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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the ICES Council, Science Committee, Advisory Committee and Secretariat, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your institution for enabling Alexandre Rodriguez, to take a leading role in the ICES community. Alexandre Rodriguez, as Chair of the Workshop on Implementation of Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (WKSTIMP) and their group members have made an important contribution to marine science and developing effective collaborations within the ICES network, and we greatly appreciate their work.

The past few years have been a challenging time to chair a group under the hybrid format that requires managing both online and in person participation. It is encouraging to see that ICES expert groups under the leadership of excellent chairs, such as Alexandre Rodriguez, have adapted to the new circumstances, helping to ensure the continuity and advancement of our work.

I personally have had the opportunity to serve as an expert group chair and the connections that I made in this capacity have been among my strongest professional ties. I hope that Alexandre Rodriguez had a similar experience and we look forward to their continued engagement in the ICES network.

In recognition of these efforts, it is my pleasure to enclose the ICES Service Award for Alexandre Rodriguez's work as Chair of WKSTIMP for the past year. His term of office ended on 31 December 2023.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary



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