Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan

TORANOMON 30 MORI BLDG.,
2-2, TORANOMON 3, MINATO-KU
TOKYO, JAPAN

GENERAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT 81-3-6895-5381
FINANCIAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT 81-3-6895-5382
TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT 81-3-6895-5383

POSTAL CODE 105-0001
FAX 81-3-6895-5388
E-mail headoffice@ofcf.or.jp

22 May 2019

Dr. Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
Le Chantier Mall 2nd Floor, P.O.Box 1011
Victoria Mahé, Republic of Seychelles

Dear Dr. Christopher O'Brien

I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest respect to you for your continued and dedicated efforts to establish and promote proper measures for managing tuna resources in the Indian Ocean.

Recognizing the importance of resources management through Regional Fishery Management Organizations (RFMOs), OFCF expanded from 2002 the scope of our Leadership Training Course on Fisheries Resources Management (LTCFRM) - one of the courses provided under the overall OFCF Training Program - to include candidates from IOTC member nations.

I am very happy to inform you that, thanks to the cooperation of the IOTC Secretariat under your outstanding leadership, I accepted resources management officials from three IOTC member countries in 2018 (Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Bangladesh, and Islamic Republic of Iran), which resulted in further enhancing the outcome of the LTCFRM.

OFCF is ready to accept two or three government officials in charge of marine resources management from IOTC member nations for LTCFRM in 2019. I would therefore be much obliged if the IOTC Secretariat could announce, as they did last year, our intention to IOTC member nations so as to encourage government agencies or organizations of interested nations to implement the procedures for participation in this training course.

The main objective of LTCFRM is to upgrade the capabilities of governmental employees, mainly in developing countries, who are responsible for the formulation and implementation of proper schemes for resources management. At the same time, the training course aims at improving the accuracy of fisheries catch statistics and other data required by RFMOs. For the specific content of the training, as well as the qualification of participants, etc., please refer to "LTCFRM Course Guide for 2019" which is attached herewith. The deadline of application shall be no later than 7th July 2019.

I sincerely hope that the participation of trainees from IOTC member nations to LTCFRM 2019 will serve to contribute to the attainment of future goals of IOTC, and that it will also lead to the further strengthening of the cooperative relation that has already been established between OFCF and IOTC.

Yours sincerely,

Y. Takenaka

Yoshiharu Takenaka
President

Attached material :

1. Course Guide for Leadership Training Course on Fisheries Resource Management (LTCFRM)2019
2. Application Forms for LTCFRM 2019
3. Information
4. OFCF leaflet

CC: Ms. Sachiko Tsuji, Expert of IOTC, OFCF P/J