



30 May 2023

IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-37

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM BANGLADESH MARINE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION (BMFA)

Please find attached a request letter from Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Association (BMFA) 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 BMFA 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 BMFA

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Ref: BMFA/IOTC/54/23

Date: 23/05/23

To
The Chairperson
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Subject: **Request for observer status.**

In reference to IOTC observer status **Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Association (BMFA)**, is writing to ask for your kind consideration related to the pre-approval process in attending the meeting as an observer.

Rationale: BANGLADESH MARINE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION (BMFA) is a non-Governmental Organization, based on the principles of voluntary, autonomy and equality. BMFA was established in 1980 and approved by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh under section 3 of the trade organizations ordinance 1961 (ordinance No. XLV of 1961) and registered with the register of joint stock companies, Dhaka, Bangladesh under the Companies Act, 1913 (Act VII of 1913) as a company with limited liability.

BMFA members include leading Marine Shrimp & Fish producers, as well as exporters with companies providing services in Marine Fisheries sector. Based on mutual support, the Association was established to coordinate and link enterprise operations, to improve value, quality and competitive capacity of Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Industry and to enhance source of raw material for seafood export, to represent and to protect legal interests of the nation and the members of the Association.

BMFA is the only trade body representing the members of fish and shrimp catching companies from the Bay of Bengal. Since its inception the Association has been working to promote and protect the interest of Marine Fish & Shrimp Exporters in the country. It also acts as a vital link between the trade bodies and the different Government and regulatory bodies.

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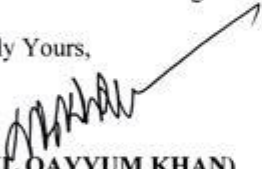
The Association is also devoted to establish and promote business with foreign buyers, national and international business Association and the Chamber of Commerce and industries to develop export marketing of Bangladeshi seafood. BMFA has also been playing a vital role in partnership with the Bangladesh Government including advising in relevant policy, quality control, packing, marketing and developing the fishery industries of the country.

Our aim is to encourage members to comply with related national, regional and international regulations and keep cooperation with Government, non-Government and International Organizations for the sustainability of tuna fishery.

Therefore, it would be highly appreciated if you could pre-approve the BMFA as an observer to the upcoming meetings of the IOTC.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours,


(NURUL QAYYUM KHAN)
President

Copy to: - for kind information and necessary action.

01. Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock, People's Republic of Bangladesh.
02. Director General, Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh.