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Dear Sir/Madam

A DRAFT IOTC STRATEGIC SCIENCE PLAN – FOR REVIEW & COMMENTS

In 2012, the Commission adopted Recommendation 12/15 *On the Best Available Science*. Point 2 of this Recommendation called on the IOTC to preserve and promote the professional independence and excellence of the Scientific Committee and its Working Parties, and the relevance of their work to the information needs of the Commission, by drafting a strategic plan for the Scientific Committee, including its Working Parties, for adoption by the Commission. The strategic plan shall be used to guide the work of the Scientific Committee, and Working Parties, in assisting the Commission to effectively achieve its mandate

A draft IOTC Strategic Science Plan 2020-2024 was presented to the IOTC Scientific Committee in 2018 (SC21). The SC agreed that this plan should also be distributed to IOTC Members for comment during early 2019; following which time, comments will be collated and a penultimate version of the plan presented to the Commission for it to consider its adoption (see paragraph 247 IOTC-2018-SC21 Report)

In order to achieve this objective, I invite all Members to review the Draft Science Strategic Plan ([click here](#)) and send any comments to the IOTC Secretariat (IOTC-secretariat@fao.org) by 15 April 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (hmurua@azti.es) if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Scientific Committee Chairperson

Attachment:

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