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Dear Sir/Madam

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR IOTC FISHERIES — A SPECIAL OFFER ON SHIPPING

The IOTC Secretariat has a wide range of identification cards, in multiple languages, for the IOTC species and other species that maybe incidentally caught by IOTC fisheries in the Indian Ocean, including marine turtles, seabirds, and sharks and rays. These guides are intended for use by scientific observers, field samplers, and fishers in order to improve the quality of the data being recorded and reported to the IOTC Secretariat [[click here to see the range](#)].

The Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) has generously offered funding to ship these identification cards to CPCs, free of charge.

As this funding is only available to the middle of March 2022, CPCs are urged to contact the Secretariat (iotc-secretariat@fao.org) as soon as possible, indicating what guides, languages and quantities are required.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

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