

**21ST SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT)**

(Dubrovnik, Croatia, 12-19 November, 2018)

ANNOTATED COMMISSION AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by the Commission Chair, Mr. Raul Delgado. The letter from the Chair sent in advance of the meeting is available as **GEN-008/2018**. The opening address from the new Executive Secretary is available as **PLE-110/2018**.*

2. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements

*The Agenda is available as **PLE-100/2018***

3. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations

*Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, Executive Secretary, will introduce the Contracting Parties present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-006/2018***

4. Introduction of Observers

*Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, Executive Secretary, will introduce the Observers present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-006/2018***

5. Review of the report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr. David Die, SCRS Chair, will present the findings of the SCRS in 2018, including the request for recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness of scientific observer programs. Information relating to individual species / fisheries will be presented in the Panels.

6. Review of the reports of the 2018 Intersessional Meetings, and consideration of any necessary actions:

- **PA2-603/2018**: Intersessional meeting of Panel 2 – to be referred to Panel 2
- **COC-306/2018**: Meeting of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group – to be referred to Compliance Committee
- **PWG-408/2018**: 12th Meeting of the IMM Working Group – to be referred to PWG
- **PLE-101/2018**: Meeting of the Standing Working Group on Dialogue between Fisheries Scientists and Managers (SWGSM) - for consideration by plenary and referral to relevant subsidiary bodies
- **PLE-103/2018**: Meeting of the Working Group on Convention Amendment – for consideration in plenary

*In addition, in association with the report of this meeting, the Commission should consider the Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Species Considered to be Tuna and Tuna-Like Species or Oceanic, Pelagic, and Highly Migratory Elasmobranchs, available as **PLE-106/2018**.*

- **PA1-502/2018**: Panel 1 Intersessional meeting – to be referred to Panel 1
- **PWG-406/2018**: Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance – to be referred to PWG
- Meeting of the Compliance Committee (COC) - to be continued in Compliance Committee during regular meeting. It is unlikely that any report will be available from this intersessional meeting, but any updated documents arising from the special session will be made available.

7. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*Extracts have been made for the various subsidiary bodies for consideration. Plenary should consider the findings of each body, as well as the recommendations referred to plenary, to determine if further action is needed. Those relating to Plenary (and SWGSM/SCRS) are contained in **PLE-107/2018***

8. Assistance to developing coastal States and capacity building

*Information on the MPF is presented in **STF-208/2018** and the scientific capacity building in **STF-209/2018***

9. Cooperation with other organisations

*An update on interaction with the ABNJ Common Oceans Tuna Project and possible future activities is contained in **PLE-108/2018**. Information on cooperation with other organisations is contained in document **PLE-109/2018**.*

*Document **PLE-117/2018**, a Coordination and Cooperation between t-RFMOs: Adjusting the work under the KOBE process - A Concept note, has been submitted by the Chair of the Kobe Steering Committee.*

10. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Chair of STACFAD will report on the work undertaken and the recommendations of STACFAD, including any changes to the budget and contributions for 2019 (**STF-203/2018**).*

The STACFAD Chair will also report the Commission findings on the use of the Working Capital Fund and recommendations for the future financing of, inter alia, the eBCD, Online Reporting, Port Inspection (MCS) Assistance and AOTTP projects.

11. Reports of Panels 1 to 4 and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*If available during the meeting, the Panel Reports will be distributed as, **PA1-550/2018**, **PA2-650/2018**, **PA3-750/2018**, and **PA4-850/2018**. The Commission should consider Recommendations forwarded by the Panel for adoption.*

12. Report of the Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Committee, as well as the Compliance tables (**COC-304/2018**) and actions which may be required on the basis of the COC discussions, which will be available in **COC-308/2018**. The COC may be guided in its actions by Res. 16-17.*

13. Report of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Group, including the approval of the IUU list (**PWG-405/2018**).*

14. Inter-sessional meetings in 2019

The Commission may wish to set the dates and venues for intersessional meetings in 2019.

15. Other matters

15.1 The procedure for streamlining of Streamlining of Recommendations and Resolutions will be discussed in STACFAD. The elements requiring consideration by the Plenary (i.e. not elsewhere discussed) are contained in document **PLE-113/2018**.

