

ICCAT-GBYP STEERING COMMITTEE E-MEETING REPORT – 02/2012

20-21 March 2012

1. Agenda of the e-meeting

The GBYP Steering Committee (SC) meeting was held by e-mail contacts on 20-21 March 2012, with the participation of Messrs. Jean-Marc Fromentin, Driss Meski, Tom Polacheck, Clay Porch and Josu Santiago. Messrs. Pilar Pallarés (ICCAT Assistant Executive Secretary), Laurence Kell, Juan Antonio Moreno, Mauricio Ortiz, M Hamed Idrissi (GBYP Assistant Coordinator) and Antonio Di Natale (GBYP Coordinator), from the ICCAT Secretariat, were also in copy of all the correspondence.

The electronic meeting had the only objective of revising the GBYP budget for Phase 3, due to a further reduction of the total figure, according to preliminary information available at the ICCAT Secretariat, as anticipated at the previous SC meeting on February 2012.

Dr. Santiago was the chair of the e-meeting. The following report includes all points discussed during the Steering Committee e-meeting on the single point of the Agenda.

2. Revision of the GBYP activities in Phase 3 (April 23 – December 2012)

2.1 *New reduced budget figure.*

According to the most recent information, the total budget figure for 2012 should be a maximum of 1,900,000 Euros, confirming the pessimistic level anticipated by the ICCAT Secretariat during the SC Meeting on 7-8 February 2012. This figure is 5% lower than the minimum budget taken into account by the SC for setting the various GBYP activities for Phase 3.

The SC also notes that the current total budget is 67.5% lower than the budget originally approved by the Commission in 2009, 69.3% lower than the budget recommended by the SC in 2010 and 57% lower than the reduced budget recommended by the SCRS and endorsed by the Commission in 2011.

2.2 *Revision and definition of GBYP activities for Phase 3*

The SC notes that it is necessary to urgently revise in detail the list of activities already defined for Phase 3 during the SC Meeting on 7-8 February 2012, because the updated budget detail shall be available for all ICCAT CPCs on time for requesting any contribution not already defined.

The SC notes that it is difficult to eliminate some activities, because they were already extremely limited and it is necessary to preserve those which are absolutely essential for the future of GBYP and for providing the scientific data related to them.

The SC reviewed the various actions included in the last version of the budget as follows:

- ✓ Action A – Coordination. The SC notes that all costs are extremely limited and there is no possibility to further reduce them without affecting the basic functionality of the GBYP management structure.
- ✓ Action B – Data mining, data retrieval and data elaboration. This action was strongly reduced in the previous budget, if compared with the figures included in the original plan. The SC considers that, due to the current situation, the few remaining data mining and data recovery activities, along with the VMS data analysis, can be delayed to Phase 4, while the analyses of the data retrieved and recovered in Phase 1 and 2 shall be continued, because they are essential for the work to be done by the SCRS.
- ✓ Action C – Aerial Survey. The SC notes that this action was already removed from Phase 3.
- ✓ Action D – Tagging. The SC notes that this activity is absolutely essential, because it was initiated in Phase 2 and it needs to be improved in Phase 3 as planned, for avoiding losing all efforts already done. The SC notes that it is possible to slightly reduce some operational costs and to moderately reduce the tag awareness costs if some duties will be assumed directly by the coordination staff. The SC also notes that some scale economy might be

possible if tagging and biological sampling will be carried out together or in parallel, because of the possibility to have some biological samplings made during the tagging activities, as already specified in the previous SC meeting report.

- ✓ Action E – Biological and genetic sampling and analyses. The SC notes that the budget was already considerably reduced in the previous figure and that this activity is essential for clarifying several important scientific issues. A further reduction will seriously affect the results. Taking into account the possibility to carry out together or in parallel this activity with the tagging one, it is possible to slightly reduce some operational sampling costs.
- ✓ Action F – Modeling approaches. The SC notes that the original figure was considerably reduced during the previous SC meeting. A further reduction will affect the remaining activities and this is not acceptable.

After several discussions, the SC agrees on a revised reduced budget, which fits the total amount of 1,900,000 Euros, which cannot be, in any case, further reduced without affecting the functionality and objectives of GBYP. The revised reduced budget is attached as Annex 1.

The recommended shared GBYP contribution by each ICCAT CPC is showed on Annex 2.

The SC recommends a very strict monitoring of all expenditures, for ensuring the maximum efficiency of the remaining actions and activities.

