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SUBJECT: Barcelona joint Tuna RFMO workshops: meeting arrangements

As you probably know, at the joint meeting of the tuna RFMOs held last year in San Sebastian, there was an agreement to hold four workshops on subjects of common interest.

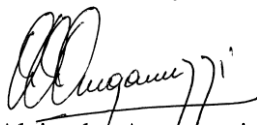
Two of these meetings will be held at the Eurostars Grand Marina/ World Trade Center in Barcelona, Spain. The “Meeting of Experts to Share Best Practices on the Provision of Scientific Advice” will take place from May 31 to June 2; and the “Workshop on Improvement, Harmonization and Compatibility of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Measures, Including Monitoring Catches from Catching Vessels to Markets”, will be held from June 3 to 5, 2010.

The ICCAT Secretariat is assisting with the meeting arrangements and has provided the attached information on hotels. Delegates are invited to make their own hotels reservations and, for those who wish to stay at the Eurostars Grand Marina a reservation form has been attached.

Also attached are the Agendas for the two meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alejandro Anganuzzi', written over a horizontal line.

Alejandro Anganuzzi
Executive Secretary

Attachments

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HOTELS IN BARCELONA

JOINT TUNA RFMO WORKSKOPS FOR 2010

Barcelona, Spain, May 31 to June 5, 2010

In order to guarantee these rates, reservations should be made well in advance of the meeting.
Participants are asked to make their own reservations.

The Hotel Eurostars Grand Marina/World Trade Center is the host Hotel for the Workshops.

HOTEL EUROSTARS GRAND MARINA/WTC *****

Moll de Barcelona, s/n – Edificio Oeste

Barcelona 08039, Spain

Tel: +34 93 603 9000 Fax: +34 93 603 9090

<http://www.grandmarinahotel.com>

E-mail: groupsmanager@grandmarinahotel.com

Contact: Ms. Marta Tarragó

Double room, single use (including breakfast) € 150.00

Double room (including breakfast) € 165.00

Taxes (7%) are not included.

HOTEL BCN DESIGN *****

Passeig de Gràcia, 29

Barcelona 08007, Spain

Tel.: +34 93 344 4555 Fax: +34 93 272 5898

<http://www.eurostarsbcndesign.com>

E-mail: info@eurostarsbcndesign.com

Double room, single use € 149.00

Double room € 159.00

Includes room and breakfast. Taxes (7%) are not included.

HOTEL EUROSTARS GAUDI *****

Consell de Cent, 498-500

Barcelona 08013, Spain

Tel: +34 93 232 0288 Fax: +34 93 232 0287

<http://www.eurostarshotels.com/gaudi>

E-mail: info@eurostarsgaudi.com

Double room, single use € 115.00

Double room € 125.00

Includes room and breakfast. Taxes (7%) are not included.

HOTEL EUROSTARS LAIETANA PALACE *****

Via Laietana, 17

Barcelona 08003, Spain

Tel: +34 93 268 7940 Fax: +34 93 319 0245

<http://www.eurostarshotels.com/laietanapalace>

E-mail: reservas@eurostarslaietanapalace.com

Double room, single use € 139.00

Includes room and breakfast. Taxes (7%) are not included.

HOTEL MIRAMAR BARCELONA *****

Plaza Carlos Ibañez, 3

Barcelona, Spain

Tel: +34 93 281 1600 Fax: +34 93 281 1601

<http://www.hotelmiramarbarcelona.com>

E-mail: rsilverio@hotelmiramarbarcelona.com

Contact: Ms. Rachel Silverio

Double or single room € 150.00

Breakfast separate (€ 25.00). Taxes (7%) are not included.

HOTEL ONIX LICEO ***

Nou de la Rambla, 36

Barcelona 08001, Spain

Tel: +34 93 303 4154 Fax: +34 93 303 4153

<http://www.hotelsonix.com>

E-mail: reservas.hotelsonix@icyesa.es

Double room € 90.00

Double room, single room € 90.00

Breakfast separate (€ 11.00). Taxes (7%) are not included.

