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SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (SCBF)¹

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.

The funding is provided for scientists to attend ad hoc training workshops of their choice (14 days maximum) on ICCAT related issues, at 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"*.

In 2018, the trip expenses were charged to this fund of two scientists from developing CPCs (Mauritania and Tunisia) who received training on stock assessment models SS3 and BSP, in United States institutions (NOAA and the University of Miami).

In light of the limited activity of this fund, in 2017, the Commission approved the transfer of the carryover of this fund to the new Strategic Research Programme, which encompasses all scientific activities, including capacity building. It also decided that this fund should remain operational, but with no balance, given the possibility of voluntary allocations.

Therefore, the position and activity of the fund at this date is as follows:

| Scientific Capacity Building Fund (SCBF) | |
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| Opening balance for 2018 | €65,898.33 |
| EXPENSES | €65,898.33 |
| Trip of a Mauritanian scientist for training on SS3 and BSP at NOAA | €5,462.50 |
| Trip of a Tunisian scientist for training on SS3 and BSP at NOAA | €4,333.34 |
| Bank charges | €47.00 |
| Transfer of carryover to the Strategic Research Programme | €56,055.49 |
| Balance at 29 October 2018 | €0.00 |

¹ Data at 29 October 2018.