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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2018-28

Dear Sir/Madam

### ESTIMATES OF CPCS HISTORICAL CATCH DATA : REVIEW FOR ALLOCATION ESTIMATIONS

During its 22<sup>nd</sup> Session, the Commission agreed – in paragraph 1 of its *Consolidated Program of Work for allocation of fishing opportunities (2018-19)* – that the IOTC Secretariat provide estimates of each CPCs historical catch from 1950-2016 for albacore, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna and swordfish produced in accordance with:

- a) Paragraph 15 of Proposal K Rev1
- b) Paper IOTC-2018-S22-INF01

The respective data sets are now available for download at the following URLs:

- a) [http://www.iotc.org/sites/default/files/TCAC/IOTC\\_historical\\_catches\\_propK\\_rev1\\_v1.xlsx](http://www.iotc.org/sites/default/files/TCAC/IOTC_historical_catches_propK_rev1_v1.xlsx)
- b) [http://www.iotc.org/sites/default/files/TCAC/IOTC\\_historical\\_catches\\_INF01\\_v1.xlsx](http://www.iotc.org/sites/default/files/TCAC/IOTC_historical_catches_INF01_v1.xlsx)

All CPCs are encouraged to download the data sets, review the information contained and provide feedback and comments no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

As agreed in Appendix 6, paragraph 2 of the Commission report, the IOTC Secretariat is in the process of finalizing the terms of reference for the hiring of an independent consultant to develop allocation models based on the historical catch estimates above.

Please communicate this request to your data managers, scientists and other relevant parties at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



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**Attachments:**

- None

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