

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

20TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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AIDCP BUDGET

1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents the forecast expenditure and revenue for 2008 compared to those presented to the 19th Meeting of the Parties in June 2008 in Document MOP-19-06.

The 2006 Resolution on financing the AIDCP ([A-06-01](#)) immediately 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 the predicted costs and revenues for 2008 presented in [Document MOP-19-06](#), and estimates updated through 31 August 2008. 2008 revenue is based on actual assessments paid or owed by vessels covered by the AIDCP (over 363 t capacity), inactive and small vessels, plus surcharges both paid and outstanding as of 31 August 2008.

The adjusted projected revenue for 2008 differs from that reported in Document MOP-19-06 because some 2008 assessments remain unpaid and are not expected to be paid, vessels were moved from the inactive list to the active list, or because some vessels began fishing after the document was published, increasing both the revenue and late fees.

2. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

The current forecast shows increased revenue and decreased expenses, leading to a decrease in the expected deficit for 2008 from the US\$ 152,163 forecast in Document MOP-19-06 to US\$ 3,379. The expected deficit has been reduced from the June forecast mainly by reducing the budgeted salary increases for observers and by cancelling planned observer training sessions.

3. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING VESSELS OF CARRYING CAPACITY LESS THAN 364 T THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OBSERVERS

The costs associated with placing observers aboard vessels of carrying capacity less than 364 t can be significantly higher than the assessments currently paid by such vessels. In 2007 there were two such vessels that are required to carry observers. It is estimated that, if these vessels had carried observers on all of their trips that departed in 2006, the costs to the AIDCP would have been approximately US\$ 3,600 greater than the fees paid by the vessels for that year. In 2008, one vessel alone made seven trips, with approximately the same loss, if not more, in vessel fees. The Secretariat continues to recommend that, to minimize or eliminate this subsidy, any vessel of less than 364 t carrying capacity that is required to carry an observer pay the assessment based upon an unconfirmed well volume of 510 m³ (364 t x 1.4 factor), unless the well volume of the vessel has been confirmed, in which case its assessment would be calculated as 426 m³ (364 t x 1.17051 factor).

4. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING VESSEL FEE INCREASE

As elaborated in Document MOP-19-06, the costs associated with the IDCP continue to grow, due to inflation and travel costs. Revenue for 2009 is expected to be similar to 2008 (US\$ 1,927,746), as reflected in Document MOP-19-06, with budgeted expenses of US\$ 2,110,446.

The Secretariat again recommends that an increase in vessel assessments be reconsidered to balance the budget presented here and to begin 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 upon, then reductions to the budget should be considered.. One area where significant cost savings could occur would be reducing the amount of time the IATTC staff spends on AIDCP matters, which may impact the availability of information currently utilized by the Parties.

TABLE 1. IDCP: Allocation of costs, 2008

TABLA 1. PICD: Distribución de costos, 2008

(US\$)	Doc MOP-19-06 (June 2008) (projected—proyectados)	Adjusted (31 AUG 2008)
COSTS-COSTOS:		
Covered at 70%-Cubiertos al 70%		
Gross costs-Costos brutos:		
Observers (wages, travel, equipment, training) Observadores (sueldos, viajes, equipo, entrenamiento)	1,392,350	1,229,445
IATTC scientific staff (part) Personal científico de la CIAT (porción)	739,620	739,620
IATTC field office staff and facilities (part) Personal e instalaciones de las oficinas regionales de la CIAT (porción)	287,152	282,479
Subtotal	2,419,122	2,251,544
70% of/del subtotal	1,693,385	1,576,081
Covered at 100%-Cubiertos al 100%		
Net alignments (travel) Alineamientos de la red (viajes)	3,940	2,382
Seminars for captains and crew (travel) Cursos de entrenamiento para capitanes y tripulantes (viajes)	-	-
IATTC administrative staff (part) Personal administrativo de la CIAT (porción)	346,404	346,404
AIDCP direct costs Costos directos del APICD	11,782	10,624
Meetings of Parties and IRP (including staff travel) Reuniones de las Partes y del PIR (incluye viajes del personal)	50,169	52,504
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TOTAL COSTS – TOTAL DE COSTOS	2,105,680	1,987,995
REVENUE-INGRESOS:		
Total vessel assessments Total de cuotas de buques	1,908,155	1,927,916
Late fees plus Small and inactive vessel income Recargos mas Ingresos de buques pequeños e inactivos	45,362	56,700
TOTAL REVENUE – TOTAL DE INGRESOS	1,953,517	1,984,616
Surplus (deficit) – Superávit (déficit)	(152,163)	(3,379)