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**SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (SCBF)<sup>1</sup>**

In 2013, the Commission adopted Rec. 13-19, establishing a Scientific Capacity Building Fund (SCBF) to support scientists from those ICCAT Contracting Parties which are developing States in their need to acquire knowledge and develop skills on issues related to ICCAT.

Funding is destined to assist scientists in ad hoc training workshops of their choice (14 days maximum) on issues related to ICCAT, in scientific institutes and/or research centres of other ICCAT CPCs, based on a training strategy which must be presented to the ICCAT Secretariat and SCRS.

This fund initially received an allocation of €80,000.00 from the Working Capital Fund and Rec. 13-19 stipulates that *"The Commission will identify a procedure for supplying funds to the SCBF in the future"*.

No scientists have requested to assist any training workshops in 2017, therefore no expenses have been incurred. To date, the status of the fund is as follows:

<b>Scientific Capacity Building Fund (SCBF)</b>	
<b>Balance at the opening of 2017</b>	<b>€65,898.33</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
<b>Balance at 2 November 2017</b>	<b>€65,898.33</b>

During the 2016 meeting, the Commission authorised that a portion of the balance of this fund be used for other capacity-building activities. In 2017, there has not been any request in this regard, therefore the balance continues to be €65,898.33.

In addition, it was pointed out that Rec. 13-19 would have to be reviewed in 2017.

The Secretariat proposes that the balance be destined to cover a portion of the SCRS activities required for 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> Data at 3 November 2017.