

**FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting**

**Eleventh Session**

**Rome, Italy 13-14 and 18 May 2019**

**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY ICCAT DURING THE  
INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (June 2017 – April 2019)**

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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; revision of annex 2
  - ICCAT continue to participate in the Marine resources inventory only. No new inputs have been made in the inventory since the last update.
2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
  - During the intersessional period the ICCAT Secretariat has continued with the implementation of the fact sheets corresponding to the principal tuna, tuna-like and some pelagic sharks stocks under ICCAT mandate.  
  
In 2019 fact sheets corresponding to stocks assessed by the SCRS in 2018 were updated for Bigeye tuna and Blue marlin. Pending are stocks updated in 2017; Bluefin tuna East and West, , Shortfin mako, Mediterranean Albacore, North and South Atlantic Swordfish.
3. Development/review of standards
  - Implementation of FIRMS descriptors for the stocks for which assessment has been conducted during the year following the criteria to map ICCAT stock status results to FIRMS standard descriptors established by the second FIRMS Technical Working Group (TWG) based on the phase plot stock status figure adopted by the Tuna RFMOs.
4. Development of Applications (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);
  - FIRMS is included as a link in the ICCAT web site

5. Development of case studies/prototypes;
  - No cases studies were conducted in 2017/2018
6. Training or skills development;
  - No activity has been carried out on this item
7. Promotional / fund raising activities
  - Not applicable
8. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.
  - ICCAT will continue collaborating with the FIRMS Secretariat in implementing the recommendations of the Steering Committee as well as actively participating in the work of the TWG

ICCAT will also try to join effort with other tuna RFMOs to improve the content of the thematic factsheet on tuna.

Annex: Revised annex 2 (if applicable)