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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2026-21

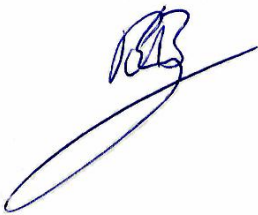
Dear Madam / Sir

### REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM FISHLISTIC

Please find attached a request letter from FishListic 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 FishListic 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 FishListic

#### Distribution

**IOTC Contracting Parties:** Australia, Bangladesh, China, Comoros, 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, Panama. **Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations. Chairperson IOTC. Copy to:** FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Mr Adam Ziyad,

Re: Request for Observer Status to attend meetings of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.

I am writing to you to seek the Indian Ocean Tuna Commissions (IOTC) consideration and approval of FishListic's request for Observer Status to attend future meetings of the Commission.

FishListic is an independent non-government sustainable seafood consultancy, with over 50 years' experience across the seafood sector, offering practical and realistic solutions and strategies catering for all stakeholders ranging from fishery level, governments, supply chains, market, science, eNGOs, and end market users. We are science-based and solutions-orientated, supporting sustainable transformations.

FishListic has a strong focus on marine environmental sustainability supporting best practices and latest scientific knowledge. We have real world expertise and practical experience in all matters regarding seafood, including global tuna fisheries, seafood standards, assessment methodologies and criteria, Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification, Fishery Improvement Programs (FIPs), fisheries management, resource sharing, ecosystem principles, seafood markets, supply chains and traceability. Furthermore, FishListic provides services to address human rights and social accountability to companies to prevent the abuse of workers on board fishing vessels by enabling seafood companies to develop and implement effective social accountability management systems.

FishListic heads up several global programs focused on international and domestic seafood markets, providing technical expert advice. We have several key strategic seafood market partnerships with retailers, brand owners and tuna associated companies.

FishListic has been, and is currently, involved in numerous tuna related activities, including majority of tuna MSC assessments and certifications as either an assessor or peer reviewer for Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Western and Central Pacific Ocean, and Eastern Pacific Ocean tuna resources. Furthermore, we are the FIP coordinator and lead for several tuna FIPs, including Indian Ocean tuna resources and a number of Contracting Parties to the IOTC. FishListic representatives have attended several tuna RFMO meetings (WCPFC, IOTC, trFMO bycatch workshops, etc.) in the past.

A number of our work activities are directly related to the Indian Ocean tuna and related species resources managed by the IOTC. FishListic believes, with our global expertise and experience, influence in key projects and markets, we would contribute meaningfully and constructively to the IOTC discussions and its agenda. Furthermore, as an observer, we would be able to share our expertise and experiences across a range of tuna related initiatives covering environment, conservation, assessment methodology, markets and social, whilst learning from the Commission and its members to better align practicalities and expectations.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me on +61 437 960 812, or email at [ptrott@fishlistic.com](mailto:ptrott@fishlistic.com). I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for considering FishListic's request for observer status to the IOTC.

Yours sincerely



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