
PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF TCAC02

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PURPOSE

To provide delegates at the 3rd Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC03) with an update on the progress made in implementing the recommendations from the TCAC02, as endorsed by the Commission at its 17th Session in 2013.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

At the TCAC02, a total of 3 recommendations were posed to the Commission for its consideration (see [IOTC–2013–TCAC02–R](#)), and subsequently endorsed during its 17th Session (see [IOTC–2013–S17–R](#)), as follows:

Legal advice

TCAC02.01 ([para. 35.](#)) The TCAC **AGREED** that there was a need for a legal expert to be present at the next TCAC meeting to offer advice to the TCAC. As such, the TCAC **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission allocated the necessary funds for this purpose, either for an external legal expert or for the FAO legal office to commit a suitable expert.

Progress: The Commission did not approve funding for the hiring of an external legal expert to attend the TCAC03. In addition, the FAO Legal office has been unable to send a legal representative. The IOTC Secretariat continues to seek alternatives to meet the TCAC02 recommendation.

Meeting Participation Fund

TCAC02.02 ([para. 42.](#)) The TCAC **NOTED** that the attendance by delegates from developing CPCs to the TCAC in 2013 (24 delegates from 15 Members, and 1 delegate from a CNCP) was largely due to the IOTC MPF, adopted by the Commission in 2010 (Resolution 10/05 on the establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for developing IOTC Members and non-Contracting Cooperating Parties), and **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission maintain this fund into the future.

Progress: Completed. The Commission's regular budget contains a line item for Meeting participation by developing coastal State Members.

Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the second technical committee on allocation criteria

TCAC02.03 ([para. 43.](#)) The TCAC **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from TCAC02, provided at [Appendix XIV](#).

Progress: Complete during the 17th Session of the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

That the TCAC03 **NOTE** paper IOTC–2016–TCAC03–04 which detailed the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the TCAC02.