
PARTICIPATION

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REVIEW AREA: *International cooperation*

GENERAL CRITERION: *Participation*

DETAILED CRITERIA:

- 1) Number of Member coastal states / total number of coastal states.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Number of member coastal states / total number of coastal states.

In 2007 IOTC membership comprised 20 coastal states out of a total of 39.

In 2007 IOTC membership comprised 20 Indian Ocean coastal states and 7 states from outside the Indian Ocean

In 2014 IOTC membership comprised of 25 Indian Ocean Coastal States and 7 States from outside the Indian Ocean.

Attendance at Commission meetings

- Membership of IOTC has increased over time
- Commission meetings are not always attended by all CPCs ([Table 1](#)).
 - FAO has attended all meetings
 - Conservation groups have attended on 4 out of 11 occasions
 - Various regional fisheries bodies have attended (at least one every year)
 - OPRT, IOC and Invited Experts have attended regularly in recent years

Participation

Of the total 35 CNCPs of the IOTC (as of 2014), made up of 32 Members and 3 current Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (approval on an annual basis), 24 are coastal states (including the European Union) (details in [Table 1](#)).

Several key points are also worthy of note from [Table 1](#):

- Eritrea: Has not attended a meeting since 2001.
- Guinea: Has never attended a meeting despite becoming a member in 2005.
- Sierra Leone: Has never attended a meeting despite becoming a Member in 2008.
- Sudan: Has not attended a meeting since 2007.
- Yemen: Has never attended a meeting despite becoming a Member in 2012.

Table 1. Participation at Commission meetings. The date in the brackets next to the members name indicates when membership began or CNCP status was granted. **Green** = attended as a Member; **Yellow** = attended as a CNCP; **Blue** = attended as an Observer; No meeting was held in 2004. **Red** = Absent from Session; **Grey**: Pre-involvement with IOTC.

<i>Contracting Party</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Australia (Nov 1996)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Belize (May 2007)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
China (Oct 1998)	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Comoros (Aug 2001)	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Eritrea (Aug 1994)	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
European Union (Oct 1995)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
France (OT) (Dec 1996)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Guinea (Jan 2005)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
India (Mar 1995)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Indonesia (Jul 2007)	Grey	Blue	Grey	Grey	Blue	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Iran, Islamic Republic (Jan 2002)	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
Japan (Jun 1996)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Kenya (Sep 2004)	Blue	Blue	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Korea, Republic of (Mar 1996)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Madagascar (Jan 1996)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Malaysia (May 1998)	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Maldives (July 2011)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
Mauritius (Dec 1994)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Mozambique (Feb 2012)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
Oman (Apr 2000)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Pakistan (Apr 1995)	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Philippines (Jan 2004)	Red	Red	Blue	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Seychelles (Jul 1995)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Sierra Leone (Jul 2008)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Somalia (May 2014)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green
Sri Lanka (Jun 1994)	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Sudan (Dec 1996)	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Tanzania (Apr 2007)	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Grey	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Thailand (Mar 1997)	Blue	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
U.K. (OT) (Mar 1995)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Vanuatu (Oct 2002)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Yemen (July 2012)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Red	Red	Red
<i>Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (who have not yet become Contracting Parties)</i>																			
Djibouti (June 2014)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Red
Senegal (May 2006)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Blue	Blue	Grey	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Red
South Africa (Jun 2005)	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Uruguay (May 2007)	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Blue	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Grey	Red