2023 Financial Report¹

Introduction

The funds made available by the Commission through the regular budget, as well as the voluntary contributions from CPCs, have made it possible to work towards the achievement of Commission objectives. The report for this financial year consolidates the trend in recent years regarding the need to regularise the activities financed through the Working Capital Fund within the Commission's budget, as well as ICCAT meetings, which highlights how important it is for Contracting Parties to meet their financial obligations.

1. Auditor's Report - Financial year 2022

The auditing firm, Grant Thornton, S.L.P., prepared the Independent Auditor's Report corresponding to financial year 2022.

In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Commission's Financial Regulations, the Executive Secretary sent a copy of the Auditor's Report to the Governments of all the Contracting Parties in June 2023 (ICCAT Circular #457 AF/23). The Auditor's Report includes the ICCAT budgetary statements: balance sheet, composition and balance of the Working Capital Fund, budgetary and extra-budgetary expenses, budgetary and extrabudgetary revenue received, status of the Contracting Party contributions, composition and balance of the eBCD Working Capital Fund, the explanatory notes to these, for the financial year that ended on 31 December 2022. It should be noted that at year-end 2022, the balance sheet (**Statement 1**) showed a cash balance in cash and banks of €11,942,650.57, corresponding to the available balance of the Working Capital Fund €1,906,160.09 (which represents 39.81% of the budget), the available balance of eBCD Working Capital Fund (€437,326.10), the available balance of the trust funds (€8,353,674.90), provisions for expenses (€6,900.16), debts for purchases or provisions of services (€352,337.89), collections pending application (€12,745.62), prepaid expenses for financial year 2023 (€40,465.95), payments pending application (€10,630.46) and trust funds accounts receivable (€5,349.16) and advances on future contributions (€929,951.38).

The balance of accumulated pending contributions at year-end 2022 (corresponding to 2022 and previous years) amounted to a total of \notin 1,921,407.90. The balance of eBCD contributions pending payment amounted to \notin 10,073.27.

2. Financial position of the second part of the biennial budget - financial year 2023

All the Commission's financial operations corresponding to financial year 2023 were recorded in euros. The accounting entries that arose in United States dollars are also recorded in euros, applying the official exchange rates provided monthly by the United Nations.

The 2023 regular budget, amounting to €5,598,443.51, was approved by the Commission at its 23rd Special Meeting of the Commission (hybrid / Vale do Lobo, Portugal, 13 to 21 November 2022).

Statement 2 shows the status of the contributions of each of the Contracting Parties.

The total accumulated debt from budgetary and extra-budgetary contributions, amounts to $\notin 2,463,645.69$, which includes budgetary contributions from: Barbados ($\notin 7,336.10$), Brazil ($\notin 378,185.98$), Cabo Verde ($\notin 205,462.70$), Côte d'Ivoire ($\notin 59,718.99$), Curaçao ($\notin 174,910.71$), Equatorial Guinea ($\notin 80,399.68$), Gabon ($\notin 18,953.45$), Ghana ($\notin 31,371.18$), Grenada ($\notin 9,867.31$), Guinea (Rep.) ($\notin 252,096.73$), Honduras ($\notin 3,602.23$), Liberia ($\notin 28,458.45$), Morocco ($\notin 56,091.76$), Mauritania ($\notin 79,804.20$), Mexico ($\notin 27,586.95$), Nigeria ($\notin 31,824.86$), Russia ($\notin 22,841.59$), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ($\notin 113,262.58$), Sao Tomé and Príncipe ($\notin 71,733.23$), Sierra Leone ($\notin 57,452.30$), South Africa ($\notin 47,143.75$), Syria ($\notin 13,266.11$), Tunisia ($\notin 54,801.75$) and Venezuela ($\notin 571,155.62$), as well as Cuba's debt ($\notin 66,317.48$), which is no longer an ICCAT Contracting Party.

¹ Data at 13 October 2023.

Statement 3 shows the settlement of budgetary expenses broken down by chapters.

Budgetary expenses

69.84% of the budget adopted by the Commission has been spent. Below are some general comments, by budget chapter:

Chapter 1 - Salaries: The salaries of twenty-two Secretariat staff members have been charged to this chapter: twelve staff in the Professional or Higher categories (the Executive Secretary, the outgoing Head of Finance and Administration (7 months) and the incoming Head of Finance and Administration (2 months), the Head of the Compliance Department, two Compliance Officers, the VMS Manager / Technical Officer, the Technical Officer, the Publications Editor and four Translators in the Publications Department), and ten staff included in the Spanish Social Security system (two Translators in the Publications Department, the Compliance Assistant, the Mail/Photocopy Clerk, the Administrative Secretary, three Administrative Assistants, the Accounting Assistant).

In 2023, the United Nations Civil Service Commission published a new salary and pensions scale for staff in the Professional or Higher categories. All these increases are charged to this chapter, complying with the effective date of this scale.

Therefore, the total amount charged to Chapter 1 includes the adjustment of the remuneration schemes to those in effect for the staff belonging to the United Nations categories, including years of service and contributions to the Van Breda /CIGNA Pension Plan. It also includes the cost of Spanish Social Security for Secretariat staff included in this system, the payment of taxes in accordance with the stipulations contained in Article 10 of the ICCAT Staff Regulations and Rules, as well as training expenses for Secretariat staff: English, French and Spanish classes for staff members and translation services to assist the Department of Translation and Publications.

The amount charged to Chapter 1 is €1,688,453.94, which represents 73.96% of the budgeted amount.

Chapter 2 - Travel: The amount incurred in this chapter of the budget amounts to \in 22,122.99 (55.31% of the budgeted amount) and corresponds to the travel expenses and per diem for participation in seven meetings of international organizations and regional and/or international bodies.

Chapter 3 - Commission meetings: This chapter includes the expenses incurred in the amount of \notin 34,918.51 (12.35% of the budgeted amount), corresponding to the expenses for preparation of the 2023 Commission meeting, and travel by staff and interpreters who will participate in the 2023 Commission meeting.

Chapter 4 - Publications: the amount charged to this chapter amounts to \in 5,512.32 (26.76% of the amount budgeted), which corresponds to the expenses incurred for reproducing documents and the rental costs of the photocopiers (\in 5,512.32).

Chapter 5 - Office equipment: The expenses charged to this chapter correspond to a shredder and a portable air conditioning unit (\in 571.41) (3.52% of the budgeted amount).

Chapter 6 - Operating expenses: The expenses incurred in this chapter amounted to $\in 85, 185.02$ (56.23% of the budgeted amount), which correspond to: office material ($\notin 1,583.32$); expenses for communications, i.e. mailing of official correspondence and ICCAT publications ($\notin 1,168.46$), telephone service ($\notin 11,491.07$), fax service ($-\notin 14.86$); bank charges ($\notin 1,044.75$); auditing ($\notin 16,921.14$); insurance ($\notin 2,882.01$), office maintenance ($\notin 6,977.88$), office cleaning ($\notin 23,742.84$), other expenses such as garage rental, etc. ($\notin 15,223.56$); and representation expenses ($\notin 4,164.85$).

Chapter 7 - Miscellaneous expenses: This chapter includes various minor expenses. The expenses charged to this chapter amount to €5,933.30, representing 72.15% of the budgeted amount.

Chapter 8 - Research coordination: The expenses incurred in this chapter amount to \pounds 1,180,073.85 (67.75% of the budgeted amount) and correspond to the following sub-chapters:

a) *Salaries:* The costs corresponding to the salaries of ten Secretariat staff members have been charged to this sub-chapter: eight staff in the Professional or Higher categories (the Assistant Executive Secretary, the Head of Department of Science, the Fisheries Data Analyst, the Population Dynamics Expert, the Bycatch Coordinator, the Head of Statistics and Biostatistian, the Database Programmer and GIS Expert and the Database Programmer and the Information Technology Specialist) and two included in the Spanish Social Security system (the Database Programmer and Webmaster and the Programming Technician).

The observations made under Chapter 1 concerning the salary scheme in effect in 2023 for staff classified in the United Nations categories also apply to this sub-chapter, as well as the costs for Spanish Social Security for Secretariat staff included in this system, the payment of taxes in accordance with Article 10 of the ICCAT Staff Regulations and Rules, the expenses of the education grant for eligible staff in accordance with Article 16 of the ICCAT Staff Regulations and Rules, home leave expenses for staff in accordance with Article 27 of the ICCAT Staff Regulations and Rules.

The amount charged to this sub-chapter totals €913,025.97.

- b) *Travel to improve statistics:* The amount charged to this sub-chapter totals €11,242.39 and corresponds to travel and per diem expenses for Secretariat participation in six meetings of other organizations.
- c) *Statistics Biology:* License renewals and cloud services (€9,932.16) have been charged to this subchapter.
- d) *Information technology:* The amount incurred under this sub-chapter (€40,079.29) corresponds to acquisition of computers, software, memory expansion, maintenance of servers, and purchase of different computer material.
- e) *Maintenance of database:* The amount spent under this heading totals €22,260.02, which corresponds to maintenance of the high performance storage station, annual licenses, specific statistics software, security copies service and maintenance of the server's air-conditioning unit.
- f) *Telephone line Internet domain:* The expense under this heading amounts to €15,886.15 which corresponds to the maintenance charges of ICCAT e-mail, cloud services, as well as the ADSL lines and maintenance of the website.
- g) Scientific meetings (including the SCRS): the total spent under this sub-chapter amounts to €62,923.03, corresponding to the annual Zoom licenses for the online meetings and the expenses incurred as a result of holding the annual meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) in Madrid: room hire in Hotel Chamartín The One, coffee breaks, cocktail reception, audio-visual material, expenses of the Secretariat staff, interpreting fees and simultaneous interpreting equipment (hybrid meetings).
- h) *Interpretation for SCRS meetings*: The amount incurred in this sub-chapter (€104,724.84) covered 15 days of interpretation for SCRS meetings and the rental of microphones for four hybrid meetings.
- i) *Miscellaneous*: No cost has been incurred under this sub-chapter.

Chapter 9 - Services that require external specialist consulting (i.e. legal advice, integral project management, etc.): The amount spent under this chapter amounts to \notin 40,155.82 (\notin 56.91% of the budgeted amount), which corresponds to legal advice services, and development of the ICCAT IT security policy.

Chapter 10 - Separation from Service Fund: 100.00% of the budgeted expenses (€65,468.14) have been charged to this chapter, which have been included in the Separation from Service Fund (see Section 4 of this Report).

Chapter 11 - Research programmes: The expenses incurred in this chapter amounted to the total budgeted amount (100.00%), €416,635.00, and correspond to the following sub-chapter:

a) *Strategic Research Programme*: The Contracting Parties made a budgetary contribution from ICCAT of €416,635.00 to finance this programme. The breakdown of deposits and expenses is shown in the table related to this programme (section 18 of this report).