15.2 Other matters may be raised by Contracting Parties present at the meeting, or by the Chair, if required.

16. Date and place of the next meeting of the Commission

17. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (COC)**

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by the Compliance Committee Chair, Mr. Derek Campbell (USA). The letter from the Chair which was circulate in advance of the meeting is published as **COC-314/2018***

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda is available as **COC-300/2018***

4. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*The issues referred to the Compliance Committee for consideration are contained in **COC-313/2018***

5. Review of actions taken by CPCs in response to letters relating to issues arising from the 2017 meeting

*The responses received to the letters sent by the Compliance Committee Chair are contained in **COC-309/2018***

6. Overview of implementation of and compliance with certain ICCAT reporting requirements:

6.1 CPC Annual Reports

*Annual Reports are contained in **COC-301/2018***

6.2 Compliance Tables

*The Compliance Tables are available as **COC-304/2018***

6.3 Statistical data and CPC status under Rec. 11-15

*Information is contained in **COC-303/2018**. A history of prohibitions is contained in Annex 7 to **COC-303/2018**.*

7. Review of Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee

*The Secretariat report to the Compliance Committee is **COC-303/2018***

8. CPC-by-CPC review of compliance with ICCAT requirements

*Document **COC-308/2018** lists possible issues for review. **COC-303/2018** summarises much of the information received, while **COC-302/2018** and **COC-305/2018** contain information relevant to specific topics. **COC-311/2018** summarises the difficulties encountered by CPCs in the implementation of ICCAT conservation and management measures. A letter from Japan requesting information on Compliance Status of IMO number requirements of Rec. 13-13 has been distributed as **COC-319A/2018**.*

9. Review of information relating to NCPs

Responses to letters from the Chair are included in **COC-310/2018**. No additional issues had been raised in 2018 at the time of writing.

10. Review of requests for Cooperating status

Bolivia, Chinese Taipei, Costa Rica, Guyana and Suriname currently enjoy cooperating status. No new requests have been received in 2018. Bolivia and Costa Rica have expressly requested renewal, although re-application is not required.

11. Compliance tables

11.1 Review and adoption

*A revised version of **COC-304/2018** may be distributed after review by the Panels.*

11.2 Consideration of improvements to format

12. COC Recommendations of Actions to address issues of non-compliance by CPCs and issues relating to NCPs

13. Streamlining ICCAT measures

*Document **STF-205/2018** outlines the process to be considered*

14. Review of progress of the Working Group on the development of an online reporting system

*The report of the WG is available as **COC-306/2018**. Additional information for consideration by CoC can also be found in documents **COC-316** and **COC-317/2018**.*

15. Recommendations to the Commission to improve compliance

*Measures to improve compliance may be considered in light of the discussions on the above items. With a view to improving the process for compliance review the Chair has put forward a draft 'Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend ICCAT Reporting Deadlines in order to Facilitate an Effective and Efficient Compliance Process', which has been published as **COC-315/2018**. **COC-303/2018** also contains some suggestions regarding the process for consideration.*

16. Other matters

*An explicative brochure on the Tuna Compliance Network (**COC-312/2018**) has been circulated as **COC-312/2018** for transparency. The third workshop of this network will take place in February 2019, and will include the Chairs of the Compliance Committees.*

17. Adoption of report and adjournment

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF ICCAT STATISTICS AND CONSERVATION MEASURES (PWG)**

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Mr. Neil Ansell, Chair of the PWG.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **PWG-400/2018**.*

4. Review of the report of the Twelfth Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) and consideration of any necessary actions

*The report is available as document **PWG-408/2018***

*Initial draft of the information requested by the IMM Working Group in relation to determining needs for catch document schemes is contained in **PWG-417/2018**.*

5. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*The IMM considered many of the recommendations set forth by the performance review Panel. Initial responses, for review by PWG, are contained on the sheet pertaining to PWG in document **PWG-412/2018**.*

6. Consideration of the effectiveness and practical aspects of implementation of:

6.1 Catch Documentation and Statistical Document Programs

*Information is contained in the Secretariat Report to the PWG (**PWG-401/2018**), Section 1 and document **PWG-403/2018**. Some issues arising from the TWG may need to be further discussed by the Commission.*

*The 'Report on the Implementation of the Derogation to Validate BCDs for Trades of BFT between Member States of the EU in 2017 is contained in document **PWG-411/2018**.*

*Two proposals for amendments to the current BCD/eBCD system have been tabled by Norway and are available as **PWG-418/2018** and **PWG-419/2018***

