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IOTC CIRCULAR 2018-40

Dear Sir/Madam

FEASIBILITY STUDY TO STRENGTHEN THE IOTC VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS)

In 2016, the Commission endorsed a proposal for a feasibility study on options to strengthen the IOTC Vessel Monitoring System. After experiencing some delays to get this work started, I now wish to inform you that, with the financial support of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the work is underway. The organisation approved by the VMS Steering Group to undertake the work is Pontus Consulting.

As part of this consultancy, Pontus Consulting will analyse the feedback provided by CPCs through the VMS questionnaire (IOTC Circular 2017-88). In doing so, there may be a need for the lead consultant, Mr Wez Norris, or his associate to refer back to CPCs for clarifications on their feedback. I trust that CPCs who are contacted will consider providing their full assistance to the consultant.

Thank you for your support to this study.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

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