



Madrid, 29 March 2006

Mr. Vladimir Golitsyn  
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**RE: Status of Stocks Assessed by ICCAT**

Dear Mr. Golitsyn:

I have the honor to refer to the discussions held during the Fifth Round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations 1995 Fish Stocks Agreement, 20-24 March 2006, during which several parties expressed their wish to have more information on stock status made available.

As stated in all interventions made by ICCAT, stocks are assessed periodically by the Standing Committee on