



29 September 2021

## IOTC CIRCULAR

2021-51

Dear Madam / Sir

### A COMMUNICATION FROM INDIA REGARDING A PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION OF IOTC

Please find attached a communication from India in response to IOTC Circular 2021-48 *Regarding a proposed special session of the IOTC*.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

- Letter from India

Distribution

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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**  
**Department of Fisheries**

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021

To,

Executive Secretary,  
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),  
P.O. Box. 1011,  
Victoria – SEYCHELLES

**Subject:-Request for convening a Special Session of IOTC in November, 2021-regarding.**

Dear Dr. O'Brien,

The Delegations of India presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), and to the Chairperson of the IOTC Annual Session held virtually from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

In response to the IOTC Circular 2021-48 and 2021-49 of 16 September 2021, we request pursuant to Article VI(5) IOTC Agreement and Rule 2(2) of the Rules of Procedure that the Chairperson convene a Special Session of the Commission in November 2021 for the sole purpose of a vote on proposal PropE\_Rev2.

In our view, the outcomes of the meetings of the FAD Working Group and the Scientific Committee (to be held in October and December 2021, respectively) are not relevant to the Special Session, the sole purpose of which will be a vote on proposal PropE\_Rev2. Therefore, we consider that the proposed date of 17-21 January, 2022 for the Special Session would result in an unnecessary delay. We would also like to remind the Chairperson of Rule 4(6) of the Rules of Procedure, according to which the “agenda of a special Session shall consist only of items relating to the purpose for which the Session was called.”

We request the Executive Secretary to circulate a copy of this letter to all Members of the IOTC.

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in the Government of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the IOTC the assurance of its highest consideration.

With regards,



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