

ICCAT ATLANTIC-WIDE RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOR BLUEFIN TUNA (GBYP)
GBYP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Madrid September 30, 2010
MEETING REPORT

In order to take urgent action on some pending issues, a short consultation among members of the Steering Committee, with the presence of some ICCAT Secretariat staff, was called by the GBYP Coordinator. The following points have been discussed:

1. Prorogation of GBYP Phase 1

The Secretariat has requested the EU to extend the completion date of Phase 1 until December 13, 2010, in order to accomplish some pending activities and fulfil the revision duties.

2. Tagging design offer

The GBYP Coordinator summarised the revised offer received from the tender, after the previous comments provided by the Steering Committee on September 8 (see the related Steering Committee report) and transmitted by the Secretariat to the tender.

It was considered that the revised proposal was done taking into account the previous comments, but needs still some clarifications and details, particularly concerning the detailed list of deliverables, the simulation tests and the budget items.

Due to the urgent need to have a tagging design, also to purchase the necessary tags, the ICCAT Secretariat is requested to ask for this revision to the tender.

3. Sea Surface Satellite Temperature Data

The GBYP Coordinator informed about the need to get sea surface temperature data sets for better analyse both the VMS and the aerial survey data, exploring possible correlations with environmental factors, able to better understand the presence and distribution of bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean Sea. The two offers received to perform this work have been discussed and it was agreed to award the contract to CLS. It was requested to provide these data for May, June, July for the last 10 years, at a resolution of 0.25°x0.25°, in a format usable by GIS.

4. GBYP web page

It was agreed to develop a dedicated GBYP web page, within the ICCAT site, in order to post all the products of the Programme.

5. Proposals for recommendations.

It was agreed to propose draft recommendations to be adopted by SCRS to support the programme (particularly concerning the support of CPCs for getting the necessary permits) and to help in defining the budget contributions.

6. GBYP reports and presentations.

It was agreed that a GBYP PowerPoint presentation shall be provided by the Coordinator to the SCRS Plenary and that a shorter presentation shall be provided by the SCRS Chair to the ICCAT Commission, during the coming meetings.