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ICCAT-GBYP PHASE 3 (2012) - BUDGET APPROVED BY THE SC			
ACTION	ALLOCATION		
		detail	total Phase 3
A	Coordination		260.000,00 €
A.1	Coordinator's and supporting staff (G2 and P2) and salary and benefits	€ 193.000,00	
A.2	Travels and subsistence (including SC)	€ 40.000,00	
A.3	Computer hardware and software		
A.4	Consumables and supplies	€ 3.000,00	
A.5	Contracts for external Steering Committee members	€ 15.000,00	
A.6	ICCAT Secretariat overhead	€ 9.000,00	
B	Data mining, data retrieval and data elaboration (external contracts)		€ 30.000,00
B.1	Data mining and data retrieval exercise:		
	Ottoman archives:	€ -	
	Recent (2000-2011) data recovery:	€ -	
	Historical data gaps including environment; model with thermocline data	€ -	
	SST data 2012:	€ -	
	Data analyses activities	€ 30.000,00	
B.2	VMS Data Analysis	€ -	
C	Aerial surveys		€ -
D	Tagging		€ 1.140.000,00
	Conventional and electronic tagging and tag recapture trials (external contracts) including tagging expert coordinator, taggers and 6 month/vessel	€ 1.080.000,00	
D.1			
D.2	Electronic tagging (external contracts)	€ -	
D.3	electronic tags	€ -	
D.4	conventional tags and applicators	€ -	
D.5	Tag awareness and rewards campaign (partly external contracts)	€ 50.000,00	
D	other costs	€ 10.000,00	
E	Biological sampling (external contracts)		€ 410.000,00
E.1	Biological and genetic sampling;	€ 300.000,00	
E.2	Sampling operational meeting	€ 10.000,00	
E.3	Analysis of samples	€ 100.000,00	
E	other costs	€ -	
F	Modelling		€ 60.000,00
F.1	Technical meetings on modelling	€ 10.000,00	
F.2	Risk analysis (external contract)	€ 20.000,00	
F.3	Historical data analysis (external contract)		
	Distribution analysis of areas where juveniles may concentrate	€ 10.000,00	
F.4	Alternative management advice frameworks (ext. contracts)		
F.5	Performing simulation trials (partial external contracts)	€ 20.000,00	
	Total revised reduced minimum budget		€ 1.900.000,00

ICCAT GBYP
ESTIMATED SHARED CONTRIBUTION

2010	%	2011	%	CPC	2012 scenario 2 (MIN)	%	
600.000,00 €	80,000%	2.000.000,00 €	79,43%	European Union	1.400.000,00 €	73,68%	
10.000,00 €	1,333%	42.398,00 €	1,68%	Japan	43.704,08 €	2,30%	
71.200,00 €	9,493%	177.700,07 €	7,06%	USA	187.500,00 €	9,87%	
22.500,00 €	3,000%	75.060,00 €	2,98%	Turkey	27.836,23 €	1,47%	
- €	0,000%	30.000,00 €	1,19%	Morocco	63.587,35 €	3,35%	
15.000,00 €	2,000%	22.000,00 €	0,87%	Canada	22.000,00 €	1,16%	
7.000,00 €	0,933%	10.000,00 €	0,40%	Croatia	19.518,90 €	1,03%	
20.000,00 €	2,667%	20.000,00 €	0,79%	Norway	20.000,00 €	1,05%	
3.000,00 €	0,400%	3.000,00 €	0,12%	Chinese Taipei	3.000,00 €	0,16%	
- €	0,000%	50.000,00 €	1,99%	Libya	46.952,68 €	2,47%	
				Algeria	7.177,05 €	0,38%	
				China	1.609,81 €	0,08%	
				Korea	4.024,52 €	0,21%	
				Tunisia	50.239,38 €	2,64%	
- €							
1.300,00 €	0,173%	71.841,93 €	2,85%	ICCAT Secretariat	2.850,00 €	0,15%	
750.000,00 €	100,00%	2.502.000,00 €	99,36%	TOTAL	1.900.000,00 €	100,00%	
841,92 €		16.000,00 €		Others			
750.841,92 €		2.518.000,00 €		BUDGET	1.900.000,00 €		
Budget as approved by the Commission in 2009	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total years 1-6
	750000,00	5845000,00	5845000,00	5196000,00	890000,00	610000,00	19136000,00
Budget as approved by the Steering Committee in 2010	750000,00	3476075,00	6348776,50	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Budget as approved by the SCRS in 2011			4417980,00	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Available budget for GBYP	750000,00	2502000,00	1900000,00	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd

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