

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

21ST MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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AIDCP BUDGET

1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents actual expenditures and revenue for 2008, compared to those presented at the 20th Meeting of the Parties in November 2008 in Document [MOP-20-05](#), as well as a forecast for the 2009 fiscal year.

Resolution [A-06-01](#) on financing the AIDCP raised the vessel assessment rate for 2006 from US\$ 14.184 to US\$ 14.95/m³. An additional measure to balance the AIDCP budget was taken at the 18th Meeting of the Parties in October 2007, with the agreement that vessel fees should be based on the vessel's total capacity, without considering sealed wells.

Table 1 shows a surplus of US\$ 54,601, reflecting the program's financial position for the year ended 31 December 2008. The revenue is based on actual assessments paid by vessels covered by the AIDCP (over 363 t capacity), plus surcharges if applicable, fees for inactive vessels, and the assessment for one vessel under 363 t capacity that was obliged to carry an observer.

2. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Table 1 reflects how increased revenue and decreased expenses led to the surplus of US\$ 54,601 in 2008, instead of the deficit of US\$ 3,379 forecast in Document [MOP-20-05](#). This has been achieved mainly by reducing staff participation in observer training sessions; also, some expected costs, such as trial sets and legal fees, were not incurred, and surcharges collected were US\$ 6,103 greater than expected.

3. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING VESSEL FEE INCREASE

As elaborated in Document [MOP-19-06](#), and again in Document [MOP-20-05](#), the costs associated with the IDCP continue to grow, mainly due to inflation and increases in travel costs for observers. The projected revenue for 2009, which includes vessel assessments, surcharges, and fees for inactive vessels, is higher, at US\$ 2,018,984, with budgeted expenses of US\$ 2,009,240, for an expected surplus of US\$ 9,744.

The Secretariat again recommends that a small increase in vessel assessments be considered to maintain a balanced budget, cover increases in observer travel costs due to inflation, and continue to reduce the accumulated deficit. Based upon the analysis in Document [MOP-19-06](#), an increase of US\$ 1.55/m³ continues to be a reasonable solution. If an increase in vessel assessment fees is not agreed, reductions to the budget will likely need to be considered in the future. One area where significant cost savings could occur would be to reduce the amount of time the IATTC staff spends on IDCP matters, which may impact the timeliness and availability of information currently utilized by the Parties.

At the 18th Meeting of the Parties in October 2007, it was agreed that program costs could be reduced by making vessel owners responsible for all costs related to embarking or disembarking observers outside the Agreement Area. At the 19th Meeting of the Parties in June 2008, several delegations proposed that costs could also be reduced by requiring vessel owners to cover observer salaries when vessels are fishing outside the Agreement Area. The Secretariat suggests that the Parties endorse this proposal.

TABLE 1. IDCP: Allocation of costs, 2008, and forecast 2009 expenditures**TABLA 1.** PICD: Distribución de costos, 2008, y gastos de 2009 predichos

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(US\$)	Doc MOP-20-05 (AUG 2008)	(31 DEC 2008) (actual)	2009 (projected— proyectados)
COSTS-COSTOS:			
Covered at 70%-Cubiertos al 70%			
Gross costs-Costos brutos:			
Observers (wages, travel, equipment, training) Observadores (sueldos, viajes, equipo, entrenamiento)	1,229,445	1,238,386	1,264,422
IATTC scientific staff (part) Personal científico de la CIAT (porción)	739,620	718,807	756,601
IATTC field office staff and facilities (part) Personal e instalaciones de las oficinas regionales de la CIAT (porción)	282,479	298,347	300,855
Subtotal	2,251,544	2,255,540	2,321,878
70% of/del subtotal	1,576,081	1,578,878	1,625,314
Covered at 100%-Cubiertos al 100%			
Net alignments (travel) Alineamientos de la red (viajes)	2,382	382	7,716
IATTC administrative staff (part) Personal administrativo de la CIAT (porción)	346,404	308,060	332,844
AIDCP direct costs Costos directos del APICD	10,624	1,069	1,500
Meetings of Parties and IRP (including staff travel) Reuniones de las Partes y del PIR (incluye viajes del personal)	52,504	47,729	41,866
TOTAL COSTS – TOTAL DE COSTOS	1,987,995	1,936,118	2,009,240
REVENUE-INGRESOS:			
Total vessel assessments Total de cuotas de buques	1,927,916	1,928,049	1,942,710
Late fees + Small and inactive vessel assessments Recargos + Cuotas de buques pequeños e inactivos	56,700	62,670	76,274
TOTAL REVENUE – TOTAL DE INGRESOS	1,984,616	1,990,719	2,018,984
Surplus (deficit) – Superávit (déficit)	(3,379)	54,601	9,744