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## INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

### 6<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP OF AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM (EMS) IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN (EPO): STANDARDS FOR AN EMS IN THE EPO

(by videoconference)  
13-15 December 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENT

According to a general consensus and in particular by the IATTC, electronic monitoring (EM) is a promising tool for enhancing data collection for scientific research and monitoring of longline vessels and purse-seine vessels fishing activities, especially when they do not carry on-board observers, but also with observers on board, as a means to complement the observer's data collection. Consequently, the Scientific Advisory Committee, during its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2019 (SAC-10), and pursuant to paragraphs 9 and 10 of Resolution [C-19-08](#), requested the IATTC staff to draft minimum standards and data collection and reporting requirements for EM for both the tuna purse-seine and the longline fleets operating in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), to be presented for consideration to the Commission.

In 2020, the staff prepared document [SAC-11-10](#) "*An electronic monitoring system for the tuna fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean: objectives and standards*". This document was presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SAC in October 2020. Subsequently, the first EMS workshop was held by videoconference on 22 and 23 April 2021 to: 1) further discuss and obtain feedback on some of the elements contained in document SAC-11-10, and 2) to present the workplan for the implementation of an EM system (EMS) in the EPO ([EMS-01-02](#)). As a result, three immediate actions were recommended and adopted by the Commission during its 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, which was held in August 2021 and resumed in October 2021:

- 1) Adopt, at least on a provisional basis, the definitions in Annex 1 of the document [EMS-01-01](#) (Res. [C-21-03](#));
- 2) Adopt, with a slight modification on potential EMS starting time, the EMS workplan detailed in document [EMS-01-02](#), and
- 3) Adopt the Terms of Reference for the EM workshops (Res. [C-21-02](#)).

**OBJECTIVES OF THE SIXTH WORKSHOP:** According to the workplan ([EMS-01-02](#)), the 6<sup>th</sup> IATTC EM workshop will consider and discuss both the standards that have been already addressed (technical and data collection) as well as the remaining two standards of an EMS in the EPO as previously identified: logistical and data analysis and reporting. These two standards will be presented and analyzed in document EMS-06-01.

**PARTICIPATION:** In addition to the EM technical aspects that must be considered, and in spite of its informal character, the workshop must address several issues of a programmatic and organizational nature. It is therefore important **that all CPCs designate a representative** who will participate in the workshop on their behalf, in addition to the **expert(s) who would accompany him/her**.

**Designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs and the experts** would also be welcome to participate as **observers**.

As usual, a **registration form** is posted on the [meeting website](#) to allow for each CPC representative and accompanying expert to register individually. This registration form can also be used for the designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs. It would be most appreciated if, in addition, each CPC, IGO and NGO interested in participating send the **list** with its respective representative and accompanying expert (s) to Ms Monica Galvan, Assistant to the Director, at [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org).

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The Workshop will be held by videoconference, utilizing the Zoom platform. An invitation to join will be sent individually to each registered participant.

As indicated above, the Workshop will be held on **13, 14 and 15 December 2023**. Each session will have a duration of three hours and will start at **3 PM PDT (UTC -8)** to finalize around **6 PM PDT (UTC -8)**.

For the convenience of the participants, a document will be posted on the website with more precise indications on the ways the meeting will be conducted, taking into account the special requirements and limitations of videoconferencing, using as a model the similar documents that were used for previous IATTC meetings by videoconference. A **preliminary agenda** is also posted in the [meeting website](#).

Languages: English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.