6.2 Observer Programmes

*Information on the implementation of the ROP-BFT observer programmes is contained in **PA2-601/2018** and on the ROP-Transshipment observer programme for at-sea transshipment is contained in **PWG-402/2018**.*

6.3 At-sea and in-port transshipment requirements

*The ICCAT transshipment programme was updated in 2016 [Rec. 16-15] to include carrier vessels transshipping in port on the ICCAT Record of Carrier Vessels. The Record can be consulted at www.iccat.int/en/vesselsrecord.asp. More information on transshipment requirements is contained **PWG-402/2018** and **COC-305/2018**.*

*The United States of America has submitted a draft Recommendation on Protecting the Health and Safety of Observers in ICCAT's Regional Observer Programs, amended in light of discussions at the IMM WG. The proposal has been distributed as **PWG-415/2018**.*

6.4 Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements

*A summary of chartering arrangements and reports from CPCs have been presented to the Compliance Committee in **COC-303/2018**. Information on Access Agreements is summarised in Annex 9 to **COC-303/2018**.*

6.5 At-sea vessel sighting and inspection programs

*Inspection reports submitted under the ICCAT Scheme of Joint Inspection are available as Annex 3 to **COC-303/2018**. A summary of reports is also contained in **COC-303/2018**.*

*Following discussion at the IMM WG, the United States of America has proposed a draft Resolution by ICCAT Establishing a Pilot Program for the Voluntary Exchange of Inspectors to Conduct Joint International Inspections At Sea, which has been distributed as **PWG-409/2018**.*

6.6 Port inspection schemes and other port State measures

*The Report of the Expert Group on Port Inspection is available as **PWG-406/2018**. The draft tender, requested by this Group, has been distributed for approval as **PWG-407/2018**.*

*The USA has submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing [**PWG-414/2018**].*

6.7 Vessel listing requirements

*Information can be found in **PWG-401/2018**. Japan has submitted a document to the Compliance Committee regarding compliance with requirements for including vessels on the ICCAT Record of Vessels (**COC-319A/2018**). Several of the draft proposals being considered in 2018, if adopted, will have significant impact on the ICCAT Record, and hence repercussions for online reporting.*

6.8 Vessel Monitoring Satellite System requirements

*Information from the Secretariat is contained in **PWG-401/2018**. An amended draft proposal – the Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Minimum Standards for Vessel Monitoring Systems in the ICCAT Convention Area has been put forward by the USA following discussion at the IMM WG. The amended draft has been distributed as **PWG-416/2018**.*

6.9 Flag State responsibilities

*Norway has presented a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Reporting Requirements Relating to Lost, Abandoned or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear for consideration by PWG. This is available as **PWG-413/2018**.*

6.10 Other issues

7. Consideration of additional technical measures needed to ensure effective implementation of ICCAT's conservation and management measures

8. Review and establishment of the IUU vessel list

*The provisional IUU list is contained in **PWG-405/2018**. The IMM WG agreed on the text of a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have Carried out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities, which has been distributed as **PWG-410/2018***

9. Recommendations to the Commission based on findings of above

10. Other matters

*Some issues have been referred to the PWG regarding the streamlining of ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions, as listed in document **PWG-404/2018**.*

11. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (STACFAD)**

1. Opening of the meeting

*The Meeting will be opened by Dr. Elekon (Turkey), Chair of STACFAD. The Chair has put forward a discussion document which touches on various items, available as document **STF-213/2018**.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **STF-200/2018***

4. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*An extract of recommendations pertaining to STACFAD is contained in **STF-212/2018**.*

***STF-206/2018** contains information regarding proposals from consultancy companies to review the staffing profile and workload of the Secretariat.*

5. Reports from the Secretariat

- 5.1 2018 Administrative Report

*The Administrative Report is available as **STF-201/2018***

- 5.2 2018 Financial Report

*The Financial Report is available as **STF-202/2018***

- 5.3 Review of progress of the payment of arrears and voting rights

*Information will be circulated during the meeting, through document **STF-204/2018**, in order to take into account the most updated information available*

6. Selection of new auditors for the next five year period (2018-2022).

7. Assistance to developing CPCs and identification of mechanism to finance the Meeting Participation Fund and other capacity building activities

*Information on expenditure of the Meeting Participation Fund is contained in documents **STF-208/2018** and on the Scientific Capacity Building fund in **STF-209/2018**.*

