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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 **31 October 2024**, have not complied with their financial obligations.

1. ICCAT Budget

BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS						
	TOTAL	2024	2023	2022	2021	Before 2021
A) ACTIVE CONTRACTING PARTIES						
Angola	8.791,94	8.791,94				
Cabo Verde	70.717,27	70.717,27				
Curaçao	163.272,50	163.272,50				
Gabon	37.761,55	18.808,10	18.953,45			
Gambia, The	6.583,73	6.583,73				
Grenada	7.768,82	7.768,82				
Guinea Ecuatorial	99.067,78	18.668,10	18.807,17	16.590,52	15.622,68	29.379,31
Guinée-Conakry	266.722,76	14.626,03	6.519,65	5.734,56	5.524,67	234.317,85
Guinée-Bissau	6.379,27	6.379,27				
Honduras	9.981,50	6.379,27	3.602,23			
Liberia	56.620,07	28.161,62	9.662,46	8.402,02	8.929,29	1.464,68
Libya	33.573,11	33.573,11				
Maroc	55.899,81	55.899,81				
Mauritania	111.227,55	53.368,10	57.806,79	52,66		
México	27.586,95	27.586,95				
Namibia	46.555,60	46.555,60				
Nigeria	38.204,13	6.379,27	6.539,05	5.751,03	5.524,67	14.010,11
Panamá	11.734,89	11.734,89				
Russia	98.372,08	98.372,08				
Saint Vicent and the Grenadines	32.119,65	14.987,22	17.132,43			
São Tomé e Príncipe	86.120,71	14.387,48	21.409,18	18.372,02	25.485,81	6.466,22
Sierra Leone	63.831,57	6.379,27	6.519,65	5.734,56	5.524,67	39.673,42
Syrian Arab Republic	18.036,93	4.770,82	4.976,94	4.358,18	3.930,99	
Uruguay	0,36	0,36				
Venezuela	600.530,38	29.374,76	78.169,50	66.944,26	71.314,49	354.727,37
Total A)	1.957.460,91	753.526,37	250.098,50	131.939,81	141.857,27	680.038,96
B) NEW CONTRACTING PARTIES						
Costa Rica	6.900,41	6.900,41				
Total B)	6.900,41	6.900,41	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
TOTAL A) + B)	1.964.361,32	760.426,78	250.098,50	131.939,81	141.857,27	680.038,96

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 2024 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. At the time of writing this document, the total pending debt amounts to **€1,964,361.32**, which represents 33.83% of the 2024 budget.

2. 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 time of writing this document, two Contracting Parties (Libya and Syria) are in the position of having two or more years of arrears in the payment of their contributions.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EBCD SYSTEM						
	TOTAL	2024	2023	2022	2021	Before 2021
CONTRACTING PARTIES						
Libya	9.739,81	1.306,75	1.433,32	1.458,13	2.718,13	2.823,48
Mexico	824,88	824,88				
Syrian Arab Republic	4.457,63	674,53	709,57	620,36	1.097,45	1.355,72
Tunisie	2.259,32	2.259,32				
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.281,64</i>	<i>5.065,48</i>	<i>2.142,89</i>	<i>2.078,49</i>	<i>3.815,58</i>	<i>4.179,20</i>

The total pending debt amounts to €17,281.64, which represents 4.63% of the 2024 eBCD budget.

3. Contributions and 2024 ICCAT budget as an ICCAT Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing entity

At the 27th Regular Meeting in 2021, the Commission approved the [Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 03-20 on criteria for attaining the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity in ICCAT \(Rec. 21-24\)](#), which establishes that an applicant for Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity status shall confirm its intent to make an annual voluntary financial contribution, and make every effort to provide such contribution from 2024 onwards, commensurate with at least 50% of the amount that would be assessed should it become a Member of ICCAT, in accordance with Article X-2 of the Convention and Article 4-1 of the Financial Regulations.

In this regard, letters with the amounts of voluntary contributions were sent to Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Chinese Taipei and Suriname.

Chinese Taipei and Suriname sent their payments and Costa Rica has been an ICCAT Contracting Party since June 2024. Therefore, at 31 October 2024, only the voluntary contributions from Bolivia and Guyana remain to be received.

CONTRIBUTION AS COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY, ENTITY OR FISHING ENTITY						
	TOTAL	2024	2023	2022	2021	Before 2021
Bolivia	3.278,44	3.278,44				
Guyana	3.584,29	3.584,29				
<i>Total</i>	<i>6.862,73</i>	<i>6.862,73</i>	<i>0,00</i>	<i>0,00</i>	<i>0,00</i>	<i>0,00</i>