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**Detailed information on the accumulated debt  
of the ICCAT Contracting Parties and review of  
the payment plans of past-due contributions**

The Secretariat submits this document to the Commission which provides a historical summary, by years, of the accumulated debt of those Contracting Parties that, at **14 November 2023**, have not complied with their financial obligations.

**ICCAT BUDGET**

<b>BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGÉTISÉES/CONTRIBUCIONES PRESUPUESTADAS</b>						
	TOTAL	2023	2022	2021	2020	Before 2020
<b>A) ACTIVE CONTRACTING PARTIES / PARTIES CONTRACTANTES ACTIVES / PARTES CONTRATANTES EN ACTIVO</b>						
Barbados	7.336,10	7.336,10				
Brazil	378.185,98	378.185,98	0,00			
Cabo Verde	205.462,70	86.606,28	74.689,99	44.166,43		
Côte d'Ivoire	10.656,78	10.656,78				
Curacao	174.910,71	174.910,71				
Gabon	18.953,45	18.953,45	0,00			
Grenada	9.867,31	9.867,31				
Guinea Ecuatorial	80.399,68	18.807,17	16.590,52	15.622,68	15.072,55	14.306,76
Guinée-Conakry	252.096,73	6.519,65	5.734,56	5.524,67	5.538,86	228.778,99
Honduras	3.602,23	3.602,23	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Liberia	28.458,45	9.662,46	8.402,02	8.929,29	1.464,68	
Maroc	56.091,76	56.091,76				
Mauritania	57.859,45	57.806,79	52,66			
México	27.586,95	27.586,95				
Nigeria	31.824,86	6.539,05	5.751,03	5.524,67	5.538,86	8.471,25
Russia	22.841,59	22.387,76	453,83			0,00
Saint Vicent and the	113.262,58	34.861,57	25.144,21	24.751,50	23.758,91	4.746,39
São Tomé e Príncipe	71.733,23	21.409,18	18.372,02	25.485,81	6.466,22	0,00
Sierra Leone	57.452,30	6.519,65	5.734,56	5.524,67	5.538,86	34.134,56
South Africa	47.143,75	47.143,75				
Syrian Arab Republic	13.266,11	4.976,94	4.358,18	3.930,99		
Tunisie	54.801,75	54.801,75				
Venezuela	571.155,62	78.169,50	66.944,26	71.314,49	67.249,14	287.478,23
Total A)	2.294.950,07	1.143.402,77	232.227,84	210.775,20	130.628,08	577.916,18
<b>B) BAJAS DE PARTES CONTRATANTES</b>						
Cuba (Baja: 31-12-1991)	66.317,48					66.317,48
Total B)	66.317,48	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	66.317,48
<b>TOTAL A) + B)</b>	<b>2.361.267,55</b>	<b>1.143.402,77</b>	<b>232.227,84</b>	<b>210.775,20</b>	<b>130.628,08</b>	<b>644.233,66</b>

At the latest meetings of the Commission, the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) has stressed how important it is that Contracting Parties comply with their budgetary obligations so that the Commission can function properly, and has expressed its concern regarding non-payment by the Contracting Parties with outstanding debt.

Finally, it should be noted that in 2023 the Secretariat has continued the practice in recent years of sending two letters of reminder annually to the Contracting Parties with pending debt that have not complied with their budgetary obligations.

Currently, the number of Contracting Parties with arrears of contributions continues to be very high. To date, the total of the pending debt amounts to **€ 2,361,267.55**, which represents 42.18% of the 2023 budget.

**EBCD SYSTEM BUDGET**

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.

At the date of this report, two Contracting Parties (Libya and Syria) are in the position of having two or more years of arrears in the payment of their contributions.

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO EBCD SYSTEM /CONTRIBUTIONS AY SYSTÈME EBCD/CONTRIBUCIONES AL SISTEMA EBCD</b>						
	TOTAL	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>CONTRACTING PARTIES / PARTIES CONTRACTANTES / PARTES CONTRATANTES</b>						
Libya	8.433,06	1.433,32	1.458,13	2.718,13	1.774,69	1.048,79
Mexico	824,88	824,88				
Syrian Arab Republic	3.783,10	709,57	620,36	1.097,45	728,19	627,53
Tunisie	2.421,16	2.421,16				
<i>Total</i>	<i>15.462,20</i>	<i>5.388,93</i>	<i>2.078,49</i>	<i>3.815,58</i>	<i>2.502,88</i>	<i>1.676,32</i>

The total pending debt amounts to **€15,462.20**, which represents 3.95% of the 2023 eBCD budget.