

Echebatar Sustainability Working Group

Monthly Meeting: March 6 2023

12.00 h (CET)

MINUTE

PARTICIPANTS

Ane Iriondo (AZTI), José Luis Jauregui, Pablo González Vallarúa, Ian Scott (Echebatar)

POINTS

- Following a meeting earlier in the day it was confirmed that the AZTI report “Study of the interaction of derelict FADs on coral communities in the Indian Ocean” will shortly be published on the Echebatar web site.
- The previous Thursday and Friday Scott had participated virtually in the Seychelles workshop to support the preparation of a fishery management plan for tuna. He will also participate in the second workshop on March 7/8 covering the on-shore sector of the Seychelles tuna industry.
- Scott will shortly complete the draft report “ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE “EUROPEAN” TUNA PURSE SEINE FLEET TO SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN” for consideration by SIOTI.
- The team reviewed the current status of the Client Checklist that is in preparation for the recertification process. It is complete in draft form and Iriondo will review before Scott proof reads the draft. The document will be sent to the CAB on March 13 (one week delay).
- The audit and the fourth annual surveillance audit (FASA) will now take place in Bermeo in week beginning June 26.
- In May, Scott will draft the briefing document for FASA .
- The next meeting with CFTO is scheduled for 28 March.
- The next ESWG meeting is scheduled for 27 April.

Meeting closed 12.45.