

31 January 2018

IOTC CIRCULAR 2017–06

Dear Sir/Madam

URGENT REMINDER FOR THE PAYMENTS OF IOTC MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

As of 29 January 2018, six IOTC members only have made their contribution payments for the year 2018, and the total sum of arrears, including due contributions for 2018, currently stands at **USD 5,195,686**. The IOTC therefore faces a risk of reduced operations due to unpaid contributions.

IOTC Members are reminded that according to Regulation V of the IOTC Financial Regulations - Provision of Funds, "contributions shall be due and payable in full within 30 days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary, or as of the first days of the calendar year to which they relate, whichever is the later. As of 1 January of the following calendar year, the unpaid balance of such contributions shall be considered to be one year in arrears."

IOTC members who have not paid their contributions (and/or historical arrears in contributions) — see the attached table, are requested to address this matter with the utmost urgency to enable the on-going work of the Commission.

Please also be reminded that, in accordance with Appendix 8 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, Contracting Parties of the Commission that are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions are not eligible to benefit from the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund if the amount equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from for the two preceding calendar years.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Status of IOTC Membership contributions

Distribution

IOTC Contracting Parties: Australia, China, Comoros, Eritrea, European Union, France (Territories), Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep of), Japan, Kenya, Rep. of Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United Rep. of Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom (OT), Yemen. **Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties:** Bangladesh, Liberia, Senegal. **Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations.** Chairperson IOTC. **Copy to:** FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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Table. Status of Member contributions to the IOTC autonomous budget (in US\$) 17 January 2018

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Member	Outstanding contribution 1 January 2018 (all years prior to 2018)	Contribution due for 2018	Received contributions in 2018	Total contributions in arrears 9 Jan 2018
AUSTRALIA	0	177,389	177,389	0
BELIZE	47,092	0		47,092
CHINA	0	106,081		106,081
COMOROS	51,636	33,252		84,888
ERITREA	236,964	13,600		250,564
EUROPEAN UNION	0	780,098	780,098	0
FRANCE	0	146,426	146,396	30
GUINEA	155,866	0		155,866
INDIA	0	168,791		168,791
INDONESIA	0	281,633		281,633
IRAN	1,132,593	201,476		1,334,069
JAPAN	0	208,497		208,497
KENYA	94,528	63,568		158,096
KOREA, Rep. of	0	214,493		214,493
MADAGASCAR	50,402	34,950		85,352
MALAYSIA	74,844	76,410		151,254
MALDIVES	0	137,794		137,794
MAURITIUS	0	67,033		67,033
MOZAMBIQUE	29,747	31,488		61,235
OMAN	0	183,386	183,386	0
PAKISTAN	68,454	98,342		166,796
PHILIPPINES	0	63,636		63,636
SEYCHELLES	0	209,654	209,654	0
SIERRA LEONE	38,391	0		38,391
SOMALIA	12,558	13,468		26,026
SOUTH AFRICA	60,063	63,279		123,342
SRI LANKA	0	141,800		141,800
SUDAN	369,341	46,728		416,069
TANZANIA	0	35,114	35,114	0
THAILAND	0	70,093		70,093
UNITED KINGDOM	0	146,436		146,436
VANUATU	26,251	0		26,251
YEMEN	373,365	90,744		464,109
Total	2,822,094	3,905,659	1,532,067	5,195,686