

24 March 2021

IOTC CIRCULAR 2021-16

Dear Sir/Madam

REMINDER FOR THE PAYMENT OF IOTC MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

As of 18 March 2021, ten IOTC members have made their contribution payments for the year 2021, for a total of USD 1,775,663 against a budget of USD 4,221,458. The total sum of outstanding contributions, including due contributions for 2021, currently stands at USD 6,244,563. The IOTC therefore faces a risk of reduced operations due to unpaid contributions.

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 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, 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, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United Rep. of Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, 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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Status of Member contributions to the IOTC autonomous budget (in US\$) – 18 March 2021

Member	1	2	3	4
Member	Outstanding Contribution 1 January 2021 (all years prior to 2021)	Contribution due for 2021	Received Contributions in 2021	Total Outstanding Contributions
AUSTRALIA	0	190,396	190,396	0
BANGLADESH	0	67,420		67,420
BELIZE*	47,092			47,092
CHINA	0	110,828		110,827
COMOROS	86,482	74,059	36,000	124,541
ERITREA	279,174	13,743		292,917
EUROPEAN UNION	0	896,027	896,027	0
FRANCE	0	157,327	157,327	0
GUINEA*	155,866			155,866
INDIA	173,127	168,501		341,627
INDONESIA	0	250,553		250,553
IRAN	1,696,909	216,805		1,913,714
JAPAN	0	216,901		216,901
KENYA	0	68,469		68,469
KOREA, Rep. of	0	241,625		241,625
MADAGASCAR	697	36,121		36,818
MALAYSIA	0	79,541	79,541	0
MALDIVES	0	146,620	146,620	0
MAURITIUS	0	77,572	77,572	0
MOZAMBIQUE	101,325	33,877		135,202
OMAN	0	207,114		207,114
PAKISTAN	93,002	116,878		209,880
PHILIPPINES	0	49,591	49,591	0
SEYCHELLES	0	249,744		249,743
SIERRA LEONE*	52,479	13,618		66,097
SOMALIA	54,348	13,618		67,966
SOUTH AFRICA	0	67,464	67,464	0
SRI LANKA	0	125,157		125,156
SUDAN	346,891	13,637		360,528
TANZANIA	37,046	37,156		74,202
THAILAND	0	75,125	75,125	0
UNITED KINGDOM	0	157,340		157,339
VANUATU*	26,251			26,251
YEMEN	648,081	48,632		696,713
Total	3,798,769	4,221,458	1,775,663	6,244,563

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