

15 December 2017

## IOTC CIRCULAR 2017-093

Dear Sir/Madam

### RESIGNATION OF THE IOTC CHAIRPERSON – DR AHMED AL-MAZROUI

I wish to advise Commission Members that as of 15 December 2017, I am resigning as IOTC Chairperson, as I am leaving the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman to begin another phase of my career with FAO.

I have been associated with IOTC since 2001, starting off as a Commissioner and a scientist contributing to Scientific Committee. It has been an honour to work with you over the past 17 years and a privilege to have been IOTC Chairperson since 2015. During this time, I have witnessed the IOTC evolve into one of the foremost RFMOs in the world, and I am confident that this growth will solidify into a sustainable fishery that will bring many years of benefits to our communities.

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and your friendship, as well as the support that the IOTC Secretariat provided, especially during my tenure as Chairperson.

Yours sincerely



Ahmed Al-Mazroui  
Chairman of the Commission

**Attachment:**

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