8. Consideration of financial implications of ICCAT conservation and management measures proposed.

9. Consideration of financial implications of SCRS requests

10. Consideration of other programs/activities which may require additional or extra-budgetary funding

*A draft proposal, submitted by the Chair of the technical Working Group, to incorporate the financing of the eBCD is available as **STF-207/2018**.*

11. Consideration of options for a sustainable financial position, level of Working Capital Fund and cost recovery approach for ICCAT

*Information on the current status of the Working Capital Fund is contained in document **STF-210/2018**. The STACFAD Chair has put forward document **STF-211/2018**, outlining options for a sustainable financial position and cost recovery approach in ICCAT.*

12. Review of Budget and Contracting Party contributions for 2019

***STF-203/2018** contains the revised budget and explanatory note to same.*

13. Other matters

- 13.1 Streamlining of ICCAT conservation and management measures. The Secretariat, in conjunction with the Chairs of the relevant bodies, has prepared **STF-205/2018** for consideration by the Commission.

- 13.2 Review of observer fees. The observer fees were reduced in 1999 to US500 dollars per two-person delegation, as the previous fee (2,000 US dollars, based on economic costs) was considered prohibitive for many NGOs. Notwithstanding, the current fee is significantly less than the economic costs of attendance per person, and hence all NGOs are being heavily subsidised by CPC. Given that there has been no increase since this reduction, and the current state of the Commission's finances, it is suggested that this be reviewed by STACFAD to determine whether the fees should be increased for 2019 and beyond.

14. Adoption of the report and adjournment

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF PANEL 1

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Panel (Côte d'Ivoire)

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 1 is available as **PA1-500/2018***

4. Review of Panel membership

The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr. Die will report on the status of the tropical tuna stocks, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation to the evaluation of the efficacy of the area/time closure in relation with the protection of tropical tuna juveniles; the consideration of the recommendations of the FAD Working Group and the quantification of the expected impact on MSY, BMSY, and relative stock status for both bigeye and yellowfin

6. Review of the report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The Report of the intersessional meeting of Panel 1 has been distributed as **PA1-502/2018***

7. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*Some of these issues were discussed at the intersessional meeting (see Item 6 above) and Appendix 6 of the Report of the intersessional meeting of Panel 1 should be examined and expanded as required. The issues referred to Panel 1 are contained in **PA1-503/2018***

8. Review of compliance tables

*The bigeye tuna table contained in **COC-304/2018** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the compliance committee*

9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

*Appendix 5 of the Report of the intersessional meeting of Panel 1 contains elements for discussion and possible inclusion in any revised measure. **PA1-501/2018** contains the fishing plans submitted by CPCs (including updates in 2018 where appropriate).*

*Three proposals for a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas have been tabled: One by EU, contained in document **PA1-504/2018**, one by Guatemala, in **PA1-505/2018** and one by South Africa, **PA1-506/2018**.*

10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above

Currently there are no proposals to remove redundant measures. However, the Panel may wish to view the Recommendations of the Working Group on Online Reporting in order to simplify and standardise current reporting requirements.

In the event that new Recommendations are adopted, the Panel should consider whether any previous measures need to be rescinded.

11. Research

*Information on the implementation of the AOTTP is contained in the SCRS report, document **PLE-104/2018**.*

12. Other matters

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF PANEL 2

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Panel (Japan)

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 2 is available as **PA2-600/2018***

4. Review of Panel membership

The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr. Die will report on the status of the stocks under the purview of Panel 4 and on the development of the criteria for the identification of exceptional circumstances which would require a change of more than 20% in the catch limits applicable to the northern Atlantic albacore fishery as well as s the peer review for norther albacore MSE.

6. Review of the report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, and consideration of any necessary actions

*The report of the Intersessional meeting of Panel 2 has been distributed as **PA2-603/2018***

7. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*The recommendations to be reviewed by Panel 2 are contained in document **PA2-604/2018***

8. Review of compliance tables

*The bluefin tuna (east and west) and north albacore tables contained in **COC-304/2018** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary on the basis of the recommendations in force or if any actions may be required by the compliance committee*

9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities*

*The European Union has submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, which has been distributed as **PA2-605/2018**.*

*The Chair of Panel 2 has submitted document **PA2-606/2018**, containing a proposal for quota allocations of eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Bluefin tuna.*

*Canada has put forward a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Conceptual Management Objectives for Eastern and Western Bluefin Tuna in document **PA2-607/2018**.*

10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above

*Secretariat document **PA2-602/2018** contains possible outdated measures already existing. In the event that new Recommendations are adopted, the Panel should consider whether any previous measures need to be rescinded.*

11. Research

12. Other matters

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF PANEL 3

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Panel (South Africa)

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 3 is available as **PA3-700/2018***

4. Review of Panel membership

The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr. Die will report on the status of the stocks under the purview of Panel 3.

6. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*The recommendations to be reviewed by Panel 3 are contained in document **PA3-701/2018***

7. Review of compliance tables

*The south albacore table contained in **COC-304/2018** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary on the basis of the recommendations in force or if any actions may be required by the compliance committee*

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

In the event that new Recommendations are adopted, the Panel should consider whether any previous measures need to be rescinded.

10. Research

11. Other matters

12. Adoption of the report and adjournment

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF PANEL 4

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Panel (Brazil)

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 4 is available as **PA4-800/2018***

4. Review of Panel membership

The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr. Die will report on the status of the stocks under the purview of Panel 4 and report on any updates to the monitoring and analysis of the effects of the minimum size/weight measure on the mortality of immature swordfish.

6. Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Follow Up of the Second ICCAT Performance Review

*The recommendations to be reviewed by Panel 4 are contained in document **PA4-805/2018***

7. Review of compliance tables

*The swordfish (north and south) tables contained in **COC-304/2018** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary on the basis of the recommendations in force or if any actions may be required by the compliance committee.*

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

*Swordfish: The updated fishing, management / development plans for **N. SWO** are contained in **PA4-801/2018**. Given that several CPCs in previous years have expressed concerns regarding the form developed by the Secretariat, a revised format is being distributed for consideration by the Panel. This format follows more closely the plans required for other species, and is contained in **PA4-804/2018**.*

*The fishing plans for **SWO-MED** have been made available in document **PA4-802/2018**.*

The SWO-MED individual quotas do not exactly equal the TAC, which, according to Para 3 of Rec. 16-05, Over the period 2018-2022, the TAC should be gradually reduced by 3% each year. It is not clear, therefore, how to apply the reduction of 3% on a CPC basis. Panel 4 may wish to review this to give the exact figures, in order to avoid any necessity of interpretation outside the Panel.

*Billfish: According to Rec. 16-11, if the total catch of either stock of Atlantic **sailfish** exceeds in any year the level corresponding to 67 % of the average estimate of their Maximum Sustainable Yield (i.e. 1,271 t for the eastern stock and 1,030 t for the western stock), the Commission shall review the implementation and effectiveness of this recommendation. The catches for both stocks have exceeded these levels.*

*Sharks: The shark implementation check sheets are contained in **COC-303/2018** - Appendix 3.*

*The USA (et al) has submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT, available as **PA4-806/2018**.*

*A Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on monitoring and avoiding Cetacean interactions in ICCAT fisheries, **PA4-807/2018**, has been submitted by the US.*

*USA has submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Rebuilding Program for Blue Marlin and to Strengthen the Conservation and Management of White Marlin/Spearfish, distributed as **PA4-810/2018**.*

*A Supplemental Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on the By-Catch of Sea Turtles Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries has been proposed by USA through **PA4-809/2018**.*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

*Secretariat document **PA4-803/2018** contains possible outdated measures already existing. In the event that new Recommendations are adopted, the Panel should consider whether any previous measures need to be rescinded. In addition, the Panel may wish to review to recommendations of the Online Reporting Group in order to simplify and standardise current reporting requirements.*

10. Research

*For information on the Enhanced Program for Billfish Research, please see the SCRS Report, **PLE-104/2018**.*

11. Other matters

*A draft of a revised format for reporting fishing/management/development plans for north Atlantic SWO is presented in document **PA4-804/2018** for consideration by the Panel for the submission of any future such plans. The format follows those adopted for BFT-E, SWO-MED and Tropical Tunas.*

*A draft billfish check sheet for reviewing compliance with implementation of ICCAT conservation and management measures has been presented to the Compliance Committee as **COC-307/2018**.*

*ICCAT Conservation Management Measures which may require streamlining are contained in **PA4-803/2018**.*

12. Adoption of the report and adjournment