

ICCAT BFT Modelling Coordination Group

The MSE process being embarked upon by ICCAT is an important initiative and represents a significant investment of time and resources by the Commission, CPCs and scientists involved. It is important that a multi-year program of this scale and complexity is supported by an effective coordinating body with the requisite technical expertise and appreciation of needs of the SCRS, Commission and CPCs to ensure that the work program, MSE development and outcomes are supported and adopted. The BFT-SAM recommended that an MSE modeling coordinating group be convened to fulfill this need.

Draft Terms of Reference and recommended membership of the MSE Modelling Coordination Group are provided below.

The Coordination Group will be Chaired by the Modelling Coordinator and supported by the GBYP Coordinator.

Terms of Reference for BFT MSE Modelling Coordination Group

1. Provide technical oversight and advice on the MSE process to the SCRS
2. Provide annual review of progress against work plan and report to SCRS and Commission
3. Review technical contributions and outputs to the work program and advise the secretariat on satisfactory completion of tendered contracts.
4. Advise the secretariat and GBYP Steering Committee on out-of-session revisions to work program, where necessary and appropriate.

Updated Core Modelling Group and ICCAT Secretariat support

Role	Name	Position	Relevant Expertise
Chair	Campbell Davies	Modelling Coordinator	Science-Policy communication, MSE, Population Dynamics
Member	Laurie Kell	ICCAT Population Dynamics Specialist	Stock Assessment, MSE, Population Dynamics
Member	Polina Levontin	Independent Scientist	Risk assessment specialist
Member	Richard Hillary	Independent scientist	MSE, Stock Assessment, Population Dynamics
Member	Toshihide Kitakado	CPC Scientist	Stock Assessment, MSE, Population Dynamics
Member	Clay Porch	ICCAT SCRS WBFT Rapporteur	Stock Assessment, MSE, Population Dynamics

Member	Sylvain Bonhommeau	ICCAT SCRS EBFT Rapporteur	Stock Assessment, Population Dynamics
Member	Yukio Takeuchi	BFT assessment scientist	Stock Assessment, Population dynamics
Member	Haritz Arrizabalaga	BFT assessment scientist	Fisheries Science, Marine Ecology
Ex- Officio	Josu Santiago (incoming: David Die)	SCRS Chair	Population Dynamics, Management advice
Ex- Officio	Doug Butterworth	CPC Scientist	Stock Assessment, MSE, Population Dynamics
Ex- Officio	Paul De Bruyn	ICCAT Secretariat Statistical Dept.	ICCAT data base, Stock Assessment
Ex- Officio	Antonio Di Natale	GBYP Coordinator	GBYP Program, BFT biology