



Madrid, 21 March 2017

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1737 / 2017

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ROP-BFT FOR THE 2017 SEASON

I have the honour to inform you that, following the extension of the contract with the consortium selected to implement the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme bluefin tuna for Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna, the cost of observers will be as shown in the attached (Attachment 1, Vessels; Attachment 2, Farms/Traps).

There is no change in the procedures from previous years, and no increases in the prices. Many vessels participating in the ROP-BFT have positive balances at the Secretariat carried over from the 2016 fishing year. These balances are available on request, and can be deducted from the total payment required for 2017. Please cite the ICCAT serial numbers of the vessels for which you request balances, and please also cite this number when making payment.

We should be grateful if the new Request Forms could be filled out fully, and include details of the bank account to which any remaining balances should be paid, in the event that any excess is not carried over to the next year.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration

Driss Meski
Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

VESSELS

For an equitable distribution of costs, the recruitment, training and equipment (start-up) fee for vessels which are participating for the first time or which have not participated since 2011 will be **€7,500**. The amount for this concept for returning vessels will be the same as 2016, i.e. **€3,300**. Although the exact number of returning observers is not known, it is expected that the rate will be sufficiently high for this amount to cover all additional training and equipment needs.

The rates for mobilisation fees and sea days will also remain the same as in 2016:

Mobilisation fee (vessels, farms and traps) - €4,400

Vessels - Sea days - €230 per day

The forms for requesting observers are available from the ICCAT web site at:

<http://iccat.int/Documents/Comply/DEPLOYMENT REQUEST-VESSEL-ENG.xlsx>

Completed forms for vessels, together with proof of full payment, must be received, at the latest by **27 April 2017**.

All lodgements should be made to the ICCAT ROP-BFT account:

- Name of the bank: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA)
- Address of branch: Pso. Recoletos, 10 ala sur pl. 1, 28001 – Madrid (Spain)
- Precise name of the account holder: Comisión Internacional para la Conservación del Atún Atlántico (ICCAT)
- Full account number (including bank codes): 0182 2370 46 0201518869
- IBAN (or BIC code if not applicable): IBAN: ES91 0182 2370 4602 0151 8869 /
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When making the lodgement, please indicate the **ICCAT Record number of the vessel for which the payment is being made**. A copy of the swift receipt should be sent to the Secretariat together with the request forms.

Attachment 2: Farms/Traps

FARMS/TRAPS

For farms or traps which are participating for the first time or have not participated since 2011, the recruitment, training and equipment (start-up) fee will be €7,700. Lodgements of these amounts for new vessels/farms/traps should be paid to the Secretariat by **27 April 2017**. The amount for this concept for returning farms/traps will be the same as that for vessels, i.e. €3,300.

The rates for mobilisation fees and farm days / traps days will be the same as those in the 2015:

Mobilisation fee (vessels, farms and traps) - €4,400

Farm/trap days (no accommodation provided) €331.3 per day for deployments of 5+ days (minimum 5 days)

Farm/trap days (accommodation provided) €263.3 per day for deployments of 5+ days (minimum 5 days)

For occasional fresh harvests/transfers, a one or two day deployment may be requested at the following rates, in addition to the mobilisation fee:

1 day with no accommodation provided: €719.3

1 day with accommodation provided by the farm/trap: €651.3

2 days with no accommodation provided: €525.30 per day ($1050.6 + 4400 = 5450.6$)

2 days with accommodation provided by the farm/trap: €457.30 per day ($914.6 + 4400 = 5314.6$)

Please note that such short term deployment requests are only applicable to fresh harvest on an exceptional basis and may not be extended. Deployment requests requiring three or more days will be subject to the five day minimum.

The forms for requesting observers are available here on the ICCAT web site at:

<http://iccat.int/Documents/Comply/DEPLOYMENT REQUEST-FARM TRAP-ENG.xlsx>

Completed forms for farms **must reach the Secretariat at least 96 hours** before the deployment is required.

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