

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

23RD MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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AIDCP BUDGET

1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents a proposed budget for 2011 to cover all costs related to the AIDCP. It also compares actual expenditures and revenue for 2009 with the 2009 budget, which was approved by the 19th Meeting of the Parties in June 2008, based on the projections elaborated in Document [MOP-19-06](#).

2. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Every year the Secretariat is faced with the difficult task of developing a budget with expenses that are based upon anticipated levels of income from vessel assessments. In only two of the last eleven years has the Secretariat been able to meet the requirements of the AIDCP with the funds received from these assessments. In the other nine years, the IATTC has covered the deficits of the AIDCP out of its operating funds, thus exceeding the 30% maximum funding level approved by the IATTC.

Table 1 reflects the 2009 AIDCP budget, as presented by the Secretariat in Document [MOP-19-06](#), which includes US\$ 1,673,948 for the AIDCP's 70% share of observer costs, US\$ 436,498 for direct AIDCP costs, and US\$ 1,927,746 in income from vessel assessments, for a projected net deficit of US\$ 182,700.

A nominal increase in vessel assessments of US\$ 1.55 per cubic meter of well volume was proposed in that document, but was not approved by the Parties. The modest increases in these assessments recommended at subsequent meetings have likewise not been approved. An increase in the surcharges for late payment of assessments was recommended in October 2009, but that was also not agreed.

During 2009, significant efforts were made to reduce program costs. The Secretariat made some adjustments and reduced personnel costs allocated to the program, and was also able to lower meeting expenses. The deficit was also reduced due to a fairly high level of late fee payments to the program.

Table 1 shows the income received to date for 2010 of US\$ 1,796,134 which is US\$284,245 less than the budgeted amount of \$2,080,379, resulting in an anticipated deficit of US\$162,938. This is mainly due to changes in the composition of the fleet, which will result in less revenue for the program managed by the Secretariat and a greater proportion of the revenue accruing to the national observer programs. It should be noted that, although reduced coverage reduces the observer costs, the fixed costs borne by the Secretariat remain essentially the same.

Another factor which we believe will increase the deficit is that late fees, which in the past have a source of significant revenue to the program, are anticipated to drop markedly because of the later due date of December 1 for making vessel payments.

3. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING VESSEL FEE INCREASE

As elaborated in recent AIDCP budget documents, the costs associated with the IDCP continue to grow, mainly due to inflation and increases in travel costs for observers. Also, as indicated above, income to the program is expected to drop, while fixed costs remain constant. Vessel fees have remained at the same level for four years. Therefore, in order to keep the program solvent, the Secretariat not only again recommends that a modest increase in vessel assessments be agreed, but also that this Meeting of the

Parties request the IATTC to allocate an increased percentage of its funds to the observer program, to cover, at a minimum, increases in observer travel costs due to inflation. Based upon the analysis in Document [MOP-19-06](#), an increase of US\$ 1.55 per cubic meter of vessel well volume continues to be a reasonable solution. If an increase in vessel assessments is not agreed, reductions to the budget will need to be considered in the very near future. As stated in previous AIDCP budget documents, it is difficult to envision reductions that would not jeopardize the effective implementation of the AIDCP.

TABLE 1. IDCP: Allocation of costs, 2009, and forecast 2010 expenditures

TABLA 1. PICD: Distribución de costos, 2009, y gastos de 2010 predichos

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(US\$)	2009 Approved budget – Presupuesto aprobado	2009 Actual budget – Presupuesto real	2010 Approved budget – Presupuesto aprobado	2010 Projected budget– Presupuesto proyectado
COSTS-COSTOS:				
Covered at 70%-Cubiertos al 70%				
Gross costs-Costos brutos:				
Observers (wages, travel, equipment, training) Observadores (sueldos, viajes, equipo, entre- namiento)	1,321,041	1,286,762	1,377,145	1,175,815
IATTC scientific staff (part) Personal científico de la CIAT (porción)	761,669	750,176	772,087	733,586
IATTC field office staff and facilities (part) Personal e instalaciones de las oficinas regiona- les de la CIAT (porción)	308,645	285,256	317,904	275,257
Subtotal	2,391,355	2,322,194	2,467,136	2,184,658
70% of/del subtotal	1,673,948	1,625,535	1,726,995	1,529,260
Covered at 100%-Cubiertos al 100%				
Net alignments (travel) and training seminars Alineamientos de la red (viajes)	10,877	6,847	10,173	2,000
IATTC administrative staff (part) Personal administrativo de la CIAT (porción)	364,368	328,380	362,273	387,812
AIDCP direct costs Costos directos del APICD	12,836	9,886	14,250	10,000
Meetings of Parties and IRP (including staff travel) Reuniones de las Partes y del PIR (incluye viajes del personal)	48,417	26,725	49,870	30,000
Subtotal	436,498	371,838	436,566	429,812
TOTAL COSTS – TOTAL DE COSTOS	2,110,446	1,997,373	2,163,561	1,959,072
REVENUE-INGRESOS:				
Total vessel assessments Total de cuotas de buques	1,927,746	1,914,873	2,080,379	1,772,582
Late fees + inactive and sunk vessel assessments Recargos + Cuotas de buques inactivos y hundidos	-	78,787	-	23,552
TOTAL REVENUE – TOTAL DE INGRESOS	1,927,746	1,993,660	2,080,379	1,796,134
Surplus (deficit) – Superávit (déficit)	(182,700)	(3,713)	(83,182)	(162,938)