



Madrid, 2 April 2019

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1924 / 2019

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ROP-BFT FOR THE 2019 SEASON

I should like to inform you that, following extension of the contract with the Consortium selected to implement the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna, the cost of observers is shown in the attachments (**Attachment 1: Vessels; Attachment 2: Farms/Traps**).

There is no change in the procedures from previous years; there is only a small increase in price which relates to the first payment for recruitment, training and equipment. All other costs remain the same as in 2018.

Many vessels participating in the ROP-BFT have positive balances with the Secretariat which have been carried over from the 2018 fishing year. These balances are available on request and can be deducted from the total payment required for 2019. Please cite the ICCAT serial numbers of the vessels for which you request balances, and please **also cite this number when making payment**.

We should be grateful if the Request Forms could be filled out fully, and include details of the bank account to which any remaining balances should be paid, in the event that any excess is not carried over to the next year.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment 1: Vessels

Attachment 2: Farms/Traps.

Vessels

For an equitable distribution of costs, the recruitment, training and equipment (start-up) fee for vessels which are participating for the first time or which have not participated since 2015 will be **€7,800**. The amount of this payment for returning vessels will **€3,600**.

The rates for mobilisation fees and sea days will remain the same as in 2018:

Mobilisation fee (vessels, farms and traps) - €4,400

Vessels - Sea days - €230 per day

The [forms for requesting observers](#) are available on the ICCAT web site.

Completed forms for vessels, together with proof of full payment, must be received at the latest by

15 April 2019 for vessels starting 1 May
22 April 2019 for vessels starting 15 May
30 April 2019 for vessels starting 24 May
20 May 2019 for vessels starting 25 June onward

All deposits should be made to the ICCAT ROP-BFT account:

- Name of the bank: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA)
- Address of branch: Pso. Recoletos, 10 ala sur pl. 1, 28001 Madrid (Spain)
- Precise name of the account holder: Comisión Internacional para la Conservación del Atún Atlántico (ICCAT)
- Full account number (including bank codes): 0182 2370 46 0201518869
- IBAN (or BIC code if not applicable): IBAN: ES91 0182 2370 4602 0151 8869
BIC: BBVAESMM

When making the deposit, please indicate the **ICCAT Record number of the vessel for which the payment is being made**. A copy of the swift receipt should be sent to the Secretariat together with the request forms.

Farms/Traps

For farms or traps which are participating for the first time or have not participated since 2015, the recruitment, training and equipment (start-up) fee will be **€7,800**. Lodgements of these amounts for new vessels/farms/traps should be paid to the Secretariat by **30 April 2019**. The amount of this payment for returning farms/traps will be the same as that for vessels, i.e. **€3,600**.

The rates for mobilisation fees and farm days / traps days will be the same as those in 2018:

Mobilisation fee (vessels, farms and traps) - €4,400

Farm/trap days (no accommodation provided) - €331.3 per day for deployments of 5+ days (minimum 5 days)

Farm/trap days (accommodation provided) - €263.3 per day for deployments of 5+ days (minimum 5 days)

For occasional fresh harvests/transfers, a one or two day deployment may be requested at the following rates, in addition to the mobilisation fee:

1 day with no accommodation provided: €719.30

1 day with accommodation provided by the farm/trap: €651.30

2 days with no accommodation provided: €525.30 per day (1050.6 + 4400 = 5450.6)

2 days with accommodation provided by the farm/trap: € 457.30 per day (€914.6 + 4400 = 5314.6)

Please note that such short term deployment requests are only applicable to fresh harvest on an exceptional basis and may not be extended. Deployment requests requiring three or more days will be subject to the five day minimum.

The [forms for requesting observers](#) are available on the ICAT web site.

Completed forms for farms **must reach the Secretariat at least 96 hours** before the deployment is required.

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