

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
51st MEETING OF THE PARTIES

La Jolla, California, USA

(resumed)

23 October 2025

RESOLUTION A-25-02
ON VESSELS ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCING

The Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP):

Agree to implement Annex II.12 of the AIDCP as follows:

1. The assessments shall be based on the vessel's well volume as recorded on the IATTC Regional Vessel Register and posted on the website of the Commission, considering that, in accordance with Resolution C-15-02 "*as of 1 January 2017 the well volume reflected on the Regional Vessel Register will be considered confirmed for vessels currently included in the Register. In the case of new vessels, the well volume notified at the time the vessel is added to the Register will be considered confirmed*".
2. The fees for those vessels required to carry observers by the provisions of the AIDCP shall be calculated at the rate of US\$ 16.47 per cubic meter of well volume.
3. Assessments for IATTC Capacity Class 6 vessels that have sealed wells under Resolution C-12-08 shall be calculated based on their total well volume, i.e. including sealed and non-sealed wells.
4. Assessments for vessels smaller than Class 6 that are required to carry an observer on board, either because they have sealed wells (Resolution C-12-08) or because they have been identified by the IRP to have committed a possible infraction by intentionally setting on dolphins (Resolution A-02-01), shall be the equivalent of the quota of a Class 6 vessel with the minimum capacity corresponding to its class (508 m³).
5. Assessments for Class 6 vessels on the Inactive and Sunk Purse-Seine Capacity List of the Regional Register shall be calculated at a rate of US\$ 1.00 per cubic meter of well volume.
6. Assessments for any vessel fishing in the Agreement Area pursuant to paragraph 12 of IATTC Resolution C-02-03 on the capacity of the tuna fleet operating in the eastern Pacific Ocean shall be calculated on the basis of the rate established in paragraph 2 of this resolution.
7. Assessments shall be paid by December 1 of the preceding year, pursuant to paragraph 12(b) of Annex II of the AIDCP and regardless of whether the vessel has requested a DML for the following year, except in the case of vessels to which Resolution A-02-01 or Resolution C-02-03, paragraph 12, applies, for which assessments shall be paid before undertaking fishing activities in the EPO.

8. Any vessel assessment that has not been paid by the date specified in the previous paragraph shall be increased by an annual surcharge of 10% of the assessment, in addition to any sanction contemplated in Annex IV of the AIDCP.
9. a. In view of the exceptional financial situation currently faced by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), and recognizing the importance of the Onboard Observer Program for the purposes of the Agreement, without prejudice to Article XIV Paragraph 3 of the Antigua Convention, it is hereby decided to make use of the AIDCP surplus.

b. From the existing surplus, after deducting any budget deficit recorded as of December 31, 2025, projected as of October 22, 2025 to be US\$164,015, up to US\$472,930 will be used to contribute to the budgeted expenses for 2026 of the On-Board Observer Program.

The remainder of the surplus as of the date of this Resolution, estimated as of October 22, 2025 to be US\$1,409,399, shall be used for the *Close Kin Mark Recapture* (CKMR) Project the amount of which shall be subject to review and approval by the Parties to AIDCP, following the guidelines and recommendation of the Secretariat and its scientific staff, without prejudice to possible voluntary contributions to also support said program. Any further surplus remaining as of the date of this Resolution shall be allocated to research approved by the Parties, without prejudice to extraordinary expenses that the Parties shall be informed of and approved in advance. Annual operative surpluses that may occur in the future shall be subject to subsequent provisions of the AIDCP Parties.

In 2026 the working group on financial strengthening of the AIDCP shall work in conjunction with the relevant entity within the IATTC to recommend to the Meeting of the Parties and the Commission a long-term approach for the distribution of costs of the Onboard Observer Program.

10. This Resolution replaces Resolution A-18-01.