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Dear Sir/Madam,

TENDER LAUNCHED FOR IMPLEMENTING IOTC'S REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME

On behalf of the IOTC Secretariat, the FAO has called for tenders to implement the IOTC Regional Observer Programme which will involve executing all the logistical requirements necessary for the placing of observers on board on carrier vessels receiving consignments from large scale longline fishing vessels effecting transshipments at sea in the IOTC Area of Competence.

The programme was established in accordance with IOTC Resolution 2006/02 *On Establishing a Programme for Transshipment by Large-Scale Fishing Vessels* and has been running for 14 years. It is currently executed according to IOTC Resolution 22/02.

The objectives of the Regional Observer Programme are to:

- combat IUU fishing activities because they undermine the effectiveness of IOTC conservation and management measures; and
- combat organized tuna laundering operations of catches from IUU fishing vessels that tranship at-sea under the names of duly licensed fishing vessels.

The tender has been launched on the United Nations Global Marketplace website <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice> with a closing date of 6 December 2022.

Interested contractors may find the tender by inserting "2022/CSAPC/NFIDD/11928" into the reference line of the search function.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Secretary

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