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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2026-27

Dear Madam / Sir

### PROGRESS ON THE MIGRATION OF THE IOTC WEBSITE

At its 23<sup>rd</sup> Session, the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF) made the following request:

*(Para 14) The SCAF **NOTED** the ongoing work being carried out to update the IOTC website and requested that the Secretariat provide a circular outlining the updated timeline for this activity, indicative costs and to incorporate an opportunity for members to provide feedback on the new website before final deployment.*

The IOTC Secretariat have conducted consultations with the relevant department at FAO which is providing the technical services for this process.

The high-level budget estimate for the migration is summarised below.

Activity	Estimated Cost (USD)
Management	13,354
Mock-ups	1,095
Siternity / Fisheries integration	6,050
Knowledge transfer	9,105
Application development	13,750
Converters	13,354
Data model and migration	11,250
Data loading and integration	11,250
Standard Data Browser solution	21,000
Hosting (2 environments, 2 years)	4,000
Contingency	6,000
<b>Total estimated cost</b>	<b>110,208</b>

The high-level implementation timeline is currently anticipated as follows:

- Alpha release to Secretariat: May (Demoed)
- Pre-production release: July (In progress)
- Production release: September/October
- Comment period by IOTC members (October)
- Final adjustments, training and handover: October/November

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Support will also be required to address any bug issues and revisions to the new site over the next 2 years, but these costs should be in the region of 40 000 USD per year and should be covered under the existing SCAF budget for IT related expenses.

Thereafter, assuming no major functional expansions are introduced, effort is expected to be limited to routine maintenance, security updates, infrastructure support and minor enhancements which will be significantly less expensive.

The current 2026 budget includes a provision of USD 50,000 for the new website, supplemented by savings from other budget lines and, only if necessary and on an exceptional basis, by resources from the Working Capital Fund. Accordingly, the work should be fully funded for this year. A status report will be presented to the SCAF at its next meeting.

Yours sincerely

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