



Madrid – 24 February 2017

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1153 / 2017

SUBJECT: 1ST JOINT T-RFMO FAD WORKING GROUP MEETING
(Madrid, Spain, 19-21 April 2017)

Further to ICCAT Circular #0749, dated 8 February 2017, regarding the First Joint tRFMO FAD Working Group Meeting, which will be held on 19-21 April 2017 (Madrid, Spain), please find attached the meeting goals, framework and objectives, the tentative agenda and timetable of the meeting and other relevant information about the organization. I would appreciate it very much if you distribute this announcement to people who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will also be published on our web site (www.iccat.int).

Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.


Driss Meski
Executive Secretary


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Attachment: Meeting goal, Framework and Objectives, Tentative Agenda and Timetable, Information for participants.

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(19-21 April 2017, Madrid, Spain)

Meeting Goal

To promote discussions on tropical tuna FAD fishing and management relevant issues on an Ocean-wide perspective.

Framework and objectives

FAD management is an issue of common interest to tuna fisheries and is becoming increasingly important for the tropical tuna fisheries in general. As a response, some tuna RFMOs have created specific FAD Working Groups, which are promoting to address issues related to tuna FAD fishing. During the last meeting of the Kobe process Steering Committee, it was also noted that the European Union offered to finance a joint tuna-RFMO meeting and that some additional funding could be obtained from the FAO ABNJ Tuna Project. Accordingly, during 2016 the tuna-RFMO Secretariats held discussions regarding the possibility of holding a joint tuna RFMO meeting on FAD fishing issues, sometime in 2017. An agreement was achieved between ICCAT, IOTC and IATTC, to hold the First Joint Tuna-RFMO FAD Working Group meeting in Madrid, 19-21 April 2017. It should be noted that WPCFC has decided not to participate in this meeting.

With the aim of making the meeting appealing and efficient as regards the outputs, the three above mentioned tuna-RFMOs are committed to conduct a cross-cutting exercise between all stakeholders by covering a wide range of topics related to tuna FAD fisheries and promoting discussions regarding tuna FAD fisheries management among the three t-RFMOs.

The Working Group meeting will be Chaired by Mr. Stefaan Depypere, Chair of the Kobe Steering Committee.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening and meeting arrangements
2. Adoption of Agenda and assignment of rapporteurs
3. Review of the state and available information on tuna (anchored and drifting) FAD fisheries at t-RFMOs
4. Assessment of the use of FADs in tuna fisheries in all three t-RFMOs Convention areas and relative contribution of FADs to overall fishing mortality in tropical tuna fisheries
5. Review and assessment of developments in FAD related technology and in the mitigation of its impact
6. Review of data requirements needs and data collection systems of relevant information on tuna FAD fishing
7. Review of current research plans on tuna FAD fisheries related issues
8. Consideration of possible common (and/or additional) actions related to FAD management and recovery
9. Recommendations
10. Other matters
11. Adoption of the report and closure

Meeting sessions

<i>Session (time)</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Topics for presentations and discussion</i>
Wednesday, 19/04/2017 9:00-9:30	1. Opening and meeting arrangements 2. Adoption of Agenda and assignment of rapporteurs	Welcome, meeting objectives and arrangements Adoption of the Agenda Assignment of rapporteurs
Wednesday, 19/04/2017 9:30-11:00	3. Review of the state and available information on tuna (anchored and drifting) FAD fisheries at t-RFMOs	Presentations by the Chair/Coordinator of each t-RFMOs FAD Working Group: i. Adopted definitions of FAD and FAD fisheries related terminology ii. Current state of tuna FAD fisheries iii. Review of t-RFMO data requirements iv. Management framework for tropical tunas and FADs fisheries v. Current challenges in managing FAD use in tuna fisheries vi. Progress and challenges in FAD Working Group Questions/Discussion
Wednesday, 19/04/2017 11:30-13:00 14:30-18:00	4. Assessment of the use of FADs in tuna fisheries in all three t-RFMO Convention areas and relative contribution of FADs to overall fishing mortality in tropical tuna fisheries	Presentations on: i. FAD fishing sets by set type ii. FAD associated catches of target and by-catch species by sizes (or age category) and set type, including time-area, FAD density effects and FAD type (anchored or drifting) iii. Trends in CPUE and BPUE iv. FAD loss (rates by time and area) and associated "ghost" fishing Questions/Discussion
Thursday, 20/04/2017 9:00-11:00	5. Review and assessment of developments in FAD related technology and in the mitigation of its impact	Presentations on: i. Technological aspects related to FADs: materials, fishing efficiency, species selectivity and location accuracy (acoustics/eco-sounders, satellite buoys, etc.) ii. Technological developments related to mitigation of FAD fishing impacts: Eco-FADs - non-entangling and biodegradable Questions/Discussion
Thursday, 20/04/2017 11:30-13:00	6. Review of data requirements needs and data collection systems of relevant information on tuna FAD fishing	Presentations on: i. Data collection systems ii. FAD use monitoring systems Questions/Discussion

