

**NOTES ON ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
OF ICCAT STATISTICS AND CONSERVATION MEASURES (PWG)
TO BE DISCUSSED VIA CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Consideration of the effectiveness and practical aspects of implementation of MCS measures (e.g. Catch Documentation and Statistical Document Programs; Observer and Inspection Schemes or Programmes; Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements).

The following reports will be available for information:

- Secretariat report to the PWG [PWG-401]
- Secretariat on Observer Programme for Transshipment [PWG-402] (information on the ROP-BFT programme will be contained in PA2-601)
- The Report on the Implementation of the Derogation to Validate BCDs for Trades of BFT between Member States of the EU [PWG-407]
- The Report of Port Inspection Expert group for Capacity and Assistance [PWG-406]
- State of play of the eBCD system implementation [PWG-403]
- The forms developed by the Secretariat for reporting lost and abandoned gear have also been made available for comments [PWG-404].

*Discussion on these issues will be deferred until the next meeting of the IMM unless any CPC wishes to raise a specific issue for discussion by correspondence. In this case, CPCs should inform the Chair of the PWG with copy to the ICCAT Secretariat **by 15 October 2020 (6 p.m. Madrid time) at the latest.***

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

*Any CPC wishing to present a proposal on measures relating to the work of the PWG should do so **by 15 October 2020 (6 p.m. Madrid time) at the latest.***

3. Review and establishment of the IUU vessel list

*The Secretariat will make available the draft list as PWG-405 in accordance with the deadlines specified in Rec. 18-08, using the original dates foreseen for the Commission meeting as a basis. Any responses submitted in accordance with paragraph 3 of Rec. 18-08 should be sent to the Secretariat, with a copy to the PWG Chair **by 22 October 2020.** If required, a revised list will be circulated **by 30 October 2020.** In the absence of further comments received by the Secretariat **by 15 November 2020,** the list will be considered as the 'final' draft to be put forward to the Commission for adoption.*

4 Recommendations to the Commission based on findings of above

The Chair of the PWG will provide a written summary of the findings of the Committee which require the endorsement of or adoption of the Group and then by the Commission.