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**WORKING GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN
ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM - 2018 STATUS REPORT**

(Submitted by the Chair of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group)

Overview of Working Group Activities for 2018

The Online Reporting Technology Working Group (WG) met in March 2018 in Madrid, Spain. For details to the meeting, please see the [Report](#). The group discussed existing online programs at other RFMOs and specific ICCAT online programs, including the Fisheries Online Reporting System (FORS) project, which had been carried out under the financing of the ABNJ, and the online reporting system for Task I and Task II statistical data forms, which has been developed by the Secretariat. The Secretariat also put forward a proposal for the WG to review and discuss, which would modify and adapt the FORS to process the ICCAT statistical forms, the design of which would then serve as a foundation for the construction of an ICCAT Integrated Operating Management System (IOMS). This system would be designed based on a modular architecture, which would simplify and allow further expansion of modules to handle the information related to the 160 reporting requirements currently maintained by the Secretariat. After extensive discussions on the technical specifications that would be included in the development of the IOMS, the Working Group agreed that the Secretariat should move forward with developing a more thorough proposal of the IOMS and the Annual Report module for presentation to the Working Group at the 2018 Annual Commission meeting.

The Working Group also discussed reviewing and eliminating unnecessary or duplicative reporting requirements before developing the IOMS or Annual Report module and that the Working Group should further consider streamlining reporting requirements in coordination with other ICCAT subsidiary bodies tasked to coordinate similar activities by the Ad Hoc Working Group to follow up on the Second ICCAT Performance Review. Based on these discussions the group agreed to compiling information on what are considered to be data reporting requirement redundancies. The group finalized an initial gathering of information and this has been shared with the SCRS, as well as the Secretariat. This information is also being fed into similar streamlining efforts identified through the Second ICCAT Performance Review recommendations.

The Secretariat has developed a proposal for the IOMS and Annual Report as a module within this system, as well as a detailed budget associated with these. Details can be found in document **COC-317/18**. The working group will meet in the margins of the annual meeting to discuss this document.

It is anticipated that one or more additional in-person meetings of the WG will be needed. Costs associated with such meetings are anticipated to be relatively small as they can be convened at ICCAT headquarters. The Commission is asked to consider WG needs when deciding on the 2019 intersessional meeting schedule.

The working group also developed a number of recommendations for the Compliance Committee to consider, including:

1. The Working Group supports the Integrated Online Management System (IOMS) presented by the Secretariat and recommends that the Commission adopt this system as the overarching online management system integrating all of the different reporting information collected and maintained currently by the Secretariat, taking into account the redundancies to be identified.
2. The Working Group supports the ongoing efforts by the Secretariat on the implementation of the online statistical validation system for the submission of statistical forms (Task I and II data) and in the near future it will be integrated into the IOMS. For these purposes, the Working Group recommends that the Commission fully fund the Secretariat's needs for the completion of this work.

3. The Working Group recommends that the Annual Report (part II) be developed as a module within the IOMS, and that the module build from the existing template, as well as incorporate the technical specifications identified by the working group.
4. The Working Group recommends that the Commission fund the initial development of the IOMS (both the web-app platform and the first module, the Annual Report part II) and further look into long term funding for the development of additional modules.
5. The Working Group recommends the Commission explore funding opportunities under the ABNJ Common Ocean Program.
6. The Working Group recommends that the Commission consider exploring possible funding opportunities in the future in order to allow the Tuna Compliance Network to continue its work.