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COLLABORATION IN ICCAT FOR 2023

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An informal meeting between Chairs and Secretaries of the LDAC, MEDAC, SWWAC and ORAC was held via Zoom on 3 March 2023 to exchange views on work priorities for ICCAT (areas and stock covered, main topics of interest...). This meeting served to explore avenues of collaboration for developing joint positions or coordinated pieces of advice in the future to DG MARE.

The long-term objectives of this collaboration would be to:

- Set up a forum for dialogue (formal/informal) between Chairs, Secretariats and MEMBERS to coordinate and be aware of each AC work on this area.
- AC Chairs, Secretariats and/or designated members to participate in observer/expert capacity at each relevant AC Working Groups dealing with this subject (and follow up actions and minutes from them).
- Consider creating a joint (in person/hybrid/virtual) AC Focus Group meeting periodically to deal with topics of interest in ICCAT each AC could rotate in terms of organization (agenda, minutes, actions...).
- Keep each other informed on relevant consultation procedures and content of advice that can be endorsed/signed-off/incorporated in several AC pieces of advice.
- Have a coordinated voice with the DG MARE, in forthcoming technical coordination Inter-AC meetings on this topic.