

## **FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting**

## **Twelth Session**

**Online, 18-21 October 2021** 

## FIRMS RELEVANT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY ICCAT DURING THE

**INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (May 2019 – September 2021)** 

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- 1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
- 2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;

ICCAT's assessments as well as all contributing documents are published on the ICCAT webpage at:

https://www.iccat.int/en/assess.html and also https://www.iccat.int/en/pubs CVSP.html

ICCAT's publically available statistical data are published at https://www.iccat.int/en/accesingdb.html

In 2019 Provided support with FIRMS Fact sheets for

- SWO
- SMA
- Yellowfin
- White marlin
- 3. Development/review of standards
  - Coordinated with FIRMs on the Global Tuna Atlas TWG
- 4. Development of Applications (e.g., new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level)
  - developing online reporting systems called the ICCAT Integrated Online Management System. The online reporting system will replace how contracting parties currently interact with the Secretariat in compiling their data in that the online reporting system will eventually replace the system of sending spreadsheets by email. We hope the

development of this Application will continue in collaboration with Global Environmental Fund support. This work is open source. Should be available to anyone

- 5. Development of case studies/prototypes
- None.
- 6. Training or skills development
  - Workshops held at ICCAT (and all other meetings) are posted at iccat.int. Workshops in 2021 included: Close-Kin workshop, Electronic Tagging, and Swordfish Biology workshop.
- 7. Promotional / fund raising activities

ICCAT and other partners are collaborating with FAO and the Global Environment Fund to develop a set of proposals that will follow the first round of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. Upon endorsement of ABNJ Tuna II, the Secretariat will receive funding to support several activities that have direct benefits to ICCAT and its members, including: i) improving compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures; ii) enhancing the ICCAT Integrated Online Management System (IOMS see above); iii) testing ecosystem based indicators and management policies; and, iv) supporting harmonization of commonalities shared by t-RFMOs (e.g. observer or Electronic Monitoring Systems data, Harvest Strategies /Management Strategic Evaluation, FAD, bycatc