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**IOTC CIRCULAR
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Dear Madam / Sir

INVITATION TO THE 26TH SESSION OF THE IOTC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

I have the honour to extend to you an invitation to participate in the 26th Session of the Scientific Committee, which will be held from 4 to 8 December 2022, at the [St Regis hotel](#) in Mumbai.

Credentials

In accordance with Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023), official credentials are required to participate in the meetings. For your convenience, a draft letter of credentials (Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, 2023) is available [here](#).

Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)

Rule III.1 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure states: "Such Letter of Credentials shall conform to the standard set out in Appendix I." Please also refer to [IOTC Circular 2021-49](#) on the content of Credentials.

The Credentials are requested to be sent no later than 15 days before each meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org. Only credentialed individuals will be admitted into the physical meeting or receive a Zoom link to join the meeting virtually.

Invited Experts and Observers

IOTC Observers and Invited Experts are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials indicating who will receive the Zoom link. The credentials should also include the email address and contact phone number for each recipient. Credentials are requested no later than 15 days before each meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org.

Calendar of important dates

Scientific Committee: 4-8 December	
5 November	Deadline for Submission of document titles.
19 November	Submission of full documents and National reports.
4 – 8 December	Scientific Committee meeting in a hybrid format.

Further information

Information concerning the Sessions, including the agendas and other meeting documents will be communicated by the IOTC Secretariat in the coming weeks on the IOTC website meeting page [\[click here\]](#).

Yours sincerely



Dr Toshihide Kitakado
Chairperson, Scientific committee

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