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## PROGRESS ON REQUESTS FOR ACTION MADE BY THE SCAF IN 2022

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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 19<sup>th</sup> session in 2022.

### BACKGROUND

In 2022, the SCAF made 6 specific requests for action that involved the Secretariat. 6 of those requests have been completed. The requests are listed below.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the SCAF:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2022–SCAF20–03 which provided the SCAF with information on the progress made during the inter-sessional period on the requests for action made at its 19<sup>th</sup> Session in 2022.
- 2) **CONSIDER** whether any of the requests for action need further instructions or guidance.

| Action requested by SCAF19          |  | Status  |
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| P = SCAF19 Report paragraph number. |  |   |
| P19                                 | The SCAF NOTED that the I.R. of Iran was responsible for around 48% of the total outstanding contributions. Iran informed the SCAF that it currently has more than USD2 million available to pay its outstanding contributions; however, due to financial sanctions it is not currently able to transfer these funds into the FAO account. The SCAF requested the Secretariat to work with Iran and FAO to find a solution for the transfer.   | Completed.<br><i>Solution found through UN channels and most of the outstanding payment was received in 2022 – refer to IOTC-2023-SCAF20-05.</i>          |
| P22                                 | Mozambique informed the SCAF that some financial constraints had been recently lifted in Mozambique and that the 2022 payment will be made in June, and the arrears will be paid gradually over future years. The SCAF was informed by Mozambique that the Letter for call for funds should be updated from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Seas, Inland Waters and Fisheries. The SCAF REQUESTED the Secretariat to ensure this change is made known to FAO.   | Completed.  |
| P24                                 | Pakistan informed the SCAF that its contribution payments are sometimes affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange and this has contributed to an underpayment of annual contributions. Pakistan further informed that there is a potential error in the outstanding amount of membership contribution every year. The SCAF REQUESTED that the Secretariat work with Pakistan and FAO to confirm the total outstanding.  | Completed.  |
| P29                                 | The SCAF NOTED, that there is no instance of FAO calling for a suspension of assessed contributions as these are a central tenet of Membership of the Organization. The SCAF, therefore RECOMMENDED to the Commission that the IOTC Schedule of contributions should continue to include Members that are not engaging with the Commission. However, the SCAF REQUESTED the IOTC Chairperson to write to Sudan and Yemen and ascertain their intentions with respect to participating in the IOTC as a Member, including the possibility of becoming a CNCP. | Completed.<br><i>Sudan has since re-engaged with the Commission. Yemen re-engaged for TCAC11; however, a letter has also been sent to the Government.</i> |
| P39                                 | The SCAF RECOMMENDED the formation of a Small Working Group (SWG) to draft a Rules of Procedure for the operation of the working capital fund in accordance with Regulation IV.5 of the IOTC Financial Regulations. The Membership of the SWG will comprise Australia, Comoros, European Union and Maldives. The SCAF REQUESTED that the SWG meet virtually and present the draft Rules of Procedure at SCAF20.  | Completed.<br><i>Refer to IOTC-2023-SCAF20-10.</i>  |
| P40                                 | The SCAF RECOMMENDED that the Secretariat includes details for the Regional Observer Programme in future financial statements.   | Completed.<br><i>Refer to IOTC-2023-SCAF20-06.</i>  |