Chapter 12 - Compliance: The amount incurred in this chapter of the budget amounts to \notin 9,698.91 (30.47% of the budgeted amount) and corresponds to the publication and dispatch of port inspection reports.

Chapter 13 - Travel: The expenses incurred under this chapter amount to €220,936.34 (87.78% of the budgeted amount) and correspond to the following sub-chapters:

- a) *Travel by ICCAT and SCRS Chairs*: This heading includes the expenses for travel by the SCRS Chair to Madrid, San Sebastián, hybrid format, St Andrews, Lisbon, Olhao and Dakar on account of the SCRS meetings in the first quarter of 2023 (€20,644.14).
- b) *Special Meeting Participation Fund* (MPF): This sub-chapter includes ICCAT financing of the special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), which was approved in 2022, and amounts to €170,000.00.
- c) *Travel by ICCAT Officers (ICCAT developing Contracting Parties):* The travel expenses and per diem of seven SCRS Officers and one Commission Officer to attend a species groups and/or SCRS or intersessional meeting have been charged to this sub-chapter (€30,916.20).

Chapter 14 - Integrated Online Management System: The expenses corresponding to the salaries of two Secretariat staff members in the Professional or higher category (Software Developers) have been charged to this chapter. The observations set out in Chapter 1 regarding the salary scheme in effect in 2023 for staff classified in the United Nations category also apply to this chapter. Several annual software licenses also been charged to this chapter. The amount charged to this sub-chapter totals €133,895.20 (63.10% of the amount budgeted).

Extrabudgetary expenses

The extra-budgetary expenses incurred until 13 October 2023 amount to €422,351.34 and are explained in detail in section 27 of this report.

In addition to the expenses for intersessional meetings, this heading also includes the expenses of the exchange losses ($\leq 10,229.88$) and the expenses for interpretation into Arabic of the 2023 Commission meeting ($\leq 1,260.00$).

Statement 4 indicates the budgetary and extra-budgetary revenue received by the Commission.

Budgetary revenue

The contributions received and distributed by Groups were as follows:

	No. of Contracting Parties Contributions						
Groups	Total	Full	Partial	Pending	Budget	Paid	%
		payment	payment				
А	9	8	0	1	3,345,070.00	3,170,159.29	94.77
В	5	3	0	2	839,766.53	383,411.05	45.66
С	21	8	1	12	1,175,673.14	689,476.08	58.65
D	17	9	1	7	237,933.84	131,560.93	55.29
TOTAL	52	28	2	22	5,598,443.51	4,374,607.35	78.14

Of the approved budget, revenue received and applied to 2023 contributions amounted to €4,374,607.35, which represents 78.14% of the budget. Only twenty-eight of the 52 Contracting Parties included in this budget have paid their contribution in full (Albania, Algeria, Belize, Canada, China (People's Rep.), Egypt, El Salvador, European Union, France (St. Pierre & Miquelon), The Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Libya, Namibia, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago, Türkiye, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States, and Uruguay). Ghana has paid 88.17% (€233,753.68), and Honduras 44.75% (€2,917.42).

Contributions to the 2023 regular budget pending payment by the Contracting Parties, at 13 October 2023, amount to €1,223,836.16, which represents 21.86% of this budget.

Advances were received from Ghana ($\notin 2,260.68$), Senegal ($\notin 69,645.31$), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ($\notin 40.02$), and have been applied as partial payments of their 2023 contributions. New advances have also been received from Panama ($\notin 54,281.75$) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ($\notin 53,061.16$), which will be applied to payment of future contributions, in addition to Benin's advance ($\notin 200.86$) following settlement of its debt, which is pending reimbursement. The reimbursement will be made when we are informed of the data necessary to perform the operation.

Extrabudgetary revenue

The extra-budgetary revenue received amounts to \notin 505,511.57. This revenue includes: the voluntary contribution of Chinese Taipei (\notin 100,000.00), the voluntary contributions to ICCAT from the extra-budgetary programmes managed by the Secretariat by way of overheads: from the ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for transhipment (\notin 18,648.92), from the ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna (\notin 57,157.30), and from the ICCAT/Japan Capacity-building Assistance Project (Phase 2) (JCAP-2) (\notin 13,429.20).

Also included are the observers fees received for the in-person meetings (\in 8,230.49), the financial revenue received for bank interests (\in 10,213.87), the VAT refund (\in 32,831.79), and the revenue received from the European Union for intersessional meetings of the Commission (\notin 90,000.00 and \notin 175,000.00).

Revenue from accumulated pending contributions

Revenue from accumulated pending contributions amount to $\in 681,598.37$ and correspond to contributions to previous budgets paid by Brazil ($\in 323,280.22$), Gabon ($\in 6,886.32$), The Gambia ($\in 3,823.04$), Honduras ($\in 119,067.92$), Libya ($\in 23,345.29$), Panama ($\in 140,258.57$), Sao Tomé and Principe ($\in 50,000.00$), and the contribution from Honduras as a new Contracting Party ($\in 14,937.00$).

Statement 5 shows the composition and balance of the Working Capital Fund, which had a credit balance of €3,135,341.29 (56.00% of the budget). This fund comprises the opening balance for the financial year (€1,906,160.09), the settlement of the revenue and expenses to the budget for the financial year (€464,422.60), the settlement of revenue and expenses not included in the budget for the financial year (€83,160.23) and the contributions paid to previous budgets (€681,598.37). Estimated expenses at year-end 2023 amount to €1,637,256.33 (see **Statement 3**). Consequently, if the Working Capital Fund does not receive any new revenue, the result forecast for year-end 2023 will be a positive accounting balance of €1,498,084.96 (26.76% of the budget).

Statement 6 shows cash flow in financial year 2023 as regards actual revenue and expenses.

Statement 7 shows the position of cash and banks with a balance of \in 14,138,685.48 which corresponds to the total available balance of the Working Capital Fund (\in 3,135,341.29), the available balance of the eBCD Working Capital Fund (\in 562,353.59), as well as the available balance of the Integrated Online Management System (\in 49,490.79), the available balance of the European Union Integrated Online Management System Fund – Vessels manager module (\in 70,000.00) and the available balance of the UN/FLUX integration (\notin 75,772.26), the available balance of the Separation from Service Fund (\notin 415,402.63), the available balance of the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for at sea transhipment (\notin 257,486.05), the available

balance of the Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (\notin 1,024,287.72), the available balance of the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna (€3,514,187.06), the available balance of the Special Data Fund - People's Republic of China (€163,383.14), the available balance of the special Meeting Participation Fund (€345,501.60), the available balance of the Special Data Fund - United States (€450,633.43), the available balance of the United States Fund for Capacity Building (€332,257.36), the available balance of the Morocco Fund to Support National Capacity for Participation at Commission Meetings (€225,856.36), the available balance of the ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for tropical tunas (€20,121.61), the available balance of the special Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCSF) (€52,582.21), the available balance of the Tunisia Fund for participation in Commission meetings (€12,537.09), the available balance of the Strategic Research Programme (€1,713,223.01), the available balance of the United States Fund for Tropicals (€84,688.60), the available balance of the European Union Integrated Online Management System Fund (-€29.777,48), the available balance of the Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) system (€116,255.02), the available balance of the ABNI-II Fund (\in 212,411.00), the available balance of the United States Fund for restoration of the Caribbean Deepwater Horizon (€259,292.00), debts for purchases or provisions of services (€200,009.25), collections pending application (\in 10,234.61), advances on future contributions (\in 107,543.77), advances of trust funds (€913,154.56), prepaid expenses (€56,708.93), debtors of trust funds (€19,743.13) and payments pending application (\in 79,090.99).

Statement 8 shows the composition and balance of the eBCD Working Capital Fund, which has a credit balance of \notin 562,353.59. The fund comprises the opening balance for financial year 2023, which amounts to \notin 437,326.10.

It also comprises the settlement of revenue and expenses to the eBCD budget for the financial year ($\leq 125,027.49$). Of the approved budget, the revenue received and applied for eBCD contributions for 2023 total $\leq 386,487.78$. Fourteen of the 18 Contracting Parties included in this budget have paid their contribution to the eBCD (Albania, Algeria, Canada, China (P.R.), Egypt, the European Union, Iceland, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Morocco, Norway, Türkiye, the United States, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Moreover, an expense for \notin 261,460.29 was incurred, corresponding to the salary of the Full Stack Developer, as well as bank charges.

It should be noted that contributions to the eBCD budgets for 2019-2023 have not been received from Libya and Syria, nor have the 2023 contributions been received from Mexico and Tunisia.

Separation from Service Fund	
Opening balance for financial year 2023	€349,934.49
REVENUE	
Financed by ICCAT	€ 65,468.14
Total revenue	€ 65,468.14
EXPENSES	
Fund expenses	€ 0.00
Total expenses	€ 0.00
Balance at 13 October 2023	€ 415,402.63

3. Separation from Service Fund

4. ICCAT/Japan Capacity-building Assistance Project - Phase 2 (JCAP-2)

The ICCAT/Japan Capacity-building Assistance Project Phase 2 (JCAP-2), which started in December 2019 and is scheduled to last five years, continues to have independent accounting. Notwithstanding, the management of certain expenses and revenue of the project is carried out by ICCAT as the administrative entity, and accordingly, these items are included in the ICCAT accounts and settled when repaid to ICCAT.

Although the accounting and auditing of this project is carried out independently, transitional accounts have been included in the balance sheet, on recommendation of the auditors, showing the bank balance of the project at 31 December 2022 and 2021.

5. ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for at-sea transhipment

Since April 2007, a contract has been entered into annually with the consortium MRAG/CapFish for implementation of the ICCAT Regional Observers Programme, pursuant to *Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Programme for Transhipment* (Rec. 06-11). This Programme has been financed through voluntary contributions from China (P.R.), Japan, Korea (Rep.), Namibia, and Chinese Taipei. The settlement of the Programme for 2022/2023 is as follows:

ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for at-sea transhipment 2022/2023				
Revenue	€ 327,290.02			
1.1 Revenue from contributions	€ 327,290.02			
Expenses	€ 194,122.62			
1. Contract with the observers agency				
1.1 Training	€ 8,428.80			
1.2 Deployment of observers	€ 111,933.25			
1.3 Management and support activities	€ 57,064.37			
2. Travel				
2.1 Flight tickets	€ 15,946.63			
3. Secretariat costs				
3.1 Staff hours	€ 0.00			
3.2 Contingencies	€ 750.37			
2022/2023 balance	€ 133,167.40			

The carryover is \notin 133,167.40. The distribution is as follows:

СРС	Contribution (€)	Distribution of 2022/23 balance (\in)
China (P.R.)	49,415.36	31,430.03
Korea	4,399.60	2,798.31
Japan	100,444.62	5,814.47
Namibia*	0.00	(16,929.29)
Chinese Taipei	173,030.44	110,053.87
TOTAL	327,290.02	133,167.40

* Namibia has not paid its 2022/2023 contribution.

In April 2023, the contract was extended for an additional year.

