

# AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

## 32<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES

La Jolla, California (USA)  
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### DOCUMENT MOP-32 INF-A

### VESSEL ASSESSMENTS

On multiple occasions, the Secretariat has requested an increase in the vessel assessment rate from US\$14.95 per cubic meter (m<sup>3</sup>) of well volume (unchanged since 2006) to US\$ 17.61/m<sup>3</sup>, which it considers would be sufficient to fund the AIDCP program. Section 5.5.2 of Document [MOP-29-06](#) on the AIDCP budget, prepared for the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties in July 2014, described an alternative approach of linking the assessment rate to the amount of the budget approved by the Parties. The Parties requested that the Secretariat provide a sample calculation demonstrating how this would work in practice. Document [MOP-30 INF-B](#), presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties in October 2014, showed how this approach would work. However, no consensus was reached on a decision on the proposed methodology.

At the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Parties in June 2015, after a long discussion, it was once more agreed to defer the matter until the following meeting. The Parties again asked the Secretariat to continue the work from the previous meeting aimed at increasing the vessel assessment rate in order to cover the approved budgets.

Document [MOP-31-06](#), prepared for the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Parties, provides the necessary information to continue with the discussions at this 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Table 1 is an updated version of Table 4 of that document, and reflects extraordinary income received from a vessel in September 2015. Table 2 details those vessels currently in arrears.

**TABLE 1.** Income and expenses, in US\$, 2014-2017 (updated Table 4 from [MOP-31-06](#))

	2014 Actual	2015	2016	2017
<b>INCOME</b>				
Vessel assessments	2,048,649	2,170,872	2,170,872	2,170,872
IATTC portion of observer program (30%)	784,143	705,300	829,642	849,624
Inactive and sunk vessels (@ US\$ 1.00/m <sup>3</sup> )	7,603	-	-	-
Late fees	75,005	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,915,400</b>	<b>2,876,172</b>	<b>3,000,514</b>	<b>3,020,496</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>A. OBSERVER PROGRAM<sup>1</sup></b>				
<b>Direct costs:</b>				
Observer compensation and benefits	1,390,139	1,390,139	1,492,131	1,547,134
Observer travel	80,203	80,203	110,500	112,710
Supplies and equipment	12,337	12,337	20,400	20,808
Training	21,025	21,025	15,000	15,300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,503,704</b>	<b>1,503,704</b>	<b>1,638,031</b>	<b>1,695,952</b>
<b>Indirect costs:</b>				
IATTC HQ staff: scientific/technical	772,713	772,713	790,844	792,796
IATTC field offices	337,391	337,391	336,600	343,332
<b>Total observer program</b>	<b>2,613,808</b>	<b>2,613,808</b>	<b>2,765,475</b>	<b>2,832,080</b>

<sup>1</sup> Covered 30% by IATTC, 70% by AIDCP

<b>B. OTHER COSTS <sup>2</sup></b>				
Captain's seminars	-	-		
AIDCP meetings	17,456	17,456	22,500	25,000
Other AIDCP direct costs	5,409	5,409	9,956	9,686
IATTC HQ staff: administrative	314,848	314,848	323,307	329,148
<b>Total other costs</b>	<b>337,713</b>	<b>337,713</b>	<b>355,763</b>	<b>363,834</b>
<b>Total AIDCP Program expenses</b>	<b>2,951,521</b>	<b>2,951,521</b>	<b>3,121,237</b>	<b>3,195,914</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(36,121)</b>	<b>(75,350)</b>	<b>(120,723)</b>	<b>(175,418)</b>
<b>2013 Cumulative deficit</b>	<b>(27,560)</b>			
<b>2014 Total extraordinary income</b>	<b>355,394</b>			
<b>2015 Total extraordinary income</b>		239,969 <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Cumulative surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>291,713</b>	<b>456,332</b>	<b>335,609</b>	<b>160,191</b>

**TABLE 2.** Vessel in arrears, in US\$, at 7 October 2015

<b>Vessel</b>			<b>Arrears</b>	
<b>Flag</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ECU	3913	<i>Mariella</i>	2015	24,864
VEN	3694	<i>Aleta Azul</i>	2015	21,346
VEN	9563	<i>Tunapuy</i>	2012 - 2015	58,027
VEN	14960	<i>Albamar</i>	2012 - 2015	71,178
VEN	14961	<i>Guayacan</i>	2015	1,903
VEN	15609	<i>Gran Roque</i>	2015	3,292
VEN	15630	<i>Rocinante</i>	2014 - 2015	26,994
<b>Total</b>				207,604

<sup>2</sup> Covered 100% by AIDCP

<sup>3</sup> Payment by vessel No. 7179 of assessments outstanding for 2011-2014