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IOTC CIRCULAR 2025-16

Dear Madam / Sir

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES AND TOURISM, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Please find attached a request letter from the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam 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 Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam 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

Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Letter from the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION (IOTC)
MEETINGS**

In reference to the above matter.

2. The Department of Fisheries Brunei Darussalam formally requests for an observer status for the upcoming meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC). As a government organization overseeing the overall fisheries industry and the conservation of fisheries resources in Brunei Darussalam, we are eager to contribute to and observe the Commission's discussions and deliberations with regards to conservation of Tuna and Tuna-like species in the Indian Ocean and adjacent seas.

3. The Department is committed to participate in the meetings to gain insights into key fisheries management decisions and conservation strategies to ensure long-term sustainability of fish stocks. We believe that our participation, through our expertise, can contribute constructively and add value to the meeting's objectives.

4. In this regard, we would be grateful if you could provide us with the necessary details regarding the observer registration process as well as requirements associated with observer status.

5. We appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Fisheries through the Capture Fisheries Industry and Marine Ecosystem Division at capture@fisheries.gov.bn.

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We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to participate in the important meetings.

Yours Sincerely,



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