

## COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNA (ICCAT)

### 1. ICCAT Data Fund

Recipient developing States: All developing Contracting Parties to ICCAT

Forms of assistance: Regional

Area of assistance: The Fund was created through the *Resolution by ICCAT on Improvements in Data Collection and Quality Assurance* [Res. 03-21] to be used for training in data collection and for supporting of scientific participation in SCRS data preparatory and stock assessment sessions by scientists from Parties with insufficient capacity to meet data collection, quality assurance, and reporting obligations. Each year, the SCRS establishes general levels of funding for various activities during the upcoming year. In 2011, a protocol was adopted by the SCRS which will be followed for awarding funds. This fund is open to voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties.

Funds available for 2014 (tentative): Current available balance of €31,300 from Contracting Party contributions.

In addition, some ICCAT Contracting parties make voluntary contributions outside this fund to finance activities such as workshops, training and meeting participation. These include the ICCAT/Japan Project for the Improvement of Data and Management of Tuna Fisheries (JDMIP); the Brazil Fund to support the Special Needs of Developing States; the Special Data Fund – People's Republic of China; the United States Fund for Capacity Building and the Morocco Fund to Support National Capacity for Participation at Commission Meetings.

### 2. ICCAT Meeting Participation Fund

Recipient developing States: All developing Contracting Parties to ICCAT

Forms of assistance: Regional

Area of assistance: The special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF) was established through the adoption, in 2011 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for Developing ICCAT Contracting Parties* for the purposes of supporting representatives from those ICCAT Contracting Parties which are developing States to attend and/or contribute to the work of the Commission and other subsidiary bodies.

Funds available for 2014: Allocation of €100,000 from ICCAT's accumulated Working Capital Fund

### 3. ICCAT Capacity Building Fund

Recipient developing States: All developing Contracting Parties to ICCAT

Forms of assistance: Regional

Area of assistance: The Fund was created through the *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Establishment of a Scientific Capacity Building Fund for Developing States which are ICCAT Contracting Parties* [Rec. 13-19] to be used for the purposes of supporting scientists from those ICCAT Contracting Parties which are developing States in their need to acquire knowledge and develop skills on issues related to ICCAT. Funds will be allocated to scientists from those developing States, which are ICCAT Contracting Parties in order to attend ad-hoc trainings of their choice on ICCAT related matters in the scientific Institutes and, or Research Centres, of another ICCAT CPC. Funds available for 2014: Initial allocation of €80,000 from ICCAT's accumulated Working Capital Fund.