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IOTC CIRCULAR 2018-43

Dear Sir/Madam

ANNOUNCEMENT OF IOTC MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 2019

- **IOTC WORKSHOP ON MCS/CDS STUDIES**, 11-12 February 2019
- **THE WORKING PARTY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES (WPICMM)**, 13-15 February 2019
- **THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA (TCAC)**, 11-13 March 2019,
- **THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE REVIEW (TCPR)**, 14-15 March 2019

IOTC MCS/CDS Workshop:

This workshop will examine (i) the review of IOTC monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) measures, systems, tools and processes, with the objective of providing advice and guidance, on improving the integration of the different tools in IOTCs MCS measures (ii) a proposed catch documentation scheme (CDS) to document the trade cycle of catches of the 5 major commercial IOTC species (albacore, bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tunas and swordfish). The workshop will be held in Maputo, Mozambique from 11-12 February 2019, venue to be advised. Documents for the meetings will be posted on the IOTC website as they are received.

Working Party on Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures

The 2nd meeting of the WPICMM will be held in Maputo, Mozambique from 13-15 February 2019, venue to be advised. Documents for the meetings will be posted on the IOTC website as they are received.

Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria

The 5th meeting of the TCAC will be held in Seychelles from 11-13 March 2019, venue to be advised. Documents for the meetings will be posted on the IOTC website as they are received.

Technical Committee on Performance Review

The 2nd meeting of the TCPR will be held in Seychelles from 14-15 March 2019, venue to be advised. Documents for the meetings will be posted on the IOTC website as they are received.

Registration

Registration for the meetings is essential so as to allow the IOTC Secretariat sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements. Please register for the meetings on the IOTC website no later than 15 days before the respective meetings. The registration deadlines and links to the registration sites are provided below

Credentials

In accordance with Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), official credentials are required in order to participate in the meetings of the TCAC and TCPR. For your convenience, a draft letter of credentials (from Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, 2014) is available [here](#).

Please note, only those who are listed on a Letter of Credentials will be permitted to attend the Sessions.

Distribution

IOTC Contracting Parties: Australia, Bangladesh, 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:** Liberia, Senegal. **Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations. Chairperson IOTC. Copy to:** FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)

Each CPC is requested to provide a letter of credentials signed by the appropriate Authority indicating who will attend the meeting and in what capacity, no later than 15 days before the above meetings to iotc-secretariat@fao.org and a hard copy at the commencement of the meeting.

Invited Experts and Observers

Delegates wishing to attend the meeting as Invited Experts or pre-approved IOTC Observers are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials, no later than 15 days before the Session to iotc-secretariat@fao.org and a hard copy at the commencement of the Session.

Meeting Participation fund (for developing IOTC Contracting Parties Members only)

The participation of one representative from developing Members of the IOTC may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund. Deadlines for the applications for the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, must be received by the IOTC Secretariat (iotc-secretariat@fao.org) no later than 45 days prior to the commencement of each meeting.

Applications must include:

- i) an official nomination letter;
- ii) the contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his/her passport).

Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure. Click [here](#). Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments:

- Nil