

03 March 2022

IOTC CIRCULAR 2022-16

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM THE SOMALI NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER

Please find attached a request letter from the Somali Natural Resources Research Center (SONRREC) 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 Sonrrec 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 SONRREC

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.

This message has been transmitted by email only



Somali Natural Resources Research Center

SONRREC

Ref: SONRREC/WL021/22

February 26, 2022

Chairperson of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission,
Le Chantier Mall (2nd Floor),
PO Box 1011,
Victoria Mahe,
Seychelles

Request for observer status at the IOTC

Dear Chairperson,

Somalia Natural resources research Centre (SONRREC) a registered NGO in Somalia requests observer status at the IOTC.

The primary objective of SONRREC is to improve the sustainable exploitation of Somali natural resources for socio-economic development to ensure that any exploitation of natural resources is equitable and environmentally sustainable through scientific research, capacity development and consultant services.

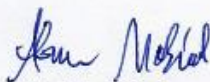
We are particularly interested in the conservation of tuna and tuna-like species within the IOTC area of competence, with specific reference to SDGs.

I am writing to you to request observer status to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission meetings under Article VII of the IOTC Agreement (OBSERVERS) and Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedures

I hope that observer status can be granted to SONRREC.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,


Abubakar Mohamud
Executive Director



Hodan District, Mogadishu, Somalia www.sonrrec.org, info@sonrrec.org