
PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL PERIOD

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to further revise the Programme of work and budget for 2017, based on decisions made during the 20th Session of the Commission, including those adopted via Conservation and Management Measures.

BACKGROUND

Regulation III of the IOTC Financial Regulations (1999), paragraphs 6 to 8 states that:

6. *The Administrative Budget shall be adopted by the Commission with such amendments as the Commission may deem necessary.*
7. *Special Budgets may be adopted by the Commission in exceptional circumstances as appropriate.*
8. *The Administrative Budget of the Commission shall be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Organization for its information.*

At the 13th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF13), Contracting Parties will consider the Provisional Programme of Work and Budget for 2017 (and indicative budget for 2018) (IOTC–2016–SCAF13–09). Subsequent to any agreed modification, the SCAF will then recommend a budget and scheme of contributions for the 2017 financial period to the Commission for its consideration.

DISCUSSION

During the 20th Session of the Commission, in addition to considering the proposal from the SCAF13, the Commission may take other decisions, including through the adoption of Conservation and Management Measures, which have a budgetary consequence. In doing so, the Commission will need to further amend the Programme of Work and Budget for 2018 accordingly.

Once finalised, the IOTC Secretariat shall publish a final version of the Programme of Work and Budget for 2017 and tentatively for 2018, based on the final amendments made by the Commission during its 20th Session. The final Program of Work and Budget shall be published on the IOTC website (iotc.org) for ease of reference and transparency purposes.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2016–S20–07 which provided the Commission with an opportunity to further revise the Programme of work and budget for 2017, based on decisions made during the 20th Session of the Commission, including those adopted via Conservation and Management Measures.
- 2) **ADOPT** a Programme of Work and Budget for the 2017 financial Period.