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## PROGRESS ON REQUESTS FOR ACTION MADE BY THE SCAF IN 2021

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### PURPOSE

To provide the SCAF with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period on its requests for action made to the Secretariat during its 18<sup>th</sup> session in 2021.

### BACKGROUND

In 2021, the SCAF made 5 specific requests for action that involved the Secretariat. To-date 4 of those requests have been completed and 1 is ongoing. The requests are listed below.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the SCAF:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2022-SCAF19-03 which provided the SCAF with information on the progress made during the inter-sessional period on the requests for action made at its 18<sup>th</sup> Session in 2021.
- 2) **CONSIDER** whether any of the requests for action need further instructions or guidance.

Action requested by SCAF18		Status
AI = agenda item from the report. P = paragraph number.		
<b>AI 4 Report of the IOTC Secretariat on 2020</b>		
P7	<p>The SCAF <b>NOTED</b> the increased levels of participation in IOTC meetings in 2020 due to the use of videoconference platforms. The SCAF <b>REQUESTED</b> the Secretariat to explore the use of videoconference platforms for extending participation in meetings and capacity development activities in the future.</p>	Completed
<b>AI 5.2 Contributions outstanding</b>		
P24-25	<p>The SCAF <b>NOTED</b> the long-term lack of engagement of Eritrea, Sudan and Yemen with the Commission and that these Members have continued to default on their obligations. The SCAF <b>NOTED</b> the negative impact on the IOTC budget due to Eritrea, Sudan and Yemen not paying their contributions (around \$77,000 per year).</p> <p>The SCAF <b>REQUESTED</b> the Secretariat to obtain legal advice from FAO regarding the implications of omitting Members that are not engaging with the Commission from the IOTC Schedule of contributions and provide advice on this matter to SCAF19.</p>	Completed – refer to IOTC-2022-SCAF19-05
<b>AI 6.1 Programme of work and budget</b>		
P36	<p>The European Union informed the SCAF that it intends to make a voluntary contribution of the order of magnitude of at least €500,000 towards the Science Committee’s workplan and capacity building activities in 2022. The SCAF welcomed this generous offer and <b>REQUESTED</b> the EU to work with the Secretariat to develop a project compatible with the Commission’s objectives.</p>	Ongoing – activities identified and a project document is in preparation
<b>Other</b>		
P26	<p>The SCAF <b>NOTED</b> the tremendous effort made by the Secretariat in obtaining the contributions of ex-members in recent years. The SCAF <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that due to the lack of success by the Secretariat, the Commission cease pursuing the outstanding contributions of ex-Members: Belize, Guinea, Vanuatu and Sierra Leone, but ensure that the debt be maintained and reported annually in a separate ‘outstanding contributions’ table (para 26).</p>	Completed – refer to IOTC-2022-SCAF19-05
P41	<p>The SCAF <b>RECOMMENDED</b> to the Commission that the latest date contributions should be paid in each budget year should be 30 June and the date, in a budget year, when un-paid contributions will be in ‘arrears’ should be 1 July, and forthwith these dates be included in the IOTC Financial Regulations (para 41).</p>	Completed – reported to the FAO Finance Committee – refer to <a href="#">FC 188/INF/6</a>