

1ST MEETING OF THE *AD HOC* WORKING GROUP TO STRENGTHEN THE DIALOGUE AMONG SCIENTISTS, MANAGERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ON MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION (WORKING GROUP ON MSE)

La Jolla, California (USA)
31 May 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT

BACKGROUND

Management strategies (often referred as harvest strategies or management procedures) are completely specified integrated combinations of agreed upon data inputs, analyses applied to that data and the harvest control rule used to determine specific management actions (e.g., catch quotas, length of fishing seasons) to achieve management objectives. Harvest strategies can be evaluated using a process called Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE), involving a dialogue component between scientists, managers and other stakeholders, to specify the components, along with computer simulation of candidate strategies.

Prior to 2025, there were no dedicated communication channels on harvest strategies and MSE within the IATTC, SAC meetings (when time allowed) and workshops have provided opportunity for dialogue, communication, and training on MSE, along with initial discussions on potential candidate management objectives, HCRs and other harvest strategy components. Following requests by stakeholders for the establishment of a dedicated dialogue Working Group (WG), to enhance or replace the MSE workshops and recommendations from SAC-14 and from staff in SAC-15 for the Commission consider a Science-Management Dialogue (SMDWG) or informal workshops approach to continue the MSE process, [Resolution C-24-08](#) outlined the creation of an ad hoc Working Group to strengthen the dialogue among scientists, managers and other stakeholders on MSE, with its first meeting set for May 31, 2025.

PARTICIPATION

Scientists, managers, and other interested parties from governments, industry, NGOs, and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend (see tentative agenda). A registration form will be posted on the meeting website to allow for individual registration. It would be most appreciated if participants express their intent to attend to Ms. Monica Galvan, Assistant to the Director, at mgalvan@iattc.org.

ARRANGEMENTS: The Meeting will be held in person and by videoconference (utilizing the Zoom platform). An invitation will be sent individually to each registered participant.

The Meeting will be held on **31 May 2025** from **9 AM PDT (UTC -7)** to around **4 PM PDT (UTC -7)**.

Languages: English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.