: While booking, if you add the ICCAT code, you will get a 10% discount. |
| HOTEL AC AVD DE AMÉRICA 3* 1 C/ Cartagena, 83 28028 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 724 4240; Fax +34 91 724 4241 reservas.acamerica@ac-hotels.com http://www.ac-hotels.com/ | Double room single use (incl. breakfast): 100€ Double room (incl. breakfast): 110€ (10% VAT non-inclusive) Unavailable dates: 08-12 May 12-16 June 04-08 September 11-12 September |
| APARTAMENTOS GOYA c/ General Pardiñas, 13 Madrid 28001, Spain Tel: +34 91 781 8930 Fax: +34 91 575 6867 info@apartamentosgoya75.com | Apartment 1-2 Pax Accommodation only 60€ (10 % VAT included) |
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| <p>HOTEL NH BALBOA 3* c/ Núñez de Balboa, 112 Madrid 28006, España Tel: +34 91 563 0324 Fax: +34 91 562 6980 E-mail: nhbalboa@nh-hotels.com</p> | <p>Double room single use (incl. breakfast): 110-139€</p> <p>26-30 June: 169€ 11 September: 249€</p> <p>(10 % VAT included)</p> |
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| <p>HOTEL REGENTE 3* c/ Mesonero Romanos 9, on the corner of Gran Vía Madrid 28013, Spain Tel: +34 91 521 2941 Fax: +34 91 532 3014 http://www.hotelregente.com</p> | <p>Double room (incl. breakfast): 83€ Double room (room only): 78€ Single room (incl. breakfast): 77€ Single room (room only): 72€ (10% VAT included)</p> |

Further information may be obtained [here](#).