

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STREAMLINE
THE COMMISSION'S REQUESTS AND RESPONSES FROM THE SCRS**

RECOGNIZING that the number of the Commission's requests to the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) has been increasing in the last decade¹;

CONCERNED that the workload of the SCRS to respond to the Commission's requests has been increasing, undermining the capacity of the SCRS to work on key tasks;

AWARE that some of the requests are obsolete, less important than initially thought or repeated several times without receiving meaningful responses from the SCRS;

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Commission should establish a task force to consider streamlining of the Commission's requests.
2. The task force should consist of the Commission Chair, the SCRS Chair, the Chair of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and the Panel Chairs.
3. The task force should work without any interpretation or translation on an e-mail basis and may hold online meetings if necessary.
4. Each Panel Chair and the PWG Chair should make the list of the requests to be scrapped or suspended, including the rationale, and consult with the Commission Chair and SCRS Chair for endorsement.
5. The Commission Chair should compile all the requests to be scrapped or suspended and submit the list to the 2026 Commission annual meeting for final decision. If there is no agreement among the Chairs on a request to be scrapped or suspended, such request should not be included in the list.
6. The Commission at its 2026 annual meeting should decide whether the task force should continue.

¹ Number of the Commission's requests to the SCRS in the last decade.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
14	22	12	14	22	34	39	38	39	42