

**EXPERT WORKSHOPS ON BEST PRACTICES IN RFMOS**  
*(Message from the Chair of the Compliance Committee)*

The COC Chair would like to draw the attention of the Committee to two documents of relevance to the COC that are posted jointly by ISSF and Pew on the ICCAT meeting document webpage under the tab "Observer Docs" (<https://iccat.int/com2021/observers.htm>):

- [Virtual Expert Workshop on Best Practices in Compliance in RFMOs](#)
- [Second Virtual Expert Workshop on Best Practices in Compliance in RFMOs](#)

These documents provide information on a series of expert workshops convened by Pew and ISSF that included the participation of individuals with expertise and experience in RFMO compliance issues, including RFMO compliance committee staff, RFMO compliance committee chairs, and academics.

I would encourage CPCs to review these documents in order to further inform our discussions under COC Agenda Item 13 "Other recommendations to the Commission to improve compliance, including consideration of a schedule of actions for future application based on Res. 16-17", as I think the in-depth discussions that took place in these workshops and the information shared on actions taken in other RFMOs could provide helpful information to the COC as it considers how to strengthen ICCAT's tools to improve compliance under this Agenda item.