

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

80TH MEETING

LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA)
8-12 JUNE 2009

RESOLUTION C-09-03

FINANCING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

The Parties to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Understanding the importance of ensuring sufficient funding for the Commission in a timely manner so it may continue to effectively develop and implement the agreed conservation and management program for the living marine resources of the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) and conduct the associated data collection and research;

Noting that non-payment of the agreed contributions may impair the Commission's ability to continue its operations;

Aware that the allocation of the costs of supporting the Commission among Parties should be transparent, fair and equitable, stable, and predictable, but also should allow for redistribution of costs as new Parties join;

Aware that the Commission at its 75th Meeting, agreed on a formula for calculating the contributions of the Parties to the Commission's budget;

Taking into account the relevant provisions of the Antigua Convention, adopted in Antigua, Guatemala, on 27 June 2003;

Noting that several non-Parties derive benefits from catching or utilizing fish covered by the Convention, but do not make contributions to the Commission;

Taking note of the staff's proposals regarding the budget presented in Document IATTC-80-07; and

Recognizing the need to seek economies in the operation of the Commission, in order to reduce costs;

Have agreed as follows:

1. To adopt the budget of US\$ 5,793,744 for fiscal year (FY) 2010; and to provisionally approve the budget of US\$ 6,029,723 for FY 2011.
2. To contribute to the budget of the IATTC for FY 2010 in accordance with the following schedule of payments; which was developed using the funding formula approved by the 75th Meeting of the Commission in June 2007.

(US\$)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	Payable 1 January 2010	Provisional
Colombia	303,893	323,054
Costa Rica	86,559	92,189
Ecuador	759,079	807,096
Spain	304,312	324,361
France	95,952	101,855
Guatemala	64,787	68,804
Japan	310,821	328,096
Korea	197,539	195,081
Mexico	895,102	951,409
Nicaragua	54,476	57,667
Panama	411,363	435,534
Peru	51,919	55,009
El Salvador	107,380	114,039
United States	1,746,553	1,746,553
Venezuela	330,155	350,773
Vanuatu	73,856	78,206
Total	5,793,744	6,029,723

3. That the Director shall inform each Party, at least two months prior to the annual meeting, of its projected contribution for the following two financial years.
4. That the Commission shall not pay more than 30% of the costs associated with the AIDCP On-Board Observer Program for vessels of member states.
5. In the case of a member that is also a member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, only 50% of catches made by its flag vessels in the overlap area between the two Commissions shall be included in the calculation of that member's contribution based on catch.
6. That the contributions of any new member of the Commission shall be determined on the same basis as the contributions of existing members, subject to the Commission's financial regulations.
7. That States not presently members of the IATTC, and fishing entities which have vessels fishing for fish covered by the Convention, should make, and request their flag vessels to make, voluntary contributions to the Commission, preferably on the same basis as the contributions of existing members.
8. To invite NGOs interested in the work of the IATTC to make contributions to the Commission's budget.