



24 February 2022

IOTC CIRCULAR 2022-13

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM OCEAN OUTCOMES

Please find attached a request letter from Ocean Outcomes to participate as an Observer to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission processes.

In accordance with Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, Contracting Parties of the Commission may wish to allow Oceans Outcomes to participate as an Observer given their interest in the IOTC as stipulated in the attached letter. Thus, unless any objections are received within 30 days of the date of this Circular, the IOTC Secretariat will consider that approval has been granted for the Executive Secretary to issue an invitation to the potential Observer to attend IOTC meetings accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments :

- Letter from Ocean Outcomes

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:** Senegal. **Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations.** **Chairperson IOTC.** **Copy to:** FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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Ms Jung-re Riley Kim
Chairperson of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
PO Box 1011
Victoria
Seychelles

17 February 2022

Dear Ms Kim,

I am writing to request observer status to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) for Ocean Outcomes.

[Ocean Outcomes](https://oceanoutcomes.org) is an international non-profit organisation with a mission to work with communities and the seafood industry to improve the sustainability of fisheries, with a significant focus on tuna fisheries in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. We cultivate deep relationships with fishermen, seafood buyers, NGOs and government bodies to identify locally-led, industry-supported solutions to improve the health of fisheries and aquatic ecosystems. O2 has been building relationships as part of our work assessing, designing and implementing a range of projects around the world, including Fishery Improvement Projects in the Indian and Pacific Oceans for Northeast Asian flag countries.

Ocean Outcomes shares with the IOTC the common objective of ensuring Indian Ocean tuna fisheries are sustainably managed. We seek to attend IOTC meetings to gain understanding of the IOTC's decision-making processes will help us enable and inform the fisheries and companies with which we work. We believe our increased understanding would benefit the IOTC as we can more effectively work with our partners towards more sustainably-managed Indian Ocean tuna fisheries and improved livelihoods.

We hope to attend the 26th session of the IOTC, therefore please find this letter submitted no later than 60 days prior to the commencement of the commission meeting.

Please inform me if you require any further information to support our application for observer status to the IOTC. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Rich Lincoln
President and CEO, Ocean Outcomes

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