



FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
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ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY ICCAT DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD
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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries;

ICCAT continue participating in the Marine resources inventory only. No new inputs have been done 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 2015 fact sheets corresponding to stocks assessed by the SCRS in 2014 were updated such as East Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna, West Atlantic bluefin tuna, East Atlantic skipjack, West Atlantic skipjack and Mediterranean swordfish stocks.

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.

ICCAT has participated in the e-meetings of the Technical WG.

4. Development of Applications or Web pages (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;

ICCAT is still interested and open to work on case studies using the socio-economic data collected by the EU (50.000 data records on various indicators, by métier and fleet segment – including for distant water fisheries) and presented to the FSC in its 2011 meeting.

6. Training or skills development;

No activity has been carried out on this item.

7. Promotional 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.

In the coming months Pilar Pallarés is retiring and Paul deBruyn, Coordinator of the Research and Statistics Department and By-Catch Coordinator, will substitute her as FIRMS focal point in ICCAT.

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