
PROGRESS ON REQUESTS FOR ACTION MADE BY THE COMMISSION IN 2020

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period on its requests for action made to the Secretariat during the 24th Session in 2020.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the Commission made 5 specific requests for action that involved the Secretariat. To-date 4 have been completed and 1 is ongoing. The responses to these requests are given below.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2021-S25-02 which provided the Commission with information on the progress made during the inter-sessional period on the requests for action made at its 24th Session in 2020.
- 2) **CONSIDER** whether any of the requests for action need further instructions or guidance.

Action		Status
AI = agenda item from the report. P = paragraph number.		
AI 10 Report of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance		
P74	The Commission NOTED that the FAO employer contribution costs are rapidly increasing in addition to overhead payments to FAO and REQUESTED the Secretariat to provide more information on how employer contributions are derived by the FAO for the SCAFs review.	Completed (IOTC-2021-SCAF18-09)
P76	The Commission REQUESTED the SCAF to provide its advice on the matter in 2021, and to assist the SCAF's deliberations the Commission REQUESTED the Secretariat to provide the SCAF with information on the financial year of each IOTC Member.	Completed (IOTC-2021-SCAF18-10)
AI 12. Any other business		
P89	The Commission NOTED a proposal for a Letter of Understanding between IOTC and the Secretariat of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (IOMOU) for the Indian Ocean region. The Commission AGREED to relabel the document as a Letter of Intent and REQUESTED the Chairperson of the Commission to sign the letter on behalf of the Commission and send it to IOMOU for signature.	Completed.
P90	90. The Commission NOTED a proposal for a Letter of Understanding to reconfirm the collaboration between IOTC and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) which has been ongoing since 2009. The Commission AGREED IN PRINCIPLE to continue a collaborative arrangement with ACAP and REQUESTED that the document be relabelled as a Letter of Intent with some other editorial revisions and maintain the text from the 2015 agreement. The Commission REQUESTED Executive Secretary to confirm the acceptability of the revised ACAP Letter of Intent with Heads of Delegation before the Chairperson of the Commission signs the letter on behalf of the Commission and sends it to ACAP for signature.	Completed
P91	Given the management area of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (which covers fishery resources including fish, molluscs, crustaceans and other sedentary species, but excludes highly migratory species), overlaps considerably with the IOTC Area of Competence, the Commission REQUESTED the Executive Secretary to work with the Secretariat of SIOFA and present a draft Letter of Intent for a future collaborative arrangement between IOTC and SIOFA on areas of common understanding and interest for its consideration at S25.	Ongoing. A draft Letter of intent has been sent to SIOFA for its consideration.