The carryover from previous years have been used to as contributions to 2023/24. The balance at 13 October 2023 is as follows:

ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for at-sea transhipment 2023/2024				
REVENUE		€ 356,637.06		
1.1 Revenue from contributions		€ 356,637.06		
Contribution from China (P. R.)	€ 49,583.30			
Contribution from Korea (Rep.)	€ 8,778.22			
Contribution from Japan	€ 5,814.47			
Contribution from Namibia	€ 0.00			
Contribution from Chinese Taipei	€ 292,461.07			
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EXPENSES		€99,151.01
1. Contract with the observers agency		·
1.1 Training		€9,854.53
Training	€ 8,429.60	
Travel for training	€ 1,424.93	
1.2 Deployment of observers		€ 40,266.77
Days at sea	€ 37,960.70	
Days of travel	€ 2,306.07	
Equipment	€ 0.00	
1.3 Management and support activities		€ 23,900.24
Days at sea	€ 23,820.63	
Days of travel	€ 79.61	
2. Travel		
2.1 Flight tickets		€ 4,521.55
3. Secretariat costs		
3.1 Contingencies		€ 20,607.92
Staff hours	€ 18,648.92	
Management days SBT - CCSBT (pending		
refund)	€ 1,899.00	
Bank charges	€ 60.00	
Balance at 13 October 2023		€ 257,486.05

6. ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna

To implement the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Multi-Annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean* (Rec. 08-05), in 2009, the ICCAT Regional Observers Programme was established for bluefin tuna farms. Since 2010, it has been implemented for vessels and from 2013 it has also been implemented for traps. Accordingly, the Secretariat has extended the contract with the Consortium MRAG/COFREPECHE to April 2024, to carry out the recruitment and deployment of observers. This programme is financed by the operators of the vessels, farms and traps. The balance of the programme at 13 October 2023 is as follows:

ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna

a) Bluefin tuna farming facilities		
REVENUE		€ 1,426,876.36
1.1 Revenue from contributions		€ 1,426,876.36
EXPENSES		€ 501,893.26
1. Contract with the observers agency		
1.1 Training and equipment		€ 43,621.17
Training	€ 38,321.13	
Days of travel - training	€ 365.40	
Travel expenses - training	€ 4,934.64	
1.2 Mobilisation and associated costs		€ 67,209.09
Days of travel	€ 25,555.90	
Travel costs	€ 23,210.49	
Briefing/debriefing	€ 18,442.70	
1.3 Deployment of observers		€ 391,003.00
Farm days	€ 391,003.00	
2. Secretariat costs		
2.1 Contingencies		€ 60.00
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STF_202/2023 07/11/2023 14:56 € 60.00 Bank charges Balance a) € 924,983.10 b) Vessels REVENUE € 4,402,879.11 1.1 Revenue from contributions € 4,402,879.11 **EXPENSES** € 1,996,114.98 1. Contract with the observers agency 1.1 Training and equipment € 348,213.38 € 288,685.71 Training Days of travel - training € 2,658.60 Travel expenses - training € 35,903.76 € 20,965.31 Equipment 1.2 Mobilisation and associated costs € 399,883.90 € 150,241.30 Days of travel - deployment Travel expenses - deployment € 95,652.84 € 107,577.05 Briefing/debriefing Days of travel - briefing/debriefing € 35,131.80 € 11,280.91 Travel expenses - briefing/debriefing 1.3 Deployment of observers € 1,247,910.70 Days at sea € 1,247,910.70 2. Secretariat costs 2.1 Contingencies € 107.00 € 107.00 Bank charges Balance b) € 2,406,764.13 c) Traps REVENUE €218,380.83 1.1 Revenue from contributions €218,380.83 **EXPENSES** € 62,670.35 1. Contract with the observers agency 1.1 Training and equipment € 29,726.62 € 25,705.90 Training Days of travel - training € 277.20 € 3,743.52 Travel expenses - training 1.2 Mobilisation and associated costs € 7,225.83 € 2,818.40 Days of travel Travel costs € 2,998.23 € 1,409.20 Briefing/debriefing € 25,717.90 1.3 Deployment of observers Days in trap € 25,717.90 2. Secretariat costs 2.1 Contingencies € 0.00 € 0.00 Bank charges € 155,710.48 Balance c) d) Programme fund € 26,729.35 **Opening balance** € 15,778.81 Revenue from fund € 14,289.32 Bank charges of the programme (€ 3,338.78) Balance at 13 October 2023 € 3,514,187.06

Other than this balance, the Commission accounts have a carryover from the vessels from 2010/2011 in the amount of $\notin 12,172.44$, from 2011/2012 in the amount of $\notin 6,432.75$, from 2012/2013 in the amount of $\notin 14,937.97$, from 2013/2014 in the amount of $\notin 23,258.27$, from 2014/2015 in the amount of $\notin 13,226.20$, from 2015/2016 in the amount of $\notin 55,131.83$, from 2016/2017 in the amount of $\notin 38,749.75$, from 2017/2018 in the amount $\notin 4,335.50$, from 2018/2019 in the amount of $\notin 33,218.34$, from 2019/2020 in the amount $\notin 93,887.96$, from 2020/2021 in the amount of $\notin 120,717.67$, from 2021/2022 in the amount of $\notin 78,641.21$, from 2022/2023 in the amount of $\notin 120,974.16$, from 2023/2024 in the amount of 209,136.74 and from the farming facilities and traps in the amount of $\notin 42,257.91$ and $\notin 7,800.00$, respectively (advances on the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna), corresponding to the available balances of the farming facilities, vessels and traps that participated in previous financial years and have not requested a refund of these amounts.

7. ICCAT Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP)

At its 16th Special Meeting, the Commission supported a coordinated research programme on bluefin tuna throughout the Atlantic for an initial period of five years, which has been extended on an annual basis. The settlement and balance of the twelfth phase of the programme whose activities officially started on 24 March 2022 and ended on 23 July 2023, are as follows:

ICCAT Atlantic Wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna	- Phases I-XII
Balance Phase I	€ 46,094.81
Balance Phase II	(€ 5,823.03)
Balance Phase III	(€ 78,893.00)
Balance Phase IV	€ 62,909.49
Balance Phase V	€ 67,037.12
Balance Phase VI	€ 85,932.65
Balance Phase VII	€ 101,049.74
Balance Phase VIII	€ 191,892.84
Balance Phase IX	€ 81,848.12
Balance Phase X	€ 67,557.41
Balance Phase XI	€ 43,184.05
Balance Phase XII	(€ 226,577.11)
Revenue Phase XII	€ 1,163,392.45
Voluntary contribution from Albania	€ 2,996.34
Voluntary contribution from Algeria	€ 29,170.26
Voluntary contribution from Canada	€ 21,337.13
Voluntary contribution from China (P.R.)	€ 1,897.80
Voluntary contribution from Korea (Rep.)	€ 3,525.11
Voluntary contribution from Iceland	€3,172.60
Voluntary contribution from Japan	€ 49,686.39
Voluntary contribution from Libya	€ 39,745.58
Voluntary contribution from Morocco	€ 57,882.26
Voluntary contribution from Norway	€ 24,287.66
Voluntary contribution from Tunisia	€ 46,563.89
Voluntary contribution from the United Kingdom	€ 500.57
Voluntary contribution from Türkiye	€ 40,626.86
Voluntary contribution from the European Union	€ 840,000.00
Voluntary contribution from Chinese Taipei	€ 2,000.00
Phase XII expenses	€ 1,389,969.56
Staff hired by GBYP	€ 329,472.89
Sub-contracts:	
External experts (coordination)	€ 11,250.00
Development of ICCAT ETAGs database	€ 30,000.00

Aerial survey data analysis and implementation of	
model-based approach	€ 67,656.97
Biological sampling in farms	€ 69,040.73
Biological sampling in fisheries	€ 343,678.88
Implementation of CKMR in the BFT-E stock	€ 8,400.00
Implementation of MSE approach in management of BFT	
stocks	€ 100,000.00
Travel and workshops:	€ 85,354.17
Supply of tags and associated costs	€ 239,549.57
Other costs (consumables, equipment, indirect costs,	
etc.)	€ 105,566.35
Balance Phases I-XII	€ 436,213.09

The thirteenth phase of the programme started on 1 May 2023. The Parties that have made voluntary contributions, as well as expenses incurred up to 13 October 2023 are detailed below:

ICCAT Atlantic Wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna - Phase XIII			
Revenue	€ 981,044.13		
Voluntary contribution from Albania	€ 4,729.17		
Voluntary contribution from Algeria	€ 36,239.20		
Voluntary contribution from Canada	€ 20,529.68		
Voluntary contribution from Korea (Rep.)	€ 3,958.90		
Voluntary contribution from Japan	€ 55,782.93		
Voluntary contribution from Iceland	€ 4,012.64		
Voluntary contribution from Libya	€ 45,643.84		
Voluntary contribution from Morocco	€ 66,280.30		
Voluntary contribution from Norway	€ 19,000.00		
Voluntary contribution from Tunisia	€ 45,292.13		
Voluntary contribution from Türkiye	€ 46,575.34		
Voluntary contribution from the European Union	€ 630,000.00		
Voluntary contribution from Chinese Taipei	€ 3,000.00		
Expenses	€ 392,969.50		
Staff hired by GBYP	€ 63,229.58		
Sub-contracts:			
Aerial surveys	€ 281,011.27		
Biological studies	€ 40,313.70		
Travel and workshops	€ 5,744.31		
Supply of tags and associated costs	€ 2,257.36		
Other costs (consumables, equipment, indirect costs, etc.)	€ 413.28		
Balance at 13 October 2023	€ 588,074.63		

8. Special Data Fund - People's Republic of China

Following the U.S. initiative of making special contributions to the special Data Fund since the approval of the Resolution by ICCAT on Improvements in Data Collection and Quality Assurance (Res. 03-21), China (P. R.) has sent voluntary contributions since 2011 for the same purpose. At 13 October 2023, this fund has the following balance:

Special Data Fund - People's Republic of China **Opening balance for financial year 2023** € 147,274.72 REVENUE Voluntary contribution € 16,116.00 **Total revenue** € 16,116.00 **EXPENSES** Fund expenses € 0.00 €7.58 Bank charges **Total expenses** € 7.58 Balance at 13 October 2023 € 163,383.14

9. Special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

The Commission approved at its 2020 meeting the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation* 14-14 on the Establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for Developing ICCAT Contracting Parties (Rec. 20-09). For this purpose, the Commission approved the allocation of \in 170,000.00, charged to Chapter 13.b) of the ICCAT budget. Below is a detailed list, at 13 October 2023, which includes the travel expenses charged to this fund and its balance:

Special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)		
Opening balance for financial year 2023	€ 472,165.98	
REVENUE		
ICCAT budget	€ 170,000.00	
Total revenue	€ 170,000.00	
EXPENSES Scientific meetings	€ 129,906.59	

