

05 February 2019

## IOTC CIRCULAR 2019–07

Dear Sir/Madam

### URGENT REMINDER FOR THE PAYMENTS OF IOTC MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

As of 31 January 2019, only seven IOTC members have made their contribution payments for the year 2019, and the total sum of arrears, including due contributions for 2019, currently stands at **USD 5 532 829**. 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 them 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 1.** Status of Member contributions to the IOTC autonomous budget (in US\$)

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Member	Outstanding contribution 1 January 2019 (all years prior to 2019)	Contribution due for 2019	Received contributions 2019	Total contributions in arrears 31 Jan 2019
AUSTRALIA	0	191,528	191,528	0
BANGLADESH		69,127		69,127
BELIZE	47,092	0		47,092
CHINA	0	116,673		116,673
COMOROS	70,602	38,558	46,400	62,759
ERITREA	250,564	14,380		264,944
EUROPEAN UNION	0	846,813	846,813	0
FRANCE	0	156,579		156,579
GUINEA	155,866	0		155,866
INDIA	0	177,755	177,755	0
INDONESIA	0	295,996		295,996
IRAN	1,244,032	225,155		1,469,187
JAPAN	0	227,173		227,173
KENYA	12,102	68,195		80,297
KOREA, Rep. of	0	245,109		245,109
MADAGASCAR	33,308	37,771		71,079
MALAYSIA	0	81,223	81,223	0
MALDIVES	0	150,135		150,135
MAURITIUS	0	74,549		74,549
MOZAMBIQUE	31,488	34,744		66,232
OMAN	0	200,773	200,773	0
PAKISTAN	73,109	106,854		179,963
PHILIPPINES	0	68,119		68,119
SEYCHELLES	0	238,352		238,352
SIERRA LEONE	38,391	0		38,391
SOMALIA	26,026	14,234		40,260
SOUTH AFRICA	0	50,073		50,073
SRI LANKA	0	127,433		127,433
SUDAN	409,887	49,843		459,730
TANZANIA	0	36,775		36,775
THAILAND	0	75,848	75,848	0
UNITED KINGDOM	0	156,589		156,589
VANUATU	26,251	0		26,251
YEMEN	464,109	93,988		558,097
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,882,828</b>	<b>4,270,341</b>	<b>1,620,340</b>	<b>5,532,829</b>