

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS (SCRS)
(Hotel Weare Chamartin – Madrid - 30 September - 4 October 2019)

REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of Agenda and arrangements for the meeting
3. Introduction of Contracting Party delegations*
4. Introduction and admission of observers*
5. Admission of scientific documents
6. Report of Secretariat activities in research and statistics
7. Review of national fisheries and research programmes**
8. Reports of inter-sessional SCRS meetings
 - 8.1 Intersessional Meeting of the Bluefin Species Group
 - 8.2 Bluefin MSE Technical Group meetings
 - 8.3 Intersessional Meeting of the Swordfish Species Group
 - 8.4 Meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods
 - 8.5 Shortfin Mako Stock Assessment Update Meeting
 - 8.6 White Marlin Data Preparatory and Stock Assessment Meetings
 - 8.7 Yellowfin Data Preparatory and Stock Assessment Meetings
 - 8.8 Intersessional Meeting of the Small Tunas Species Group
9. Executive Summaries on species:
YFT-Yellowfin, BET-Bigeye, SKJ-Skipjack, ALB-Albacore, BFT-Bluefin, BUM-Blue marlin, WHM-White marlin, SAI-Sailfish, SWO-Atl. Swordfish, SWO-Med. Swordfish, SMT-Small tunas, SHK-Sharks
10. Reports of Research Programmes
 - 10.1 Atlantic-Wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP)
 - 10.2 Atlantic Ocean Tropical tuna Tagging Programme (AOTTP)
 - 10.3 Small Tunas Year Programme (SMTYP)
 - 10.4 Shark Research and Data Collection Programme (SRDCP)
 - 10.5 Enhanced Billfish Research Programme (EBRP)
 - 10.6 Other research activities
 - 10.7 Composition of Programmes Steering Committees
11. Report of the Sub-committee on Statistics
12. Report of the Sub-committee on Ecosystems and By-catch
13. Considerations of implications of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2
14. Considerations of implications of the Meeting of the Joint t-RFMO FAD Working Group

15. Progress related to work developed on MSE
 - 15.1 Work conducted for bluefin tuna
 - 15.2 Work conducted for northern albacore
 - 15.3 Work conducted for northern swordfish
 - 15.4 Work conducted for tropical tunas
 - 15.5 Roadmap for the ICCAT MSE processes
16. Report on the implementation of the Science Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 in 2019 and work plan for 2020, which includes the update of the stock assessment software catalogue
17. Consideration of plans for future activities
 - 17.1 Annual Work Plans and research programmes
 - 17.2 Intersessional meetings proposed for 2020
 - 17.3 Date and place of the next meeting of the SCRS
18. General recommendations to the Commission
 - 18.1 General recommendations to the Commission that have financial implications
 - 18.2 Other recommendations
19. Responses to Commission's requests ***
 - 19.1 Refine the MSE for W-BFT and continue testing the candidate management procedures. Rec. 17-06, paragraph 16
 - 19.2 Continue its MSE work for E-BFT, testing candidate management procedures, including harvest control rules (HCRs). Rec. 18-02, paragraph 13
 - 19.3 The SCRS shall review the data and determine the feasibility of estimating fishing mortalities by commercial fisheries (including longline and purse seine), recreational fisheries and artisanal fisheries. The SCRS shall also develop a new data collection initiative as part of the ICCAT Enhanced Program for Billfish Research to overcome the data gap issues of those fisheries, in particular artisanal fisheries of developing CPCs, and shall recommend the initiative to the Commission for its approval in 2019. (Rec. 18-04, paragraph 10)
 - 19.4 Updated assessment of the state of the Mediterranean swordfish stock on the basis of the most recent data available. Rec. 16-05, paragraph 45
 - 19.5 Review the effectiveness of the measures contained in Rec. 17-08 and provide the Commission with additional scientific advice on conservation and management measures for North Atlantic shortfin mako. Rec. 17-08, paragraph 10
 - 19.6 Provide with a summary of the scientific data and information collected and reported pursuant to Rec. 16-14 and any relevant associated findings. Recommend on how to improve the effectiveness of scientific observer programmes, including possible revisions to Rec. 16-14 and/or with respect to implementation of these minimum standards and protocols by CPCs. Rec. 16-14, paragraph 12 *c* and *d*
 - 19.7 The SCRS will provide an update on the progress of the work on Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management in 2018 and report back to the Commission with available findings in 2019, if possible. Res. 16-23, paragraph 2

20. Other matters

20.1 Analysis of recommendations emanating from the Performance Review Panel and possible necessary actions

20.2 Collaboration with other International Organizations (ICES, CITES, GEF, etc.)

20.3 Update of the ICCAT glossary

20.4 Consideration of new publication guidelines: Executive summaries, SCRS report and Coll. Vol. Sci. Pap.

20.5 Peer review publication (SCRS documents)

21. Adoption of report and closure

* The Executive Secretary will list the Contracting Parties and Observer Delegations present. Any statements should be resented in writing only.

** The text to be included in the SCRS report should be very short and presented in writing on or before September 22, 09:00 a.m. (Madrid time). Oral presentations, if any, should be brief and focus on aspects that are not covered elsewhere by the individual species groups.

*** Responses derived from the results of 2019 stock assessments (northern Atlantic shortfin mako update, Atlantic white marlin and yellow tuna) are included in Agenda Item 8.