Intersessional Meeting of the Tro			
Brazil	Paulo TRAVASSOS	€ 3,592.98	
Côte d'Ivoire	N. Constance DIAHA	€ 2,663.53	
Gabon	Davy ANGUEKO	€ 4,053.60	
Mauritania	Cheikh Baye BRAHAM	€ 2,614.53	
Panama	Yesuri PINO	€ 2,979.05	
Senegal	Fambaye N. SOW	€ 3,249.99	
Meeting of the Working Group of			
Senegal	Fambaye N. SOW	€ 2,280.55	
Tunisia	Rafik ZARRAD	€ 2,171.24	
Intersessional Meeting of the Sm			
Côte d'Ivoire	G.J.Thierry NENEBY	€ 2,558.40	
Gabon	Davy ANGUEKO	€ 2,711.77	
Ghana	Ebenezer A. ADDI	€ 1,656.50	
Tunisia Blue Charde Data Branches Ma	Cheikh Baye BRAHAM	€ 1,656.50	
Blue Shark Data Preparatory Me		C 2 100 02	
Brazil	Gustavo CARDOSO	€ 3,189.02	
Côte d'Ivoire	Koaudio J. KONAN	€ 2,303.59	
Meeting of the Subcommittee on			
Tunisia	Rafik ZARRAD	€ 1,733.00	
Sailfish data preparatory and sto	ock assessment meetings (CAN(
Brazil	Bruno L. MORAUTO	€ 1,995.41	
Mauritania	Cheikh Baye BRAHAM	€ 240.63	
Liberia	Roberth WILSON	€ 1,834.25	
Blue Shark Stock Assessment Me	eting		
Algeria	Amar OUCHELLI	€ 2,491.17	
Brazil	Gustavo CARDOSO	€ 4,274.48	
Egypt	Mahmoud FARRAG	€ 3,022.19	
Uruguay	Andrés DOMINGO	€ 3,885.72	
Atlantic albacore stock assessme		d 0,0001/ 2	
Algeria (cancelled)	Amar OUCHELLI	€ 1,600.00	
Egypt	Mahmoud A. SABER	€ 2,458.07	
		2,430.07	
SCRS species groups meeting and		E 2 0 2 C C 7	
Algeria (species groups)	Amar OUCHELLI	€ 3,036.67	
Algeria (SCRS)	Moussa MENNAD	€ 2,657.71	
Brazil	Gustavo CARDOSO	€ 4,421.76	
Côte d'Ivoire	Koaudio J. KONAN	€ 4,934.42	
El Salvador	Ana M. GALDAMEZ	€ 6,073.74	
Ghana	Emmanuel K. DOVLO	€ 3,424.02	
Guatemala	Carlos E. MARTÍNEZ	€ 5,947.96	
Guinea (Rep.)	Lansana KOLIE	€ 6,442.27	
Mexico	Karina RAMÍREZ	€ 6,054.34	
Mauritania	Cheikh Baye BRAHAM	€ 5,096.95	
Panama	Yesuri PINO	€ 5,753.59	
Sâo Tomé and Príncipe	Ilair da CONCEICAO	€ 5,826.75	
Tunisia (species groups)	Dhekra AYOUNI	€ 2,626.16	
Tunisia (SCRS)	Rafik ZARRAD	€ 2,484.52	
Venezuela (species groups)	Mariela NARVÁEZ	€ 3,909.56	
First Intersessional Meeting of			€ 41,145.40
Belize	Robert A. ROBINSON	€ 3,708.14	C 71,175.70
Côte d'Ivoire	Kouadio J. DJOU		
El Salvador	Ana M. GALDAMEZ	€ 2,877.55 € 3,789.15	
Gabon	Davy ANGUEKO	€ 2,915.40	
Ghana	Fred ANTWI-BOADU	€ 3,254.61	
Nicaragua	Roberto D.CHACON	€ 3,959.45	
Nigeria	Ibrahim ABUBAKAR	€ 3,746.70	
Panama	Flor TORRIJOS	€ 4,192.86	
Sâo Tomé and Príncipe	Ilair da CONCEICAO	€ 2,869.79	
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Senegal	Fambaye N. SOW	€ 2,349.55	
South Africa	Alice F. MCDONALD	€ 3,214.62	
Uruguay	Andrés DOMINGO	€ 4,267.58	
Third Intersessional Meeting o	f Panel 1		€ 40,499.91
Belize	Robert A. ROBINSON	€ 3,844.11	
Côte d'Ivoire	Kouadio J. DJOU	€ 2,727.09	
Egypt	F.M. ABRAHEM	€ 2,100.05	
El Salvador	Ana M. GALDAMEZ	€ 3,289.67	
Gabon	Davy ANGUEKO	€ 2,704.80	
Ghana	Fred ANTWI-BOADU	€ 2,852.73	
Guatemala	Julio C. LEMUS GODOY	€ 3,540.20	
Equatorial Guinea	Ruben DARIO	€ 2,548.84	
Honduras (cancelled)	Gustavo BETANCOURT	€ 1,818.46	
Mauritania	Lamine CAMARA	€ 2,468.81	
Nicaragua	Roberto D.CHACON	€ 4,034.63	
Panama	Flor TORRIJOS	€ 2,790.24	
Sâo Tomé and Príncipe	Ilair da CONCEICAO	€ 3,336.77	
Senegal	Fambaye N. SOW	€ 2,443.51	
Intersessional Meeting of Pane	el 2		€ 6,547.97
Albania	Arian PALLUQI	€ 1,817.45	
Algeria	Amar OUCHELLI	€ 2,343.66	
Tunisia	Hamadi MEJRI	€ 1,866.36	
Türkiye (cancelled)	Burcu BILGIN TOPÇU	€ 520.50	

Second Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group (eBCD TWG) / Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Document Scheme (CDS WG) / 16th Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)

Monitoring Magauras (IMM)		0	£ 20 60F F2
Monitoring Measures (IMM)			€ 29,685.52
Côte d'Ivoire	Serge D. DELEUSE	€ 1,728.28	
Egypt	Doaa HAMMAM	€ 2,881.05	
Gabon	Bernice C.BOUPANA	€ 3,599.18	
Guatemala	Carlos E. MARTÍNEZ	€ 5,025.15	
Mauritania	Taleb MOUSSA	€ 5,153.41	
Sâo Tomé and Príncipe	Ilair da CONCEICAO	€ 3,576.83	
Senegal	Assane GUEYE	€ 4,148.38	
Tunisia	Dhekra HAYOUNI	€ 3,573.24	
Seminar on High Seas Boardin	g Schemes in the ICCAT Contex	t	
			€ 33,753.76

Albania	Arian PALLUQI	€ 1,468.78	
Algeria	Abderrahmane HENTOUR	€ 1,651.27	
Belize	Robert A. ROBINSON	€ 3,101.75	
Brazil	Ana C. DE PAULA	€ 3,179.26	
Côte d'Ivoire	Serge D. DELEUSE	€ 2,748.84	
Egypt	Abdelsaman ZAYED	€ 1,725.02	
Gabon	Bernice C.BOUPANA	€ 2,395.60	
The Gambia	Abdouline E. NJIE	€ 3,426.86	
Guatemala	Ruben LÓPEZ	€ 2,417.56	
Mauritania	Amadou B. DIA	€ 2,356.74	
Nicaragua	Allan GUTIERREZ	€ 3,079.66	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	Shamal CONNELL	€ 4,515.30	
Senegal	Assane GUEYE	€ 1,687.12	
28th Regular Meeting of the Co	ommission		€ 15,125.23
Algeria	Amar OUCHELLI	€ 399.95	
Belize	Robert A. ROBINSON	€ 2,278.95	
Côte d'Ivoire	Kouadio J. DJOU	€ 1,466.04	
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El Salvador	Ana M. GALDAMEZ	€ 1,447.24	
Gabon	Davy ANGUEKO	€ 1,176.08	
Ghana	Fred ANTWI-BOADU	€ 623.37	
Guatemala	Julio C. LEMUS GODOY	€ 1,348.31	
Guinea (Rep.)	Amara C. KABA	€ 991.46	
Nicaragua	Roberto D. CHACÓN RIVAS	€ 1,818.02	
Panama	Yarkelie VERGARA	€ 1,321.15	
Türkiye	Burcu BILGIN TOPÇU	€ 694.53	
Uruguay	Andrés DOMINGO	€ 1,560.13	
Total expenses			€ 296,664.38
Balance at 13 October 2023			€ 345,501.60

10. Special Data Fund

At its 2003 Meeting, the Commission approved the *Resolution by ICCAT on Improvements in Data Collection and Quality Assurance* (Res. 03-21). For this purpose, since 2005, the Secretariat has received contributions from the United States for continuing the Special Data Fund. This fund has financed the expenses of the short-term contract for tagging activities in the north-western Atlantic following the close of the Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tunas Tagging Programme (AOTTP). At 13 October 2023, the balance of the fund is as follows:

Special Data Fund	
Opening balance for financial year 2023	€ 543,646.24
REVENUE	
Voluntary contribution from the United States	€ 93,100.00
Total revenue	€ 93,100.00
EXPENSES	
Fund expenses	€ 62,535.06
Workshop on Billfishes Age Reading	€ 10,220.77
Workshop of Western Africa Statistical Correspondents	
on Billfish Data Collection and Reporting - Dakar	
(cancelled)	€ 7,294.12
Workshop of Western Africa Statistical Correspondents	
on Billfish Data Collection and Reporting - Abidjan	
	€49,902.65
Interpretation for the Meeting of the Subcommittee on	
Ecosystems and Bycatch	€ 28,498.28
Travel by ICCAT officers (developing ICCAT Contracting	
Parties)	€ 27,575.76
Bank charges	€ 86.17
Total expenses	€ 186,112.81
Balance at 13 October 2023	€ 450,633.43

11. United States Fund for Capacity Building

In 2008, the United States informed the Secretariat of its intention to make various voluntary contributions for the purpose of creating a specific fund to finance activities aimed at increasing the capacity of data collection and management of Contracting Parties with lesser capacity. The balance at 13 October 2023 is as follows:

United States Fund for Capacity Building

Opening balance for financial year 2023	€ 378,640.62
REVENUE	
Voluntary contribution from the United States	€ 0.00
Total revenue	€ 0.00
EXPENSES	
Fund expenses	€ 2,748.67
In-port inspection activities for capacity building and	
assistance in Côte d'Ivoire	€ 3,231.00
In-port inspection activities for capacity building and	
assistance in Nigeria	€ 12,511.27
In-port inspection training manual	€ 2,200.00
Seminar on High Seas Boarding Schemes in the ICCAT	
Context	€ 25,692.32
Total expenses	€ 46,383.26
Balance at 13 October 2023	€ 332,257.36

