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INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)

MEMORANDUM

13 March 2026

Ref.: 0106-410

To: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation
c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia
From: Arnulfo L Franco, Director
Re: 17th meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) (8-12 June 2026)

I have the pleasure of informing you that the **17th Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)** (8–12 June 2026) **will be held in person** at the **Embassy Ballroom of the Embassy Suites La Jolla**, located at 4550 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California 92037.

The meeting will be organized and conducted in accordance with the format that has been successfully adopted in recent years, allowing members the possibility to participate remotely, either partially or entirely.

Delegations and participants wishing to make a reservation at the **Embassy Suites La Jolla**, where the meetings will take place, may benefit from the special room rate secured by the Commission: **US\$269.00 (plus taxes) for single occupancy**. Reservations may be made directly with the hotel using the following link: [Tuna Commission Scientific Meetings 2026](#). The deadline for booking rooms at this rate is **7 May 2026**.

To facilitate the registration process, each CPC is kindly requested to provide the names of its delegation members to Mrs. Monica Galvan (mgalvan@iattc.org), together with their respective functions within the delegation, including Head of Delegation, Alternate Head of Delegation, and Delegation Member (Adviser/Expert), as well as their individual email addresses (private or institutional). Additionally, we would appreciate it if delegation members register individually using the online form: [17th Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee | IATTC](#).

On site registration for the meeting will begin on **Monday, 8 June at 8:30 a.m.**, and the **sessions will commence at 9:00 a.m.** Any documents available prior to the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website.

As previously indicated, the provisional agenda for the 17th meeting of the SAC (Annex 1) is attached.

Annex: as indicated.

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

17TH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

08-12 June 2026

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

	Documents
1. Opening of the meeting	
2. Adoption of agenda	
3. The fishery in the EPO	
a. The tuna fishery in 2025	SAC-17-01
4. Tropical tunas: stock assessments and data collection	
a. Stock status indicators (SSIs)	SAC-17-02
b. Bigeye (BET) update assessment	SAC-17-03
c. IATTC Tropical Tuna Tagging Program: proposed collaborative workplan	
d. Development and implementation of the Integrated Port Sampling Program: update	SAC-17-04
5. Tropical tuna: development of harvest strategies	
a. BET Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)	SAC-17-05
b. BET harvest strategy	SAC-17-06
c. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: tropical tunas	SAC-17-10
6. FADs	
a. Report of the FADs WG	
7. Temperate tunas and other species	
a. Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF):	
i. ISC and IATTC-WCPFC-NC Joint WG: update	
b. North Pacific albacore tuna (NP-ALB):	
i. ISC benchmark assessment	
c. South Pacific albacore tuna (SP-ALB):	
i. Joint IATTC-WCPFC-WG: update	
d. Dorado (DOR): update	
e. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: temperate tunas	SAC-17-10
8. Ecosystem and bycatch	
a. Sharks and rays	
i. Characterization of longline fleets in the Convention Area: update	SAC-17-07
ii. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for sharks: update	SAC-17-08
iii. Proposed shark data collection and research plan for the IATTC: follow-up on paragraphs 15 and 16 of C-25-08	SAC-17-09
b. Dolphin research: update	
c. Climate change	
i. Report on 2 nd Workshop on Climate Change	
d. IATTC Achatines Laboratory: discussion on future activities	
e. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: ecosystem and bycatch	SAC-17-10
f. Report of the Ecosystem and Bycatch WG	
9. Staff recommendations	SAC-17-10
10. Other business	
11. SAC recommendations	
12. Adjournment	

17th meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) (8-12 June 2026) / 17ª reunión del Comité Científico Asesor (CCA) (8-12 de junio de 2026)

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 2 attachments (574 KB)

0106-410 Comm HODs re 17 SAC Meeting notice ENG.pdf; 0106-410 Comm HODs re 17 SAC Meeting notice SPA.pdf;

Dear Delegates,

I have attached a letter for your information and consideration

Best regards,

Estimados delegados,

Adjunto oficio para su información y consideración.

Atentamente,

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