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## IOTC CIRCULAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

### REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Please find attached a request letter from Dalhousie University 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 Dalhousie University 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 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

#### Distribution

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November 22, 2022

Ms. June-re Riley Kim.  
Chair, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Dear Ms. Kim

I am writing this letter to request Observer status to the IOTC for the Marine Affairs Program (MAP) at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada. MAP was established in 1986, and since then, we have been one of the leading training centres for master's degrees in the field of Marine Management.

The vision of the Marine Affairs Program is to be the foremost provider of interdisciplinary education for marine management professionals and to advance sustainable marine environments. Our mission—with its emphasis on education, research, and service—is to create an inquiring learning environment that leads to the training of professionals at the forefront of implementing sustainable management of the oceans and coastal environments. Our strategic goal is to develop outstanding marine management professionals, through promotion of synergies among the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and professions. Marine Affairs shares marine management expertise, and related skills, within the Dalhousie community and worldwide, through a network of faculty, graduates, associates, and institutions.

Our faculty and graduate students have undertaken research in the last few years in WCPFC, ICCAT and IOTC to identify practical solutions to ongoing management, governance, and developmental challenges. We have published research on subsidies, the role of private actors in RFMO governance in particular in ICCAT and WCPFC, cooperate social responsibility and its role in RFMO governance, the importance of equitable allocation mechanisms in transboundary tuna governance. We have students currently undertaking research in the area of IUU fishing and RFMO governance issues in the Indian Ocean.

The work of the Marine Affairs Program is highly applied, and thus presence at IOTC meetings better allows our work to be contextually relevant and to support the needs of IOTC Members. I can provide more information about MAP if this is of interest to the Secretariat.

Thank you for considering this request for Observer status for the Marine Affairs Program at Dalhousie University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Bailey".

Megan Bailey  
Associate Professor