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Dear Madam / Sir

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE MEETINGS OF THE 10TH WORKING PARTY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE IOTC COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The 10th Session of the IOTC Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM10) and the First Special Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (SSCoC01) meetings are being held in Antananarivo, Madagascar in January 2027.

- WPICMM10 – 25 – 27 January 2027
- SSCC01 – 28 – 29 January 2027

The venue for the meetings is the Carlton Hotel Madagascar. More information on the venue is available HERE.

Meeting format

In brief, the format of the meetings will be as follows:

- The WPICMM10 and SSCoC01 meetings will be in hybrid format.
- The WPICMM10 and SSCoC01 meetings will run from 9 am to 5 pm, Madagascar time (UTC +3 Eastern Africa Time (EAT)).
- Access to the meeting online (Zoom) for WPICMM10 will be via invitation link to **registered participants** and access SSCoC01 will be by password, which will be provided to **only credentialed individuals**.
- Interpretation (French / English) will only be available for the SSCoC01.

Calendar of important dates

Dates	Days	Meeting	Link to documents
25 - 27 January	Monday to Wednesday	Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM10)	WPICMM10
28 - 29 January	Thursday to Friday	First Special Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee	SSCoC01

Credentials

In accordance with Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, official credentials are required in order to participate in the Special Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee. Importantly, the letter of credentials shall conform with the draft letter provided in Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure [click here]. Only credentialed individuals will receive the Zoom links to join the SSCoC01 meeting.

Credentials should be submitted to the Secretariat ASAP, but no later than 15 days before SSCoC01 meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org. The deadline for MPF application is required to be submitted no later than 26 November 2026.

Distribution

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Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)

Each CPC is requested to provide a letter of credentials signed by the appropriate Authority indicating who will attend in-person and who should receive the Zoom link. The credentials should also include the email address and contact phone number for each person. It is important to duly authorise the alternate as shown in Appendix I, paragraph 3.

Observers

IOTC Observers are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials indicating who will attend in-person and who should receive the Zoom link. The credentials should also include the email address and contact phone number for each person.

Further information

Hotels and entry into the Madagascar

Participants are advised to make their own reservations for accommodation as soon as possible. Internet sites such as booking.com, Expedia, Agoda etc may be useful for your search. Please also make your own arrangements for transport to and from the meeting venue.

In general

Information concerning the Sessions, including the agenda, other meeting documents, and Zoom instructions will be posted on the respective WPICMM10 and SSCoC01 meeting pages.

The Secretariat will post documents as soon as possible before required dates.

The execution of agenda items will be greatly assisted if CPCs consider the matters at hand well before the meeting and, if necessary, reach out (in advance of the meeting) to the Chair, the Secretariat or other delegations regarding any matters they might want to raise and/or discuss.

Yours sincerely

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