HOTEL HESPERIA DEL PORT ***

Avenida Paralelo, 40

Barcelona 08001, Spain

Tel: +34 93 230 8500 Fax: +34 93 2308510

<http://www.hotelhesperia-delport.com>

E-mail: hotel@hesperia-delport.com

Double room, double or single use € 94.00

Breakfast separate (€ 11.00). Taxes (7%) included.



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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30/05/10 - 05/06/10

Please, fax or e-mail the completed form to Eurostars Grand Marina Hotel

Att: Miriam Moya - convenciones5@grandmarinahotel.com

Fax: +34 93 603 9395 // Phone: +34 93 603 9000

Name of Delegate: _____

Company Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone: _____

Passport Details: Number: _____ Expiry date: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Place of Issue: _____

We would like to book:

Double for Single Use room (1 person) - 150€

Double Use room (2 people) - 165€

Rate per room per night

Breakfast is included

Rate subject to 7% VAT.

Arrival date: _____

Departure date: _____

PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

Type of Credit card: _____ (Visa, Amex, Mastercard)

Card number: _____

Expiry date: _____

Cardholder's name: _____

INVOICING DETAILS:

Company name: _____

Company Full Address: _____

VAT/TAX Company number: _____

Note:

All reservations are guaranteed by credit card only.

PLEASE KINDLY ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF YOUR CREDIT CARD.

Cancellation policy:

- Any cancellation should be made in writing.
- Total stay will be charged on the credit card as guarantee on 10/05/10.
- The whole stay is to be charged as cancellation fee for cancellations received less than 29 days prior to arrival date.
- In case of a no-show the whole stay is to be charged to the above mentioned credit card

Guaranteed by:

Eurostars Grand Marina Hotel

Name:

Cardholder signature:

Date

Draft Agenda

Joint t-RFMOs Meeting of Experts to Share Best Practices on the Provision of Scientific Advice *Barcelona, Spain, 31 May - 2 June 2010*

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Nomination of rapporteurs
3. Adoption of the agenda and meeting arrangements
4. **Keynote speaker: Why such a workshop on tuna RFMOs and their provision of scientific advice?** This introduction will review the heterogeneous history and scientific products that have been produced independently in the past 60 years, and today, by the various tuna bodies. It will introduce the potential outcomes and benefits offered by this meeting, targeting an improved and in depth cooperation between RFMOs. It will also review and make recommendation on the future priorities in data and tuna researches that would allow the RFMOs to provide more efficient and fully transparent scientific advices on their tuna stocks and their pelagic ecosystems.
5. **Routine annual collected data: catch, effort & size DATA:** Common data collection standards for target and non target species, species composition sampling and special data needed for FAD fisheries. VMS data. Use and need of routine observer data. Harmonisation of data validation methods Socio-economy data. Data on changes in fishing technology. Data on ecosystems and environment. Data independent of fisheries (aerial, acoustics). Confidentiality and reporting requirements,
6. **Biological data.** Review of all major biological data and parameters used by all modern tuna stock assessment, especially growth & natural mortality at age, and spawning as a function of age. Need of large scale routine tagging programmes, using dart tags and electronic tags. Use of genetic studies. Stock structure and sub populations of tuna resources.
7. **Stock assessment** Review of stock assessments methods, taking into account the various peculiarities of tuna stocks and their fisheries. In particular a consideration of sources of uncertainties and bias in tuna stock assessment results, including uncertainty about the steepness of the stock recruitment relationship, stock assessment results and projections of stock status. Ways to incorporate realistic estimates of multispecies interactions within tuna fisheries. Stock assessment models incorporating environments and ecosystem framework and multispecies interaction.
8. **Communication between RFMOs and the world:** Scientific reports, documents and information built by RFMOs targeting scientists, commissioners and stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, citizens and press interested in tuna conservation). Public domain data and diversity of information available of the WEB sites of RFMOs.
9. **Enhanced co-operation between tuna RFMOs** on data standardization and exchange, tuna researches and tagging programmes, stock assessment methods, reports, normalized WEB communication, etc. Recommendations on how to improve collaboration between the tuna RFOs, in order to create a research area where research priorities can be accomplished jointly and more efficiently by different bodies. Creating world wide data base of detailed tuna C/E and size fishery data (CLIOTOP programme). These recommendation should target improved stock assessment of world tuna resources.
10. Other matters
11. Adoption of report and adjournment

**DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON IMPROVEMENT, HARMONIZATION AND COMPATIBILITY
OF MONITORING, CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE MEASURES**

1. Background

The 2nd Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMOs (KOBE 2) held in San Sebastian from June 29 to July 3, 2009 agreed to hold an international Workshop on improvement, harmonization and compatibility of monitoring, control and surveillance measures, including monitoring catches from catching vessels to markets. It will be held in Barcelona from June 3 to 5, 2010 with assistance from Japan.

KOBE 2 agreed the following terms of reference for this workshop:

The Workshop will carry out work to standardize and harmonize, to the degree possible, operational aspects of:

1. Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS), including:
 - The content, frequency and format of VMS messages
 - Guidelines for centralized centers at RFMO Secretariats
2. Observer Programs, including:
 - Minimum standards or best practices for regional observer programs
 - Minimum levels of observer coverage for different gear types
3. Transshipment controls, including:
 - Minimum standards or best practices for in-port and at sea transshipment control and monitoring
4. Monitoring catches from catching vessel to market, including:
 - Extension of existing bigeye statistical document programs to cover fresh products and products destined for canneries
 - Minimum standards or best practices for Catch Document Systems

In carrying out its work, the Workshop will take into account the need to provide adequate capacity building assistance to developing coastal States, in particular small island developing States, territories, and States with small and vulnerable economies to facilitate their participation and preparation for this Workshop.

The draft Agenda, the schedule of the meeting, and the relevant documents, will be circulated well in advance and simultaneously to all members of tuna RFMOs, so the participants will have plenty of opportunity to participate in its construction.

2. Draft Agenda

Based on the agreed terms of reference above, the following draft Agenda is proposed:

Day 1 (June 3):

1. Opening
The convener (Japan) will make opening remarks.
2. Election of Chair and Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review of measures relating to VMS, Observer, Transshipment and Monitoring
Japan will present a general overview of measures relating to VMS, observer, transshipment and monitoring catches from catching vessels to market taken by tuna RFMOs.

5. VMS
 - 1) Current VMS requirements in each RFMO (the system, content, frequency, format of VMS message, etc.)
 - 2) Guidelines for centralized VMS centers at RFMO Secretariats
 - The ICCAT Secretariat will present its centralized VMS, focusing on merits and demerits in terms of costs, utility for enforcement, data confidentiality, required capacity, etc.
6. Transshipment controls
 - 1) Minimum standards or best practices for in-port and at sea transshipment control
 - The IOTC and IATTC Secretariats will present their transshipment programs.

Day 2 (June 4):

7. Observer programs
 - 1) Minimum standards or best practices for regional observer programs
 - The WCPFC Secretariat will present its observer programs.
 - 2) Minimum levels of observer coverage for different gear types
8. Monitoring catches from catching vessel to market
 - 1) Extension of existing bigeye statistical document programs to cover fresh products and products destined for canneries
 - 2) Minimum standards or best practices for Catch Document Schemes
 - The ICCAT and CCSBT Secretariats will present their CDS programs.

Day 3 (June 5):

9. Others
 - 1) Port state measures
10. Adoption of meeting report
11. Closing

Note:

- 1) Capacity building of developing countries should be taken into account when considering strengthening of MCS measures.
- 2) A drafting group will be formed to produce a draft report of the workshop, which could include recommendations to tuna RFMOs. The drafting group will meet after the session on the first and second days and during the lunch time on the third day.