<p>Thursday, 20/04/2017 11:30-13:00</p>	<p>7. Review of current research plans on tuna FAD fisheries related issues</p>	<p>Presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Efficiency and selectivity ii. Eco-FADs iii. Impacts on the marine ecosystem iv. Prioritization of research needs <p>Questions/Discussion</p>
<p>Thursday, 20/04/2017 14:30-18:00</p>	<p>8. Consideration of possible common (and/or additional) actions related to FAD management and recovery</p>	<p>Presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Individual identification and ownership of FADs ii. FADs utilization: numbers; time-area; characteristics (associated technology; design, size, materials/Eco-FADs; etc.) iii. FAD's recovery: at sea and shore; programs; requirements, methods and/or systems used <p>Questions/Discussion</p>
<p>Friday, 21/04/2017 9:00-11:00 11:30-13:00</p>	<p>9. Recommendations 10. Other matters</p>	<p>Presentation by the Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wrap up of major discussions ii. Priorities and next steps iii. 2nd Joint T-RFMO Fad Working Group Meeting <p>Discussion</p>
<p>Friday, 21/04/2017 16:30-18:00</p>	<p>11. Adoption of the report and closure</p>	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Date and venue

The meeting will be held from 19 (Wednesday) to 21 April (Friday), 2017. (Registration starts at 08:30 am, 19 April). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 18:00.

The meeting will be held at the **Hotel Weare Chamartín**: Calle de Agustín de Foxá, 28036 Madrid, Spain. For a map with the location and information about Madrid please consult: <http://www.iccat.int/Madrid.htm>

2. Contact information

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3. Language

The three ICCAT official languages (English, French and Spanish). Simultaneous translation will be provided. Meeting documents can be written in English, Spanish or French.

4. Call for documents

CPCs wishing to submit documents for this meeting are requested to do so as early as possible, but **no later than 31 March**, in order to be able to make the documents available in the three languages by the start of the meeting to facilitate their review by participants prior to the meeting. If documents are received after the deadline, we cannot guarantee their translation and therefore authors are encouraged to provide extended abstracts of the documents. However, in order to plan the meeting sessions according to the different Agenda items, tentative titles for such documents shall be sent to the ICCAT Secretariat (info@iccat.int or miguel.santos@iccat.int) no later than **3 March 2017** (18:00 Madrid time).

5. Funding

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for two delegates (one manager and one scientist) from each developing Contracting Party of each of the three t-RFMOs who can provide relevant information and/or participation to the meeting objectives. Contracting Party that are members of more than one of the three t-RFMOs can only apply for funding for two delegates (one manager and one scientist). The requests for financial assistance to attend the meeting shall be submitted to the respective Secretariat **before 17 March 2017** (18:00 local time). Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date.

6. Hotel information

Please note that the prices below are approximate and may vary. The ICCAT Secretariat does not have fixed price agreements with the hotels below unless specifically indicated. All delegates should make their own reservations directly with the hotel.

