

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ACCUMULATED DEBT
OF THE ICCAT CONTRACTING PARTIES & 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 **16 November 2020**, have not complied with their financial obligations.

BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGÉTISÉES/CONTRIBUCIONES PRESUPUESTADAS						
	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	Before 2017
A) ACTIVE CONTRACTING PARTIES / PARTIES CONTRACTANTES ACTIVES / PARTES CONTRACTANTES EN ACTIVO						
BARBADOS	6,017.61	6,017.61				
BRAZIL	490,953.37	278,131.80	212,821.57			
<u>CABO VERDE</u>	170,559.02	67,383.43	82,389.22	<u>20,786.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
CURAÇAO	134,467.98	134,467.98	<u>0.00</u>			
EGYPT	6,430.31	6,430.31				
GAMBIA, THE	5,476.76	3,692.57	1,784.19			
GHANA	149,815.68	149,815.68				
GRENADA	4,961.48	4,961.48				
GUATEMALA	40,599.99	40,599.99				
GUINEA ECUATORIAL	29,379.31	15,072.55	14,306.76	0.00	0.00	
GUINÉE-CONAKRY	234,317.85	5,538.86	33,245.93	31,669.73	27,385.74	136,477.59
GUINÉE-BISSAU	10,767.80	5,538.86	5,228.94			
HONDURAS	122,745.69	5,538.86	5,228.94	5,227.93	5,222.02	101,527.94
LIBERIA	8,857.38	8,842.90	14.48			
LIBYA	49,046.04	24,842.47	12,199.99	12,003.58		
MAURITANIA	84,103.48	59,408.76	6,971.92	6,970.58	6,962.69	3,789.53
MEXICO	22,718.45	22,718.45				
NAMIBIA	42,745.85	42,745.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	
NIGERIA	16,913.21	5,538.86	5,228.94	5,227.93	917.48	
PANAMA	305,496.73	113,780.88	115,074.93	76,640.92		
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	47,895.04	23,758.91	13,251.87	10,884.26		
SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE	105,113.82	24,910.29	17,685.89	17,220.08	15,890.29	29,407.27
SENEGAL	134,241.60	81,436.67	52,804.93			
SIERRA LEONE	39,673.42	5,538.86	3,485.96	3,485.29	27,162.57	0.74
SOUTH AFRICA	39,661.43	39,661.43				
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	3,933.12	3,933.12				
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	20,445.31	20,445.31				
UNITED KINGDOM (O.T.)	3,643.96	3,643.96				
URUGUAY	19,845.93	19,845.93				
VANUATU	2,419.36	2,419.36				
VENEZUELA	354,727.37	67,249.14	61,827.13	58,918.47	58,617.47	108,115.16
<i>Total A)</i>	<i>2,707,974.35</i>	<i>1,293,911.13</i>	<i>643,551.59</i>	<i>249,035.14</i>	<i>142,158.26</i>	<i>379,318.23</i>
B) WITHDRAWN CONTRACTING PARTIES / RETRAIT DE PARTIES CONTRACTANTES / BAJAS DE PARTES CONTRACTANTES						
Cuba (Baja: 31-12-1991)	66,317.48					66,317.48
<i>Total B)</i>	<i>66,317.48</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>66,317.48</i>
TOTAL A) + B)	2,774,291.83	1,293,911.13	643,551.59	249,035.14	142,158.26	445,635.71

At the last 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. For this reason, in 2020 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.

For the nine Contracting Parties (Cabo Verde, Guinea (Rep.), Honduras, Libya, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sao Tomé & Príncipe, Sierra Leone and Venezuela) that had two years or more of arrears in the payment of contributions, and therefore to which Article X of the ICCAT Convention may apply i.e. withdrawal of voting rights, the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financial Position for ICCAT (VWG-SF) prepared a letter that has been sent by the Commission Chair, and which alerts that the situation of non payment by Contracting Parties makes it impossible to support activities that are crucial to this Commission, and gives them a final opportunity to regularise their situation. In addition, a payment plan must be submitted to the Commission by 31 December 2020. Failure to submit or lack of compliance will be considered a serious matter, and further action may be taken.

To date, contributions have been received from Cabo Verde and Curaçao, settling part of their debts.

Currently the number of Contracting Parties that owe past due contributions continues to rise. To date, the total outstanding debt is €2,774,291.83, which represents 65.70% of the 2020 budget.