12. Morocco Fund to Support National Capacity Building for Participation in Commission Meetings

Since 2013, Morocco has contributed to this fund to facilitate participation in SCRS and Commission meetings and other specific ones by members of its delegation. In 2023, the Secretariat has managed, at Morocco's request, the participation by thirty-eight people in the following meetings: two people in the Intersessional Meeting of the Tropical Tunas Species Group (including MSE), eight people in the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, three people in the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1, one person in the Blue Shark Data Preparatory Meeting, two people in the Meeting of the Working Group on Stock Assessment Methods, two people in the Intersessional Meeting of the Small Tunas Species Group, three people in the Second Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group, Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Document Scheme and 16th Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1, two in the Blue Shark Stock Assessment Meeting, eight people in the Third Intersessional Meeting and two people in the Shark Stock Assessment Meeting, eight people in the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1, two in the Blue Shark Stock Assessment Meeting, eight people in the Second Meeting of the species groups and SCRS meetings and two people in the Second Meeting, eight people in the ICCAT Context. At 13 October 2023, the balance of the fund is as follows:

Morocco Fund to Support National Capacity Building for Participation in Commission Meetings		
Opening balance for financial year 2023	€ 183,863.55	
REVENUE		
Voluntary contribution from Morocco	€ 130,608.56	
Total revenue	€ 130,608.56	
EXPENSES		
Fund expenses	€ 87,835.75	
Bank charges	€ 780.00	
Total expenses	€ 88,615.75	
Balance at 13 October 2023	€225,856.36	

13. ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for tropical tunas

In order to implement the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tunas* (Rec. 11-01), the Secretariat signed a contract with COFREPECHE to implement the Regional Observers Programme for tropical tunas. In 2013, funds were

received for this purpose from Belize (\notin 20,000.00), Cabo Verde (\notin 10,000.00), Côte d'Ivoire (\notin 4,980.00), Curaçao (\notin 15,000.00), European Union (\notin 110,000.00), Ghana (\notin 69,927.50), Guatemala (\notin 21,564.00), and Panama (\notin 10,000.00). In 2014 the *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas* (Rec. 14-01) was approved under which regional observers are not required. Therefore, in 2015 the balance of the programme was allocated to its participants. At 31 December 2022, there still remains a carryover balance of \notin 20,121.61 which the Secretariat is looking to reimburse. The pending amounts are: \notin 3,688.61 to Côte d'Ivoire and \notin 16,433.00 to Guatemala.

14. Special Scientific Capacity Building Fund (SCBF)

At its 2013 meeting, the Commission approved the *Recommendation by ICCAT on the Establishment of a Scientific Capacity Building Fund for Developing States which are ICCAT Contracting Parties* (Rec. 13-19). For this purpose, the Commission approved the allocation of \in 80,000.00, charged to the ICCAT Working Capital Fund. In light of the limited activity of this fund, in 2017, the Commission decided to maintain this fund active for future activities, but without a balance.

15. European Union Fund for Capacity Building

In 2022, a contract was entered into with the European Union for a twenty-four month period, to continue to improve the capacity building of developing countries. This contract covers the activities contained in the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 14-14 on the Establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for Developing ICCAT Contracting Parties* (Rec. 20-09), and the total amount was for \in 375,000.00, of which the European Union is financing 80.00%. This fund is cofinanced with the special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), therefore, in order to group together all the travel financed, the amount received (\notin 210,000.00) was transferred to the MPF.

16. Special Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCSF)

In 2015, the special Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCSF) was established to support and strengthen development and implementation of efficient in port inspection systems by developing CPCs for the purpose of achieving or surpassing the minimum standards established in the *Recommendation by ICCAT to support effective implementation of Recommendation 12-07 by ICCAT for an ICCAT scheme for minimum standards for inspection in port* (Rec. 14-08). At 13 October 2023, the balance of the fund is as follows:

Special Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCSF)	
Opening balance for financial year 2023	€ 54,476.13
REVENUE	
Voluntary contribution	€ 0.00
Total revenue	€ 0.00
EXPENSES	
Travel by expert to assess PIEG training needs in Côte d'Ivoire	
	€ 1,869.92
Bank charges	€ 24.00
Total expenses	€ 1,893.92
Balance at 13 October 2023	€ 52,582.21

17. Tunisia Fund for Participation in Commission Meetings

In March 2017, the Tunisia Fund for Participation in Commission Meetings was established, with the objective of strengthening the participation of the Tunisian delegation in Commission meetings. In 2023, the Secretariat managed, at Tunisia's request, the participation of one person in the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2. At 13 October 2023, the balance of the fund is as follows:

Tunisia Fund for Participation in Commission Meetings	
Opening balance for financial year 2023	€ 14,448.38
REVENUE	
Financed by Tunisia	€ 0.00
Total revenue	€ 0.00
EXPENSES	
Fund expenses	€ 1,857.29
Bank charges	€ 54.00
Total expenses	€ 1,911.29
Balance at 13 October 2023	€ 12,537.09

18. Strategic Research Fund

In 2017, the Commission decided to establish for 2018, the Strategic Research Programme, with the objective of grouping and gradually incorporating all ICCAT scientific activities in the regular Commission budget, under this new budgetary heading. For 2022, the Commission approved an allocation of \notin 404,500.00 and voluntary contributions have been received from the United States in the amount of \notin 76,410.00 and Chinese Taipei in the amount of \notin 4,000.00. A contract has also been entered into with the European Union (\notin 701,385.00), under which 64% of these activities will be financed. The voluntary contribution received from the European Union, within the framework of this contract, was for \notin 315,000.00.

The 2022 Financial Report presented a partial accounting of the 2022 activities funded through this programme and its resulting balance. These activities were extended until December 2023. The 2022 balance is as follows:

Strategic Research Fund - 2022	
Transfer of 2021 balance	€ 522,614.33
REVENUE	
ICCAT financing	€ 404,500.00
Voluntary contribution from the European Union	€ 315,000.00
Voluntary contribution from the United States	€ 76,410.00
Voluntary contribution from Chinese Taipei	€ 4,000.00
Total revenue	€ 799,910.00
EXPENSES	
SCRS external experts and workshops	
Workshop on collaborative work to assess sea turtle bycatch in	
longline and purse seine fleets in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and	
Mediterranean Sea	€ 21,774.86
Workshop on Swordfish Age Reading	€ 22,642.89
Workshop on Data Limited Assessment Methods for Small Tunas	
•	€ 26,202.18
Tagging	
Tagging – Albacore (tags, satellite service, fish, etc.)	€ 39,704.88
Tagging – Shark (tags, satellite service, fish, etc.)	€ 2,455.90
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Tagging – Swordfish (tags, satellite service, fish, etc.)	€ 2,671.56
Biological, ecological and tagging studies	
Northern albacore	
Study on reproductive biology	€ 9,514.95
Southern albacore	C 22 241 40
Study on reproductive biology Billfish	€ 23,341.49
Contract for collection of biological samples for growth studies on	
marlins in the eastern Atlantic	€ 10,000.00
Swordfish	0 10,000.00
Contract for swordfish growth, reproduction and genetics:	
collection and analysis of biological samples	€ 56,462.43
Small tunas	
Contract for collection and analysis of biological samples for	
growth, maturity and genetics studies	€ 14,520.00
Sharks	
Genetics - SHK	€ 25,000.00
Tropicals	
Tag recovery, continuation of AOTTP - TROP	€ 42,642.00
Other fisheries studies	
Research on bycatch estimation methodologies	<i>E (24E 0E</i>
Ducatch	€ 6,345.95
<i>Bycatch</i> Work to support a quasi-quantitative approach to risk assessment	
work to support a quasi-quantitative approach to risk assessment	€ 6,000.00
Development of MSE process	0,000.00
Tropicals	
Contract for eastern Atlantic skipjack MSE process	€ 8,375.00
Contract for multistock MSE process	€ 6,000.00
Other costs	
Indirect costs	€ 5,346.42
Total expenses	€ 329,000.51
2022 balance at 13 October 2023	€ 993,523.82

For the 2023 scientific activities, the Commission approved a contribution to the programme of \notin 416.635.00 and a voluntary contribution has been received from Chinese Taipei in the amount of \notin 5,000.00. A contract has also been entered into with the European Union (\notin 810,525.00), under which 80% of these activities will be financed. The voluntary contribution received from the European Union under this contract was \notin 453,894.00.

The balance of this programme is as follows:

Strategic Research Fund - 2023	
Transfer of 2022 balance	€ 993,523.82
REVENUE	
ICCAT financing	€ 416,635.00
Voluntary contribution from the European Union	€ 453,894.00
Voluntary contribution from Chinese Taipei	€ 5,000.00
Total revenue	€ 875,529.00
EXPENSES	
Tagging	
Tagging - Albacore (tags, satellite service, fish, etc.)	€ 6,131.00
Tagging – Shark (tags, satellite service, fish, etc.)	€ 560.00
Tagging – Swordfish (tags, satellite service, fish, etc.)	€ 193.00

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Small tunas Sharks Contract - Genetic structure of the Atlantic porbeagle (Lamna nasus) population through the use of nuclear-genome-wide single-nucleotide polymorphism genotyping € 25,0 Tropicals Tag recovery, continuation of AOTTP - TROP € 1,6 Development of MSE process	
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Development of MSE process	683.00
Albacore	
Contract for northern Atlantic albacore MSE process € 19,80	
Contract for northern Atlantic albacore MSE process € 9,00	00.00
Other costs	
Indirect costs € 32	11.44
Total expenses€ 155,8	00.01
Balance at 13 October 2023 € 1,713,2	29.81

19. Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Document (eBCD) System Fund

Following the approval in 2010 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on an Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Document Programme (eBCD)*(Rec. 10-11), the Secretariat contracted the company TRAGSA, S.A. to carry out a feasibility study for implementation of the eBCD.

At the 2011 meeting and in response to the Recommendation referred to above, the Standing Working Group presented a pilot project for implementation of an electronic bluefin tuna catch document (eBCD) system that covered all bluefin tuna caught, fattened, harvested and traded, including re-export certificates, which was approved.

In 2012, following a Call for tenders, the ICCAT Secretariat, together with the CPCs concerned, selected the consortium formed by TRAGSA, S.A and The Server Labs, S.L., to develop the software and carry out the pilot test phase for implementation of the eBCD system until 2014.

Since 2015, the contract has been extended various times to continue the support, development and management. The following services have been covered: user support, software maintenance, project management and request analysis, infrastructure, certificates, developments of the web application and training, and the expenses had been financed by voluntary contributions and the ICCAT Working Capital Fund.

In 2017, an item was approved in the Commission budget to cover annual expenses related to user support and software maintenance, and in 2018 the eBCD System Fund was established to incorporate into a trust fund all the related revenue and expenses.

For 2019, the Commission approved amendment of Regulation 4 of the Financial Regulations and addition of a new text which stipulates the financing of the electronic bluefin tuna catch document system through additional budgetary allocations from Commission members that catch and/or trade Atlantic bluefin tuna. The balance of the eBCD Working Capital Fund is contained in **Statement 8** of this report.

