

25 September 2020

IOTC CIRCULAR 2020-43

Dear Madam / Sir

CONFIRMATION FOR S24 TO GO AHEAD BY VIDEO-CONFERENCE

In IOTC Circular 2020-37, the IOTC Chairperson sought confirmation, from IOTC Members, of whether S24 should be held by video-conference due to the exceptional circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Secretariat received 23 replies agreeing to S24 being held virtually and the exceptional suspension of the Rules of Procedure of the IOTC that presuppose in-person sessions of the Commission. There was 1 reply against this.

Twenty three votes 'for' exceeds the two-thirds majority of Members required for the decision to be carried; therefore, S24 will proceed as proposed in IOTC Circular's 2020-33 & 2020-36.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Distribution

IOTC Contracting Parties: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Comoros, Eritrea, European Union, France (Territories), 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 ("BIOT"), Yemen. **Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties:** Liberia, Senegal.
Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations. Chairperson IOTC. Copy to: FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

This message has been transmitted by email only