

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS (SCRS)
(Online, 27 September - 2 October 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. General remarks by the SCRS Chair
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 and presentations
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 2020 Third Intersessional Meeting of the Bluefin Species Group
 - 8.2 Intersessional Meeting of the Billfishes Species Group
 - 8.3 Tropical Tunas MSE Technical Group Meeting
 - 8.4 First Intersessional Meeting of the Bluefin Species Group (and western BFT data prep)
 - 8.5 Bluefin Tuna MSE Technical Group meeting
 - 8.6 Second Intersessional Meeting of the Bluefin Tuna Species Group
 - 8.7 Western Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting
 - 8.8 Bigeye Tuna Data Preparatory Meeting
 - 8.9 Bigeye Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting
 - 8.10 Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods Meeting
 - 8.11 Small Tunas Species Group intersessional Meeting
 - 8.12 Swordfish Species Group intersessional Meeting
 - 8.13 Albacore Species Group intersessional Meeting (and Mediterranean ALB stock assessment)
9. Executive Summaries on species:
 - 9.1 BET-Bigeye Tuna
 - 9.2 W-BFT-Western Bluefin Tuna
 - 9.3 ALB-MED-Mediterranean Albacore
 - 9.4 Task 1 catches for all major ICCAT species (excluding those contained in items 9.1 to 9.3 of this report)
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 Programs (on Albacore and Swordfish)
- 11. Report of the Subcommittee on Statistics
- 12. Report of the Subcommittee on Ecosystems and Bycatch
- 13. Discussions at the Intersessional Meetings of Panel 1 relevant to the SCRS
- 14. Discussions at the Intersessional Meetings of Panel 2 relevant to the SCRS
- 15. Discussions at the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 relevant to the SCRS
- 16. Discussions at the Intersessional Meeting of IMM relevant to the SCRS
- 17. Progress related to work developed on MSE
 - 17.1 Work conducted for northern albacore
 - 17.2 Work conducted for bluefin tuna
 - 17.3 Work conducted for northern swordfish
 - 17.4 Work conducted for tropical tunas
 - 17.5 Review the Roadmap for the ICCAT MSE processes adopted by the Commission in 2019
- 18. Update of the stock assessment software catalogue
- 19. Consideration of plans for future activities
 - 19.1 Annual workplans and research programmes
 - 19.1.1 Subcommittee on Ecosystems and Bycatch workplan and research plan
 - 19.1.2 Subcommittee on Statistics workplan
 - 19.1.3 Albacore workplan
 - 19.1.4 Billfish workplan
 - 19.1.5 Bluefin tuna workplan
 - 19.1.6 Sharks workplan
 - 19.1.7 Small tunas workplan 2021-2023
 - 19.1.8 Swordfish workplan
 - 19.1.9 Tropical Tunas workplan

- 19.1.10 Methods workplan (WGSAM)
- 19.2 Intersessional meetings proposed for 2022
- 19.3 Date and place of the next meeting of the SCRS
- 20. General recommendations to the Commission
 - 20.1 General recommendations to the Commission that have financial implications
 - 20.1.1 Subcommittee on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 20.1.2 Subcommittee on Statistics
 - 20.1.3 Albacore
 - 20.1.4 Billfish
 - 20.1.5 Bluefin tuna
 - 20.1.6 Sharks
 - 20.1.7 Small tunas
 - 20.1.8 Swordfish
 - 20.1.9 Tropical tunas
 - 20.1.10 Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods (WGSAM)
 - 20.2 Other general recommendations
 - 20.2.1 Subcommittee on Ecosystems and Bycatch
 - 20.2.2 Subcommittee on Statistics
 - 20.2.3 Albacore
 - 20.2.4 Billfish tuna
 - 20.2.5 Bluefin tuna
 - 20.2.6 Sharks
 - 20.2.7 Small tunas
 - 20.2.8 Swordfish
 - 20.2.9 Tropical tunas
 - 20.2.10 Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods (WGSAM)
- 21. Responses to the Commission's requests
- 22. Other matters
 - 22.1 Update of Chapter 2 of the ICCAT Manual
 - 22.2 Election of the SCRS Chair

23. Adoption of report

- * The Executive Secretary will list the Contracting Parties and Observer Delegations present. Any statements should be presented 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.

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF TROPICAL TUNAS SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 20 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Responses to the Commission (Recs. 17-01, 19-02) (if needed)
3. Update of the Bigeye Tuna Executive Summary (if needed)
4. Workplan and recommendations for 2021 (if needed)
5. Brief update on the ongoing tropical tunas MSE process
6. Review of new scientific documents for tropical tunas
7. Other matters

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF BLUEFIN SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 21 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Review the work conducted under the GBYP
3. Review of responses to the Commission (if needed)
4. Finalize of the W-BFT Executive Summary (if needed)
5. Update on the ongoing bluefin tuna MSE process, particularly related to communication with Panel 2
6. Other matters

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF SHARKS SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 22 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Responses to the Commission (Rec. 19-06, Rec. 19-07 and Rec. 19-08)
3. Workplan (including extending the ongoing studies/activities under the Shark Research and Data Collection Program - SRDCP) and recommendations for 2021
4. Review of new scientific documents for sharks (primarily related to ongoing studies within SRDCP)
5. Other matters

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

(Online, 23 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Opening, adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Summary of fisheries and biological data submitted during 2021 (Tasks 1, 2 and 3), including historical revisions
3. Summary of Secretariat's standard (yearly based) datasets estimations
4. Brief overview of data deficiencies pursuant to Rec. 05-09
5. Brief overview of ICCAT Online Management System (IOMS) work
6. Work plan for 2022
7. Recommendations (with special emphasis on those with financial implications)
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF ALBACORE SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 24 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Update of the Executive Summary for Mediterranean albacore
3. Review of new scientific documents for albacore (including ongoing studies)
4. Other matters

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF SWORDFISH SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 24 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Update on the ongoing northern Atlantic swordfish MSE process
3. Review of new scientific documents for swordfish (particularly pertaining to studies in the SWO workplan)
4. Other matters

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF BILLFISH SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 25 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Responses to the Commission (Rec. 19-05)
3. Workplan (including extending the ongoing studies/activities under the Enhanced Programme for Billfish Research - EPBR) and recommendations for 2021
4. Review of new scientific documents for billfishes (particularly on ongoing studies within EPBR)
5. Other matters

2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA OF SMALL TUNAS SPECIES GROUP

(Online, 25 September 2021; 12:00-14:00 14:30-16:30 hours)

1. Review of fisheries statistics (Tasks 1, 2 and 3)
2. Revise recommendations with financial implications
3. Review of new scientific documents for small tunas (including ongoing studies)
4. Other matters