20. Integrated Online Management System

This fund was established in 2019 to cover the expenses of the first phase of the Integrated Online Management System (IOMS), which commenced in May 2019, after hiring two software developers. In 2020 this item was included in the ICCAT regular budget, therefore, the expenses for developers, equipment and software necessary are charged to the corresponding budgetary item. At the beginning of 2023, the carryover balance of this fund was \notin 47,077.74 and a voluntary contribution has been received from Chinese Taipei in the amount of \notin 3,000.00. As to the expenses, some banking costs for a total amount of \notin 243.79 have been charged to this fund. 20% of the expenses incurred to integrate the UN/FLUX system for vessels data exchange as well as 20% of the expenses incurred to develop the IOMS Vessels manager module will also be charged to this fund. At 13 October 2023, the fund has a balance of \notin 38,390.54.

21. European Union Integrated Online Management System Fund – Vessels manager module

In 2023, a contract was entered into with the European Union to develop the IOMS Vessels manger module with the objective of incorporating all the ICCAT notification obligations concerned with vessels and/or fishing authorisations. The budget of the 12-month contract is for $\leq 125,022.36$, of which $\leq 70,000.00$ has been received, and will cover the hire of a software developer, as well as the necessary equipment and software.

22. European Union Integrated Online Management System Fund – UN/FLUX integration

In 2023, a new contract was signed with the European Union to integrate the UN/FLUX system for vessels data exchange, maintain and improve the functionality of the IOMS, user assistance system, and to collaborate in the IOMS continuous development process. The contract will cover hire for 12 months of a software developer and the equipment and software necessary for this development. The contract has a budget of €187,501.80, of which the European Union will cover 80%, and under which a voluntary contribution of €105,000.00 has been received. At 13 October 2023, 4 months of the software developer's salary, the equipment and software necessary (€29,227.74) have been charged to this fund, leaving an available balance of €75,772.26.

23. United States Fund for Tropicals

In September 2021, the United States Fund for Tropicals was established to support the work to conclude the Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tunas Tagging Programme (AOTTP) and to finance a software upgrade to continue development of a tool to support decision making on tropical tunas. For this purpose, the United States made a voluntary contribution in the amount of $\notin 84,700.00$.

24. Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) Fund

In 2021, the Commission approved the *Resolution by ICCAT establishing a pilot project for the implementation of remote electronic monitoring (REM) on bluefin tuna processing vessels* (Res. 21-17). To implement the project, a voluntary contribution was received from the United States in the amount of \notin 50,100.00. A contract has also been signed with the European Union to finance 80% of the expenses of the

budget for \notin 209,506.00, under which \notin 115,223.36 has been received. This project has been extended to December 2024, to continue the pilot project and to include a new pilot project as a result of the *Resolution* by *ICCAT* establishing a pilot project to test the use of stereoscopic cameras during first transfer and the automation of video footage analysis (Res. 22-15).

25. ABNJ-II Fund

In August 2023, an agreement was signed with FAO "Strengthening compliance in ICCAT members, develop ecosystem indicators, and promoting joint tuna RFMO initiatives on topics of global relevance", with the objective of acheiving responsible, efficient and sustainable tuna production and biodiversity conservation in the ABNJ in a changing environment. The project will have a duration of 4 years and a total budget of €1,416,074.17, €212,411.00 of which has been received.

26. United States Fund for Caribbean "Deepwater Horizon" Restoration

In 2023, the United States Fund for Caribbean Deepwater Horizon Restoration was established to support activities for Atlantic tuna and tuna-like species: review of available catch data, identification of specific gaps in catch data and infrastructure, analysis of the repercussions of data limitations, and support for priority data collection activities through capacity building, where appropriate. The Fund is supported by a voluntary contribution from the United States in the amount of &259,292.00.

27. ICCAT intersessional meetings

In July 2023, an 18-month contract was signed with the European Union to finance some of the intersessional meetings of the second semester of 2023 and 2024. The contract has a budget of €312,500.99, 80% of the expenses of which will be covered by the European Union. A voluntary contribution in the amount of €175,000 has been received from the European Union. And the remaining 20% has been received from the Working Capital Fund, as per the Commission's decision in its 2010 meeting that meetings held either at or away from the ICCAT headquarters that require special financing, would be financed through the Working Capital Fund. The meetings in 2023 that have required financing under this contract have been:

Second Meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group (EMS WG) (online, 7 September 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation were €5,858.60.

Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (online, 10-11 October 2023). The expenses charged for 13 October 2023 were €1,364.00.

The remaining expenses of intersessional meetings wholly financed through the Working Capital Fund were:

Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 on Western Skipjack MSE (online, 5 May 2023). The expenses for simultaneous interpretation amounted to €5,858.60.

Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 20-22 June 2023). The total expenses for holding the meeting were €46,240.12.

Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 (hybrid/Madrid, Spain, 7-10 March 2023). The expenses for the meeting were €34,916.60.

First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (online, 6 March 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to €5,677.10.

Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish Management Strategy *Evaluation (MSE)* (online, 30 June 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to \notin 5,858.60.

First Meeting of the Electronic Monitoring Systems Working Group (EMS WG) (online, 15 February 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to €5.858,60.

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Labour Standards (LSWG) (online, 31 May 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to €5,677.10.

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Catch Document Scheme (CDS WG) (hybrid/Osaka, Japan, 6 June 2023). The expenses for the meeting amounted to \in 6,684.18.

16th *Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)* (hybrid/Osaka, Japan, 7-9 June 2023). The total expenses for the meeting amounted to €84,510.82.

Climate Change Experts Meeting (online, 11-12 July 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to €11,420.93.

Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance (PIEG) (online, 30 May 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to €5,858.60.

Meeting of the Online Reporting Technology Working Group (WG-ORT) (online, 7-8 February 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to \notin 11,100.25.

First and Second Ambassadors Webinars on Northern Atlantic Swordfish MSE (N-SWO MSE) (online, 12 June and 5 October 2023). The expenses for online simultaneous interpretation amounted to €3,635.50.

Moreover, the European Union offered to finance a portion of the expenses of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 and of the 23rd Special Meeting of the Commission, as well as other 2023 intersessional meetings. For this purpose, a contract for \notin 1,039,960.82 was signed.

The 2023 meeting that was financed was the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1. The expenses for this meeting amounted to €170,341.86. The contract with the European Union is pending settlement.

Statement 1. Balance sheet at 31 December 2022 and 2021 (Euros).

SSETS	YEAR 2022	YEAR 20
) NON-CURRENT ASSETS	82,361.73	94,515.
I. Intangible assets	1,678.90	164.
Computer software	92,114.59	90,028
Amortization of computer software	-90,435.69	-89,863
II. Fixed assets	80,682.83	94,350.
Furniture	79,366.03	83,538
Data processing equipment	482,554.02	488,583
Other fixed assets	50,253.28	49,213
Depreciation of furniture	-70,756.37	-73,646
Depreciation of data processing equipment	-415,642.98	-411,400
Depreciation of other fixed assets	-45,091.15	-41,936
) CURRENT ASSETS	13,930,577.31	13,490,428
I. Accounts receivable	1,947,460.79	2,141,728
1. Receivables from arrears of contributions	1,921,407.90	2,108,901
Arrears of budgetary contributions	1,906,470.90	2,093,964
Arrears of extra-budgetary contributions	14,937.00	14,937
2. Receivables from arrears of eBCD contributions	10,073.27	7,994
Arrears of eBCD budgetary contributions	10,073.27	7,994
3. Receivables trust funds	5,349.16	3,263
Receivables ICCAT Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP)	2,535.31	3,263
ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for at-sea transhipment	2,813.85	(
4. Other receivables	10,630.46	21,569
Other ICCAT receivables	0.00	(
Payments pending application	10,630.46	21,569
II. Accrual accounts	40,465.95	31,948
1. Prepaid budgetary expenses	38,730.65	31,478
2. Advances of the trust funds	1,735.30	469
III. Cash assets	11,942,650.57	11,316,751
1. Cash	1,518.50	1,468
Cash (Euros)	580.50	580
Cash (US\$)	938.00	888
[Financial year 2022: US\$ 1,000.00 x €/US\$ 0.938 = € 938.00]		
[Financial year 2021: US\$ 1,000.00 x €/US\$ 0.888 = € 888.00]		
2. Bank current accounts (Euros)	5,773,448.33	5,229,801
BBVA - Acct. xx6725 (Euros)	6,669.42	21,713
BBVA - Acct. xx3290 (Euros)	5,676,332.79	5,117,059
BBVA - Acct. xx1055 (Euros)	29,768.75	29,868
Banco Santander - Acct. xx8934 (Euros)	51,388.70	51,764
La Caixa - Acct. xx1119 (Euros)	9,288.67	9,394
3. Bank current accounts (US\$)	205,497.45	314,490
BBVA - Acct. xx2037 (US\$)	202,448.95	311,604
[Financial year 2022: US\$ 215,830.44 x €/US\$ 0.938 = € 202,448.95]		
[Financial year 2021: US\$ 350,906.01 $x \in /US$ \$ 0.888 = \in 311,604.54]		
La Caixa - Acct. xx0668 (US\$)	3,048.50	2,886
[Financial year 2022: US\$ 3,250.00 x €/US\$ 0.938 = € 3,048.50]		
[Financial year 2021: US\$ 3,250.00 $x \in /US$ \$ 0.888 = \in 2,886.00]		
4. Bank current accounts trust funds (Euros)	5,962,186.29	5,770,990
BBVA - Acct. xx3942 (Euros) - ROP	289,716.63	465,205
BBVA - Acct. xx8869 (Euros) - ROP-BFT	4,179,084.42	3,959,294
BBVA - Acct. xx8371 (Euros) - GBYP	1,473,274.63	1,326,312
BBVA - Acct. xx7069 (Euros) - ROP-TROP	20,110.61	20,178
OTAL ASSETS (A+B)	14,012,939.04	13,584,943
TRANSITIONAL ACCOUNTS	175,701.90	186,532
I. Cash assets	175,701.90	186,532
1. Bank current accounts of other funds, projects or programmes (Euros)	171,824.03	183,050
BBVA - Acct. 0201569058 (Euros) - JCAP-2	171,824.03	183,050
2. Bank current accounts of other funds, projects or programmes (US\$)	3,877.87	3,481
BBVA - Acct. 2012292035 (US\$) - JCAP-2	3,877.87	3,481
[Financial year 2022: US\$ 3,921.00 x €/US\$ 0.938 = € 3,877.87]		
[Financial year 2021: US\$ 3,921.00 x €/US\$ 0.888 = € 3,481.85]		
	14,188,640.94	13,771,475.

Statement 1. Balance sheet at 31 December 2022 and 2021 (Euros).

NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	YEAR 2022	YEAR 202
A) NET ASSETS	2,425,847.92	2,553,839.2
A-1) Working Capital Fund	1,906,160.09	2,039,057.9
I. Working Capital Fund 1. Working Capital Fund	2,039,057.97	891,080.9
II. Result for financial year	2,039,057.97 - 132,897.88	891,080.9 1,147,977.0
1. Result for financial year	-132,897.88	1,147,977.0
A-2) Net acquired assets	82,361.73	94,515.1
I. Net acquired assets	82,361.73	94,515.1
1. Net acquired assets - intangible -	1,678.90	164.5
2. Net acquired assets - fixed -	80,682.83	94,350.5
A-3) Working Capital Fund - eBCD	437,326.10	420,266.1
I. eBCD Working Capital Fund	420,266.19	279,305.2
1. eBCD Working Capital Fund	420,266.19	279,305.2
II. Result - eBCD for financial year 1. Result - eBCD for financial year	17,059.91 17,059.91	140,960.9 140,960.9
B) ACCUMULATED PENDING CONTRIBUTIONS	1,931,481.17	2,116,896.0
I. Budgetary contributions	1,906,470.90	2,093,964.2
1. Budgetary - current financial year	757,500.60	821,034.9
2. Budgetary - previous financial years	1,148,970.30	1,272,929.3
II. Extra-budgetary contributions	14,937.00	14,937.0
1. Extra-budgetary - current financial year	0.00	0.0
2. Extra-budgetary - previous financial years	14,937.00	14,937.0
III. eBCD budgetary contributions	10,073.27	7,994.7
1. eBCD budgetary for current financial year	2,078.49	3,815.5
1. eBCD budgetary for previous financial years C) CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,994.78 9,655,609.95	4,179.2 8,914,207.9
I. Trust funds	8,353,674.90	7,972,773.9
1. Integrated Online Management System	47,077.74	61,782.6
2. Separation from Service Fund	349,934.49	310,396.6
3. ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for at-sea transhipment	248,506.19	435,690.5
4. ICCAT Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP)	1,356,499.29	1,257,853.2
5. ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean		
Bluefin Tuna	3,277,382.77	3,212,468.5
6. Special Data Fund - People's Republic of China	147,274.72	133,501.7
7. Special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)	472,165.98	455,811.7
8. Special Data Fund - United States	543,646.24	469,597.8
9. United States Fund for Capacity Building 10. Morocco Fund to Support National Capacity Building for Participation in	378,640.62	312,134.7
Commission Meetings	183,863.55	125,675.6
11. ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for tropical tunas	20,121.61	20,189.3
12. Scientific Capacity Building Fund (SCBF)	0.00	0.0
13. Special Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCSF)	54,476.13	42,989.0
14. European Union Fund for Capacity Building	0.00	140,000.0
15. Tunisia Fund for Participation in Commission Meetings	14,448.38	33,361.2
16. Strategic Research Programme	1,118,498.52	878,948.2
17. United States Fund for Tropical Tunas	84,688.60	84,688.6
18. European Union Integrated Online Management System Fund	6,350.07	-2,315.8
19. Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) Fund	50,100.00	0.0
II. Provisions for expenses 1. Provisions for budgetary expenses	6,900.16 1,522.02	1,271.4 1,271.4
2. Provisions for extra-budgetary expenses	1,522.02	1,271.4
3. Provisions for trust fund expenses	5,378.14	0.0
III. Accounts payable	365,083.51	196,017.6
1. Budgetary expenses payable	123,653.41	97,664.8
2. Extra-budgetary expenses payable	9,385.20	0.0
3. Trust fund expenses payable	219,299.28	89,541.6
4. Collections pending application	12,745.62	8,811.2
IV. Accrual accounts	929,951.38	744,144.7
1. Advances on future contributions	72,146.87	10,030.0
2. Advances on voluntary contributions	0.00	0.0
 Advances of the trust funds Advances on future eBCD contributions 	857,804.51	734,114.7 0.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES (A+B+C)	0.00 14,012,939.04	
		13,584,943.2
D) TRANSITIONAL ACCOUNTS	175,701.90	186,532.7
I. Other funds, projects or programmes	175,701.90	186,532.7
1. ICCAT/Japan Capacity-building Assistance Project (Phase 2) (JCAP-2)	175,701.90	186,532.7
		13,771,475.9

Statement 2. Status of Contracting Party contributions (Euros) (at 13 October 2023).

	Balance due	Contributions from	Contr. paid in	Contr. paid	
Contracting Party	at opening of financial year 2023	Contracting Parties in 2023	2023 applied to 2023 budget	in 2023 to previous budgets	Balance due
		111 2025	2025 buuget	previous budgets	Dulunce uue
A) Regular Commission budge				0.00	0.00
Albania	0.00	5,355.24	5,355.24	0.00	0.00
Algeria	0.00	29,939.01	29,939.01	0.00	0.00
Angola	0.00	20,885.79	20,885.79	0.00	0.00
Barbados	0.00	7,336.10	0.00	0.00	7,336.10
Belize	0.00	92,678.88	92,678.88	0.00	0.00
Brazil Canada	323,280.22	378,185.98	0.00 136,937.36	323,280.22 0.00	378,185.98
Cabo Verde	0.00 118,856.42	136,937.36	136,937.36	0.00	0.00
China, People's Rep. of	118,856.42	86,606.28 99,495.36	99,495.36	0.00	205,462.70 0.00
Côte d'Ivoire	0.00	59,718.99	0.00	0.00	59,718.99
Curaçao	0.00	174,910.71	0.00	0.00	174,910.71
Egypt	0.00	12,999.26	12,999.26	0.00	0.00
El Salvador	0.00	73,691.52	73,691.52	0.00	0.00
France - St P. & M.	0.00	130,023.24	130,023.24	0.00	0.00
Gabon	6,886.32	18,953.45	0.00	6,886.32	18,953.45
Gambia, The	3,823.04	4,346.43	4,346.43	3,823.04	0.00
Ghana 1/	0.00	265,124.86	233,753.68	0.00	31,371.18
Grenada	0.00	9,867.31	0.00	0.00	9,867.31
Guatemala, Rep. of 3/	0.01	47,721.13	47,721.13	0.01	0.00
Equatorial Guinea	61,592.51	18,807.17	0.00	0.00	80,399.68
Guinea, Rep. of	245,577.08	6,519.65	0.00	0.00	252,096.73
Guinea-Bissau	0.00	6,519.65	6519.65	0.00	0.00
Honduras	119,067.92	6,519.65	2,917.42	119,067.92	3,602.23
Iceland	0.00	65,011.62	65,011.62	0.00	0.00
Japan	0.00	262,121.79	262,121.79	0.00	0.00
Korea, Rep. of	0.00	37,380.06	37,380.06	0.00	0.00
Liberia	18,795.99	9,662.46	0.00	0.00	28,458.45
Libya	23,345.29	40,858.14	40,858.14	23,345.29	0.00
Maroc	0.00	56,091.76	0.00	0.00	56,091.76
Mauritania	21,997.41	57,806.79	0.00	0.00	79,804.20
Mexico	0.00	27,586.95	0.00	0.00	27,586.95
Namibia	0.00	26,812.92	26,812.92	0.00	0.00
Nicaragua, Rep. of	0.00	4,346.43	4,346.43	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	25,285.81	6,539.05	0.00	0.00	31,824.86
Norway	0.00	97,657.35	97,657.35	0.00	0.00
Panama 2/	140,258.57	164,754.18	164,754.18	140,258.57	0.00
Philippines, Rep. of	0.00	6,519.65	6,519.65	0.00	0.00
Russia	453.83	22,387.76	0.00	0.00	22,841.59
St Vincent and the Grenadines	78,401.01	34,861.57	0.00	0.00	113,262.58
Sâo Tomé e Príncipe	100,324.05	21,409.18	0.00	50,000.00	71,733.23
Senegal 3/	0.00	124,161.14	124,161.14	0.00	0.00
Sierra Leone	50,932.65	6,519.65	0.00	0.00	57,452.30
South Africa	0.00	47,143.75 4,976.94	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	47,143.75 13,266.11
Syrian Arab Republic	8,289.17 0.00	4,976.94 25,164.89	0.00 25,164.89	0.00	13,266.11
Trinidad & Tobago Tunisia	0.00	25,164.89 54,801.75	25,164.89	0.00	54,801.75
Türkiye	0.00	119,161.51	119,161.51	0.00	54,801.75
Union européenne	0.00	2,059,770.27	2,059,770.27	0.00	0.00
United Kingdom of Great Britair		2,039,770.27	2,037,770.27	0.00	0.00
and Northern Ireland		161 070 11	161 070 11	0.00	0.00
United States	0.00 0.00	164,078.41 254,559.25	164,078.41 254,559.25	0.00	0.00 0.00
Uruguay	0.00	234,559.25 24,985.77	234,559.25 24,985.77	0.00	0.00
Venezuela	492,986.12	78,169.50	24,985.77	0.00	571,155.62
Subtotal A)	1,840,153.42	5,598,443.51	4,374,607.35	666,661.37	2,397,328.21
B) New Contracting Parties:	1,070,133,42	5,570,775,51		000,001.37	<i>4,371,</i> 320.21
Honduras (30-01-01)	14,937.00	0.00	0.00	14,937.00	0.00
Subtotal B)	14,937.00	0.00	0.00	14,937.00	0.00
C) Withdrawals of Contracting		0.00	0.00	1,707100	0.00
Cuba (Effective: 31-12-91)	66,317.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,317.48
Subtotal C)	66,317.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,317.48
TOTAL A)+B)+C)	1,921,407.90	5,598,443.51	4,374,607.35	681,598.37	2,463,645.69
	1,741,107.70	5,570, 175,51	1,57 1,007 1,55	001,070,077	_, ros, 0+5.09

1/ The advance received from Ghana (€2,260.68) was applied as partial payment of its 2023 contribution.

2/ An advance received from Panama (€54,281.75), which will be applied for payment of future contributions.
3/ The advance received from Senegal (€69,645.31) was applied as partial payment of its 2023 contribution.
4/ The advance received from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (€40.02) was applied as partial payment of its

2023 contribution. A new advance was also received in 2023 from the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

(€53,061.16), which will be applied for payment of future contributions.

