

26 February 2020

IOTC CIRCULAR 2020-08

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM KEY TRACEABILITY

Please find attached a request letter from Key Traceability to participate as an Observer to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission processes.

In accordance with Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, Contracting Parties of the Commission may wish to allow the Key Traceability to participate as an Observer given their interest in the IOTC as stipulated in the attached letter. Thus, unless any objections are received within 30 days of the date of this Circular, the IOTC Secretariat will consider that approval has been granted for the Executive Secretary to issue an invitation to the potential Observer to attend IOTC meetings accordingly.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Letter from Key Traceability

Distribution

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Key Traceability - January 2020

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14th January 2020

Via email to JOTC-Secretariat@fao.org

RE: Request to attend the IOTC Meeting as an observer

Dear Chairperson of the IOTC,

Key Traceability is a consultancy company registered in England in 2015, ISO 9001 certified, with seven staff and a network of consultants located globally. The company has over 20 years' experience consulting in the fishery sector, carrying out FIPs, social audits, fishery assessments, factory audits and managing successful projects for clients.

One of our main priorities as a consultancy is delivering Fishery Improvement Projects in the Indian Ocean. These projects are a multi-stakeholder effort to improve the sustainability of a fishery.

Specifically, we are project managers of the:

- [Indian Ocean Longline Tuna](#) FIP - The Fishery aims to meet the rising global demand for tuna in a sustainable manner by assuring catches do not exceed sustainable levels, promoting the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and strengthening policy and governance systems in the region. The fishery being assessed is Indian Ocean Longline Tuna, targeting albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*), bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*) and yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*) in the Indian Ocean using Malaysian flagged vessels.

We have a great interest in the management of these fisheries as it directly affects our clients on their journey from a Fishery Improvement Project to MSC certification. Key Traceability would like to request to attend the IOTC meeting as an observer as understanding the decision making process will help us enable and inform these fisheries and improve fishing in the region. We are actively working with the authorities in Taiwan and Malaysia to improve management in these areas, including improving observer coverage through the implementation of Electronic Monitoring across the fleet. Our attendance will be of great benefit to the IOTC as a collective actively working to improve fisheries in the IOTC convention area we are able to provide insight and help enable the flow of information into these fisheries trying to improve environmentally.

We hope to attend the 24th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, therefore please find this letter submitted no later than 60 days prior to the commencement of this meeting. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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