

## IATTC – AIDCP

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Informal Consultation between The IATTC Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Financial Strengthening of the AIDCP (WGFSa)**

**2:00 – 6:00 pm (Pacific time)**  
*(Virtual format)*

**20 – 21 May 2026**

### **Request from the Joint Working Group CAF-WGFSa**

The staff of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) has prepared this document in response to a request from the Joint Working Group of the IATTC Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Financial Strengthening of the AIDCP (WGFSa).

The document prepared in response to the request:

*7. [Request a] table be produced to show what the AIDCP Parties yearly total vessel assessment would be in 2026, if the fees had kept up with inflation, using U.S. CPI and for the CPI for countries (e.g Ecuador, Mexico and Panama) where fish are landed in the EPO, since the rate was set in 2006. Compare the current AIDCP total vessel assessment income with what it would be if the assessments had increased with inflation.*

#### **RESULTS**

The rate established in 2006 of \$14.18 per m<sup>3</sup> of well volume, to fund the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP), has remained virtually unchanged for a decade. However, in 2016 there was an increase of \$0.77: from \$14.18 to \$14.95 per m<sup>3</sup>.

We conducted an analysis of the inflation rates between 2006 and 2025, as well as an additional analysis of the period from the rate increase implemented in 2016 through 2025. For this purpose, we used the average inflation rates of countries with significant tuna fleets in the eastern Pacific Ocean, such as the United States, Ecuador, Mexico and Panama.

The results show that the nominal value of \$14.18 in 2006, or \$14.95 in 2016, has not been sufficient to compensate for cumulative inflation, which has significantly reduced the real value of the assessments. If the assessment had been adjusted annually for inflation, the equivalent value of the assessment from 2006 to 2025 would be approximately between \$22.52 and \$25.85 per m<sup>3</sup>, depending on the inflation rate of the country used as a reference. In fact, it would increase even more under scenarios with higher inflation, such as in Mexico, where the rate would be \$32.78.

Consequently, a rate adjustment does not necessarily represent a real increase in economic terms, but rather a necessary adjustment to preserve the purchasing power of the originally established amount and ensure the financial sustainability of the Dolphin Conservation Program.

**Table 1.** Vessel assessments according to inflation rate from 2006 to 2025

Year/Año	Inflation rate / Tasa de Inflación		Inflation rate/ Tasa de Inflación		Inflation rate/ Tasa de Inflación		Inflation rate/ Tasa de Inflación		Average annual rate per m3 / Tasa Promedio Annual por m3	
	USA/ EE.UU.		Ecuador		México		Panamá			
2006	3.2	\$ 14.18	3.3	\$ 14.18	3.6	\$ 14.18	2.5	\$ 14.18	\$	14.18
2007	2.8	\$ 14.58	2.3	\$ 14.51	4	\$ 14.75	4.2	\$ 14.78	\$	14.66
2008	3.8	\$ 15.14	8.4	\$ 15.73	5.1	\$ 15.50	8.8	\$ 16.08	\$	15.61
2009	-0.4	\$ 15.07	5.2	\$ 16.55	5.3	\$ 16.33	2.4	\$ 16.47	\$	16.10
2010	1.2	\$ 15.26	3.6	\$ 17.14	4.2	\$ 17.01	3.5	\$ 17.04	\$	16.61
2011	3.2	\$ 15.74	4.5	\$ 17.91	3.4	\$ 17.59	5.9	\$ 18.05	\$	17.32
2012	2.1	\$ 16.07	5.1	\$ 18.83	4.1	\$ 18.31	5.7	\$ 19.08	\$	18.07
2013	1.5	\$ 16.32	2.7	\$ 19.34	3.8	\$ 19.01	4	\$ 19.84	\$	18.62
2014	1.6	\$ 16.58	3.6	\$ 20.03	4	\$ 19.77	2.6	\$ 20.36	\$	19.18
2015	0.1	\$ 16.59	4	\$ 20.83	2.7	\$ 20.30	0.1	\$ 20.38	\$	19.53
2016	1.3	\$ 16.81	1.7	\$ 21.19	2.8	\$ 20.87	0.7	\$ 20.52	\$	19.85
2017	2.1	\$ 17.16	0.4	\$ 21.27	6.8	\$ 22.29	0.9	\$ 20.70	\$	20.36
2018	2.4	\$ 17.57	1.3	\$ 21.55	4.9	\$ 23.38	0.8	\$ 20.87	\$	20.84
2019	1.8	\$ 17.89	0.3	\$ 21.61	3.6	\$ 24.22	2.6	\$ 21.41	\$	21.28
2020	1.2	\$ 18.10	0.9	\$ 21.81	3.4	\$ 25.05	2.3	\$ 21.89	\$	21.71
2021	4.7	\$ 18.96	1.0	\$ 22.04	5.7	\$ 26.47	1.6	\$ 22.24	\$	22.43
2022	8	\$ 20.47	3.5	\$ 22.81	7.9	\$ 28.56	2.9	\$ 22.89	\$	23.68
2023	4.1	\$ 21.31	2.2	\$ 23.31	5.5	\$ 30.14	1.5	\$ 23.23	\$	24.50
2024	2.9	\$ 21.93	1.5	\$ 23.66	4.7	\$ 31.55	0.8	\$ 23.42	\$	25.14
2025	2.7	\$ 22.52	1.9	\$ 24.11	3.9	\$ 32.78	2.5	\$ 24.00	\$	25.85

**Table 2.** Vessel assessment per m3 according to Inflation (2006-2025)

