

01 December 2025

IOTC CIRCULAR 2025-40

Dear Sir/Madam,

A COMMUNICATION FROM VANUATU

Please find attached a communication from Vanuatu, regarding a request to recall its *Note Verbale* 021/MOFAICET/2025, which was attached to IOTC Circular 2025-035.

Please note that this request from Vanuatu, transmitted via this Circular, essentially rescinds IOTC-Circular 2025-035.

Yours sincerely,

Paul de Bruyn



Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Annex 1: NOTE No. 023/MOFAICET/2025 from Vanuatu

Distribution

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Annex 1

GOUVERNEMENT DE LA
RÉPUBLIQUE DE VANUATU

MINISTÈRE DES
AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES, DE
LA COOPÉRATION
INTERNATIONALE ET DU
COMMERCE EXTÉRIEUR



GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND
EXTERNAL TRADE

Note No. 023/ MOFAICET/2025

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade of the Republic of Vanuatu presents its compliments to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), and has the honour to recall the inadvertent error of information that was conveyed through **Note Verbal 021/MOFAICET/2025** on **7 November 2025** in regards to the Vanuatu-flagged vessels.

The Ministry has further the honour to convey its profound appreciation to the commission for its steadfast support to its members, which has been instrumental in promoting the conservation and sustainable utilization of our Tuna resources in the Indian Ocean.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade of the Republic of Vanuatu avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in Seychelles, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Port Vila, 01 December 2025

**Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
Victoria, Seychelles**