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IOTC CIRCULAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC)

In 2022 the IOTC Commission agreed to a Cooperation Agreement with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) [[click here](#)].

In accordance with Rule XIV para 10 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, *“Such agreements may provide that these organizations or institutions may be represented as observers in the Sessions of the Commission.”* 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

Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachments :

- None

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IOTC Contracting Parties: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Comoros, Eritrea, European Union, France (Territories), India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep of), Japan, Kenya, Rep. of Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United Rep. of Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, Yemen. **Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties:** Liberia. **Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations. Chairperson IOTC.** **Copy to:** FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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