Notes: 1 = Hotels near Hotel Weare Chamartín

<p>MEETING VENUE: HOTEL WEARE CHAMARTIN Calle de Agustín de Foxá, 28036 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 334 49 00</p>	<p>Double room single use (incl. breakfast): 78.50€ Double room (incl. breakfast): 98€ For bookings of 3 nights or more you will be given a 10€ voucher to be discounted at the bar/restaurant, per room (10% VAT incl.)</p>
<p>HOTEL ILUNION PÍO XII 4* 1 Avda. Pío XII, 77, 28016 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 387 62 00 http://www.ilunionpioxii.com/</p>	<p>Double room single use: breakfast not incl. 95€, breakfast included 103€ Double room double use: breakfast not incl. 95€, breakfast included 123€ 10% off while registering the first time online (10% VAT incl.)</p>
<p>HOTEL EUROSTARS MADRID TOWER 5* 1 Paseo de la Castellana, 259 B, 28046 Madrid, Spain Tel. +34 91 334 27 00 www.eurostarsmadridtower.com</p>	<p>Double room single use, breakfast included 160€ (incl. breakfast): 160 € Double room double use, breakfast included 175€ (10% VAT incl.)</p>
<p>HOTEL TRYP MADRID CHAMARTIN 4* 1 C/ Mauricio Ravel 10 28046 Madrid, Spain Tel. +34 91 733 34 00 www.tryphotels.com</p>	<p>Standard room single use: breakfast not incl. 115€, breakfast included 126€ Standard room double use: breakfast not incl. 194€, breakfast included 222€ (10% VAT incl.)</p>
<p>HOTEL VIA CASTELLANA 4* 1 Paseo de la Castellana, 220 28046 Madrid, Spain Tel. +34 91 567 43 00 reservas@hotelviacastellana.com</p>	<p>Classic room: breakfast not incl. 101€, breakfast included 125€ (10% VAT incl.)</p>
<p>HOTEL SILKEN PUERTA DE AMÉRICA 5* Avda. América, 41 28002 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 744 54 00; Fax +34 91 744 54 01 http://www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-puerta-america-madrid/</p>	<p>Single room (incl. breakfast): 115 € Double room (incl. breakfast): 130 € Only for 1st quarter meetings (10% VAT incl.)</p>
<p>APARTAMENTOS TOGUMAR C/ Canillas, 59 28002 Madrid, Spain Tel. + 34 91 519 00 51; Fax +34 91 519 48 45</p>	<p>Double room (incl. breakfast): 75 € Double room (room only): 66 € Single room (incl. breakfast): 62 € Single room (room only): 57 € (10% VAT incl.)</p>

<p>HOTEL ABBA 4* Avda. América, 32 28028 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 212 5000; Fax +34 91 212 5001 www.abbahoteles.com</p>	<p>Double room single use: 90 € - 130 € (10 % VAT included) * Special offer: By adding the ICCAT code to your booking, you will get a 10% discount.</p>
<p>HOTEL AC AVD DE AMÉRICA 3* c/ Cartagena, 83 28028 Madrid, Spain Tel +34 91 724 4240; Fax +34 91 724 4241 reservas.acamerica@ac-hotels.com www.ac-hotels.com/</p>	<p>Double room single use (incl. breakfast): 100 € Double room (incl. breakfast): 110 € (10% VAT not included) Unavailable dates: 08-12 May 12-16 June 04-08 September 11-12 September</p>
<p>APARTAMENTOS GOYA c/ General Pardiñas, 13 Madrid 28001, Spain Tel: +34 91 781 8930 Fax: +34 91 575 6867 info@apartamentosgoya75.com</p>	<p>Apartment 1-2 Pax Accommodation only 60 € (10% VAT included)</p>
<p>HOTEL II CASTILLAS 3* c/ Abada, 7 Madrid 28013, Spain Tel: +34 91 524 9750 Fax: +34 91 524 9751 www.hoteldoscastillas.com</p>	<p>April-May-October-November Single room (incl. breakfast): 106.70 € Double room (incl. breakfast): 125.40 € Rest of the year Single room (incl. breakfast): 88 € Double room (incl. breakfast): 103.40 € (10% VAT included)</p>
<p>HOTEL NH BALBOA 3* c/ Núñez de Balboa, 112 28006 Madrid, Spain Tel: +34 91 563 0324 Fax: +34 91 562 6980 nhbalboa@nh-hotels.com</p>	<p>Double room single use (incl. breakfast): 110-139 € 26-30 June: 169 € 11 September: 249 € (10 % VAT included)</p>
<p>HOTEL NH PRÍNCIPE DE VERGARA 4* Príncipe de Vergara, 92 28006 Madrid, Spain Tel. +34 91 563 2695; Fax: +34 91 563 7253 nhprincipedevergara@nh-hotels.com</p>	<p>Double room single use (incl. breakfast): 118 € (10% VAT not incl.) Prices still to be determined: 12-16 June 26-30 June 02-06 October 11-12 September</p>
<p>HOTEL REGENTE 3* c/ Mesonero Romanos, 9 (on the corner of Gran Vía) Madrid 28013, Spain Tel: +34 91 521 2941 Fax: +34 91 532 3014 http://www.hotelregente.com</p>	<p>Double room (incl. breakfast): 83 € Double room (room only): 78 € Single room (incl. breakfast): 77 € Single room (room only): 72 € (10% VAT included)</p>

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Finally, I would be grateful if you could please inform the Secretariat of the names and titles of the people who will attend the meeting no later than **7 March 2017**.

I would appreciate it very much if you distribute this announcement to scientists, NGOs, the industry and any other entity who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will also be published on the ICCAT web site, and additional information on the meeting agenda and venue will be made available shortly (www.iccat.int).

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