		Expenses to	04	Estimated expenses until	Estimated total expenses for financial
Chapters	2023 budget	date	%	year end	year 2023
1. Budgetary expenses					
Chapter 1. Salaries Chapter 2. Travel	2,282,985.65 40,000.00	1,688,453.94 22,122.99	73.96% 55.31%	594,531.71 17,877.01	2,282,985.65 40,000.00
Chapter 3. Commission meetings (annual)	282,729.85	34,918.51	12.35%	247,811.34	282,729.85
Chapter 4. Publications	20,600.00	5,512.32	26.76%	12,000.00	17,512.32
Chapter 5. Office equipment	16,231.77	571.41	3.52%	15,660.36	16,231.77
Chapter 6. Operating expenses	151,496.52	85,185.02	56.23%	50,000.00	135,185.02
Chapter 7. Miscellaneous expenses	8,224.10	5,933.30	72.15%	2,290.80	8,224.10
Chapter 8. Coordination of research:					
a) Salaries	1,255,152.87	913,025.97	72.74%	342,126.90	1,255,152.87
b) Travel to improve statistics c) Statistics - Biology	30,000.00 19,570.00	11,242.39 9,932.16	37.47% 50.75%	15,000.00 9,637.84	26,242.39 19,570.00
d) Information technology	42,230.00	40,079.29	94.91%	2,150.71	42,230.00
e) Maintenance of database	27,810.00	22,260.02	80.04%	5,549.98	27,810.00
f) Telephone line - Internet domain	34,505.00	15,886.15	46.04%	18,618.85	34,505.00
g) Scientific meetings (including SCRS)	82,782.03	62,923.03	76.01%	65,500.00	128,423.03
h) Interpretation for SCRS meetings	249,650.00	104,724.84	41.95%	50,000.00	154,724.84
i) Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Sub-total Chapter 8	1,741,699.90	1,180,073.85	67.75%	508,584.28	1,688,658.13
Chapter 9. Services that require specialized external consultan	ncy				
work (i.e. legal advice, comprehensive quality management		40.155.02	FC 010/	24.051.00	6F 106 07
project, etc.) Chapter 10. Separation from Service Fund	70,555.00 65,468.14	40,155.82 65,468.14	56.91% 100.00%	24,951.00 0.00	65,106.82 65,468.14
Chapter 11. Research programmes:	05,400.14	05,406.14	100.00%	0.00	05,406.14
b) Strategic Research Programme	416,635.00	416,635.00	100.00%	0.00	416,635.00
Sub-total Chapter 11	416,635.00	416,635.00	100.00%	0.00	416,635.00
Chapter 12. Compliance:					
a) Maintenance of compliance database	31,827.00	9,698.91	30.47%	22,128.09	31,827.00
Sub-total Chapter 12	31,827.00	9,698.91	30.47%	22,128.09	31,827.00
Chapter 13. Travel					
a) Travel by ICCAT and SCRS Chairs	51,500.00	20,644.14	40.09%	30,855.86	51,500.00
b) Special Meeting Participation Fund c) Travel by ICCAT Officers (developing ICCAT Contracting	170,000.00	170,000.00	100.00%	0.00	170,000.00
Parties)	30,900.00	30,916.20	100.05%	-16.20	30,900.00
Sub-total Chapter 13	252,400.00	221,560.34	87.78%	30,839.66	252,400.00
Chapter 14. Integrated Online Management System (IOMS)	,				,
a) Integrated Online Management System (IOMS)	212,180.00	133,895.20	63.10%	78,284.80	212,180.00
Sub-total Chapter 14	212,180.00	133,895.20	63.10%	78,284.80	212,180.00
Chapter 15. Contingencies	5,410.59	0.00	0.00%	5,410.59	5,410.59
TOTAL BUDGETARY EXPENSES (Chapters 1 to 15)	5,598,443.51	3,910,184.75	69.84%	1,610,369.64	5,520,554.39
2. Extra-budgetary expenses					
Exchange losses		10,229.88		0.00	10,229.88
Expenses for simultaneous interpretation into Arabic		1,260.00		7,800.00	9,060.00
Expenses of the Intersessional Meetings of Panel 1		222,440.58		6,267.80	228,708.38
Expenses of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2		34,916.60		0.00	34,916.60
Expenses of the Intersessional Meetings of Panel 4		12,899.70		12,818.89	25,718.59
Expenses of the Meetings of the Meeting of the Electronic Mon Working Group (EMS WG)	itoring Systems	11,717.20		0.00	11,717.20
Expenses of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Labo	our Standards				
(LSWG)		5,677.10		0.00	5,677.10
Expenses of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Cate	ch Document Scheme				
(CDS WG)		6,684.18			
Expenses of the 16th Meeting of the Working Group on Integra	ated Monitoring	04 540 00		0.00.0	04 540.00
Measures (IMM)		84,510.82		0.00 €	84,510.82
Expenses of the Climate Change Experts Meeting Expenses of the Ambassadors Webinars on Northern Atlantic	Swordfich MSE (N	11,420.93		0.00€	11,420.93
SWO MSE)	Sworulish MSE (N-	3,635.50		0.00€	3,635.50
Expenses of the Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group f	or Canacity-building	3,033.30		0.00 C	3,035.30
and Assistance (PIEG)	supurity building	5,858.60			5,858.60
Expenses of the Meeting of the Online Reporting Technology					,
Working Group (WG-ORT)		11,100.25			11,100.25
TOTAL EXTRA-BUDGETARY EXPENSES		422,351.34		26,886.69	442,553.85
TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED	5,598,443.51	4,332,536.09		1,637,256.33	5,963,108.24

Statement 4. Budgetary and extra-budgetary revenue received (euros) (at 13 October 2023).

Revenue	⁷ inancial year 2023
1. Budgetary revenue	
Contributions from Contracting Parties: Contributions paid or applied to the current budget	4,374,607.35
TOTAL BUDGETARY REVENUE	4,374,607.35
2. Extra-budgetary revenue	
Voluntary contributions: Revenue ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for At-Sea Transhipments Revenue ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna (ROP-BFT) Revenue ICCAT/Japan Capacity-building Assistance Project (Phase 2) (JCAP-2) Chinese Taipei contribution to ICCAT Observers fees	18,648.92 57,157.30 13,429.20 100,000.00 8,230.49
Financial revenue	10,213.87
VAT refund	32,831.79
From Commission meetings Panel 4 and IMM meetings and Online Panel 1, 2, 4 and IMM meetings ICCAT intersessional and other working group meetings	90,000.00 175,000.00
TOTAL EXTRA-BUDGETARY REVENUE	505,511.57
3. Revenue from accumulated pending contributions	
Contributions from Contracting Parties: Contributions paid to previous budgets	666,661.37
Contributions from new Contracting Parties: Contributions received from new Contracting Parties to previous budgets	14,937.00
TOTAL REVENUE FROM PENDING CONTRIBUTIONS	681,598.37
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED	5,561,717.29

Statement 5. Composition and balance of the Working Capital Fund (euros) (at 13 October 2023).

Working Capital Fund	linancial year 2023
Opening balance for the financial year	1,906,160.09
Result for financial year a) + b) + c)	1,229,181.20
a) Budgetary result	464,422.60
Budgetary revenue	4,374,607.35
Budgetary expenses (Chapters 1 to 15)	3,910,184.75
b) Extra-budgetary result	83,160.23
Extra-budgetary revenue	505,511.57
Extra-budgetary expenses	422,351.34
c) Contributions paid in the financial year to previous budgets	681,598.37
Contributions to regular budgets Contributions received from new Contracting Parties to previous budgets	666,661.37 14,937.00
Available balance at 13 October 2023	3,135,341.29
Estimated expenses (at 31 December 2023)	1,637,256.33
Estimated balance at 31 December 2023	1,498,084.96

Revenue and origin

Balance in Cash and Banks (at the opening of financial year 2023)	11,942,650.57
Prepaid expenses (at the opening of financial year 2023)	40,465.95
Trust fund debtors (at the opening of financial year 2023)	5,349.16
Payments pending application (at the opening of financial year 2023)	10,630.46
Revenue:	
Contributions paid or applied to the 2023 budget	4,374,607.35
Extra-budgetary revenue received in 2023	505,511.57
Contributions paid in financial year 2023 to previous regular budgets	666,661.37
Contributions received from new Contracting Parties to previous budgets	14,937.00
eBCD revenue	
Contributions paid or applied to the 2023 eBCD budget	386,487.78
Revenue from trust funds	9,750,333.89

TOTAL REVENUE AND ORIGIN

27,697,635.10

Expenses and application

Provision for expenses (at the opening of financial year 2023)	6,900.16
Accounts payable (at the opening of financial year 2023)	352,337.89
Collections pending application (at the opening of financial year 2023)	12,745.62
Advances applied in financial year 2023	929,951.38
Working Capital Fund	3,135,341.29
eBCD Working Capital Fund	562,353.59
Expenses:	
Budgetary expenses for financial year 2023 (Chapters 1 to 15)	3,910,184.75
Extra-budgetary expenses for financial year 2023	422,351.34
eBCD expenses:	
eBCD budgetary expenses for financial year 2023	261,460.29
Expenses of the trust funds	8,738,417.33
Available in trust funds:	
Integrated Online Management System	49,490.79
EU Integrated Online Management System Vessels manager module	70,000.00
EU Integrated Online Management System UN/FLUX integration	75,772.26
Separation from Service Fund	415,402.63
Separation from Service Fund	
ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for at-sea transhipment	257,486.05
ICCAT Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP)	1,024,287.72
ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Bluefin Tuna	3,514,187.06
Special Data Fund - People's Republic of China	163,383.14
Special Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)	345,501.60
Special Data Fund - United States	450,633.43
United States Fund for Capacity Building	332,257.36
Morocco Fund to Support National Capacity Building for Participation in Commission Meetings	225,856.36
ICCAT Regional Observers Programme for tropical tunas	20,121.61
Scientific Capacity Building Fund (SCBF)	0.00
Special Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Fund (MCSF)	52,582.21
European Union Fund for Capacity Building	0.00
Tunisia Fund for Participation in Commission Meetings	12,537.09
Strategic Research Programme	1,713,223.01
United States Fund for Tropical Tunas	84,688.60
European Union Integrated Online Management System Fund	-29,777.48
Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) Fund	116,255.02
ABNJ-II Fund	212,411.00
United States Fund for Caribbean Deepwater Horizon Restoration	259,292.00

Summary

Balance in Cash and Banks

TOTAL CASH AND BANKS

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TOTAL AVAILABLE

14,138,685.48

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Statement 8. Composition and balance of the eBCD Working Capital Fund (euros) (at 13 October 2023).

eBCD Working Capital Fund	inancial year 202.
Available balance of eBCD at the opening of the financial year	437,326.10
Result for financial year a) + b)	125,027.49
a) eBCD budgetary result	125,027.49
eBCD budgetary revenue	386,487.78
Albania	732.64
Algeria	1,696.95
Canada	8,732.73
China, People's Rep. of	8,996.31
Egypt	1,043.24
Iceland	695.16
Japan	121,441.49
Korea, Rep. of	7,539.71
Libya	0.00
Maroc	7,111.14
Mexico	0.00
Norway	1,110.00
Syrian Arab Republic	0.00
Tunisia	0.00
Türkiye	14,516.29
European Union	185,359.53
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	682.51
United States	26,830.08
eBCD budgetary expenses	261,460.29
Maintenance and user support costs - TRAGSA	175,010.61
Salaries and remuneration	68,618.25
Bank charges	35.00
Meeting of the eBCD Technical Working Group	17,796.43
b) eBCD contributions paid in the financial year to previous budgets	0.00
eBCD contributions to previous budgets	0.00
Available balance at 13 October 2023	562,353.59
Estimated expenses (at 31 December 2023)	347,556.93
Estimated balance at 31 December 2023	214,796.66