

**EWG Invitation to participate in the electronic Working Group (EWG) to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type products (CXS 94-1981)* could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under Section 2.1.**

This message is sent on behalf of the **Philippines** and **European Union**.

**Title** : EWG on the the proposed amendment of CXS 94-1981 to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella)

**Committee** : Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products

**Session** : 35<sup>th</sup> Session

**Chair of EWG** : Philippines

**Co-Chairs** : EU

**Working Languages** : English, Spanish and French

**Description of work** : i. overseeing the sensory evaluation of the candidate species, i.e. *S. lemuru* in accordance with the inclusion procedure of the Procedural Manual, in particular sections 2.3, 3.3 and 4.

ii. preparing a report to the CCFP36 on its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

**Timetable for work** (indicative only) 15 December 2021-January 31, 2022: Participants register for the EWG  
By May 1: Sensory analyses of samples  
May 2022: Available data on sensory and biomass estimation of *S. lemuru*  
June 2022: First draft of results sent to EWG participants for comments  
July 2022: Second draft of documents sent to EWG participants for comments  
August 2022: Third draft of documents sent to EWG participants for comment  
By 1 October 2022: EWG report sent to the Codex Secretariat

**Email for registration** [fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph](mailto:fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph)

**Registration deadline** January 31, 2022

**EWG online platform** Yes

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this Electronic Working Group (EWG). When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate **one** as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Point (CCP) of the Member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participant's name
- official title or position
- organization or country

- email address.

Link: <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

Usergroup name: [CCFFP35-Sardine species]

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the usergroup directly.

The EWG Chairperson will give participants access to the group online once they have verified their credentials so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the Chairperson through your CCP even if you are already registered on the platform.

#### Programme and timeline

The work programme and timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

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