

10 July 2020

## IOTC CIRCULAR 2020–29

Dear Madam / Sir

### INVITATION TO THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA 15-16 SEPTEMBER 2020

Earlier this year, IOTC Circular 2020-10 announced the postponement of the TCAC06 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following consultations between the Chair of the TCAC and Members, it has been decided that the TCAC will meet on 15-16 September.

This 2-day meeting will be convened by video-conference (Zoom) for 2 hours each day.

Given the time limitations, the main aim of the meeting is to keep the momentum for the work of the Committee and help prepare for its next face-to-face meeting. To this end the below agenda will be followed.

#### Meeting registration

Registration for the meetings is essential to allow the IOTC Secretariat enough time to make the necessary arrangements for your access. Please register for the meeting on the IOTC website no later than 15 days before the meeting.

#### Credentials

In accordance with Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), official credentials are required in order to participate in the meeting. For your convenience, a draft letter of credentials (from Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, 2014) is available [here](#).

Please note, only those who are listed on a Letter of Credentials will be permitted to join the sessions.

#### Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)

Each CPC is requested to provide a letter of credentials signed by the appropriate Authority indicating who will attend the meeting and in what capacity, no later than 15 days before the above meetings to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org).

#### Invited Experts and Observers

IOTC Observers are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials, no later than 15 days before the Session to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org).

#### Documents and Information

Meeting documents and information on how to participate in the meeting will be made available on the meeting webpage.

Yours sincerely



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#### Distribution

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## **Agenda TCAC06 – Video-Conference Meeting 15-16 September 2020**

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION
2. LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS
3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS
4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION
5. PRESENTATION OF REVISED PROPOSALS
  - Coastal States proposal
  - EU Proposal
  - Q&A and Discussion
6. PROPOSED THEMATIC APPROACH FOR FACE-TO-FACE MEETING IN 2021
  - Presentation by Chair
  - Q&A and Discussion
7. NEXT STEPS
8. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING