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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-16

Dear Sir/Madam

### REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM THE THAI TUNA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TTIA)

Please find attached a request letter from the Thai Tuna Industry Association (TTIA) 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 the Thai Tuna Industry Association (TTIA) 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 TTIA

#### Distribution

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Thai Tuna Industry Association

**URGENT**

TTIA Ref.no 007/ 2023

9 March 2023

Dear The Chairperson of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission  
CC Director General, Department of Fisheries of Thailand

**Subject: Request for Observer Status from Thai Tuna Industry Association to Attend the 27th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission**

With reference to IOTC upcoming meeting on the 27th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission that will be held from 8 to 12 May 2023. We, Thai Tuna Industry Association (TTIA), are writing to ask for your kind consideration related to the pre-approval process in attending the meeting.

The details of our representative and reason is as follows:

**Organization: Thai Tuna Industry Association**

**Name:** Dr. Adisorn Promthep, Chairman of the foundation  
Sustainable Fisheries Research and Development Institute

**Reason:** TTIA was established on 29th July 2013 consisting of 26 tuna processing companies whose combined import of frozen whole round tuna mainly fishing from the Indian Ocean and the Western and Central Pacific Ocean in the amount of 600,000 to 800,000 ton per year approximately. In addition, its output gathered for more than 90 percent, or more than THB 80 billion of Thailand's total annual canned tuna export. Our mission is to address **Growing Sustainably** for tuna industry through the three main policies that are Food safety, Sustainable fishery and Ethical standard and Human Rights. We encourage members to comply with related national and international regulations and keep cooperating with Government, non-Government and tuna supply chain in order to fulfill our mission.

Therefore, we would appreciate if you could pre-approve the name list above to attending the 27th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in period 8 to 12 May 2023, accordingly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours,

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President

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