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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 **22 November 2021**, have not complied with their financial obligations.

ICCAT BUDGET

BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGÉTISÉES/CONTRIBUCIONES PRESUPUESTADAS						
	TOTAL	2021	2020	2019	2018	Before 2018
A) ACTIVE CONTRACTING PARTIES / PARTIES CONTRACTANTES ACTIVES / PARTES CONTRATANTES EN ACTIVO						
Angola	5.867,32	5.867,32				
Brazil	364.252,30	296.194,43	68.057,87	0,00		
Cap-Vert	190.929,44	76.774,84	67.383,43	46.771,17		
Ghana	221.653,98	221.653,98	0,00			
Guinea Ecuatorial	45.001,99	15.622,68	15.072,55	14.306,76		
Guinée-Conakry	239.842,52	5.524,67	5.538,86	33.245,93	31.669,73	163.863,33
Honduras	128.270,36	5.524,67	5.538,86	5.228,94	5.227,93	106.749,96
Liberia	10.393,97	8.929,29	1.464,68	0,00		
Libya	74.957,76	25.911,72	24.842,47	12.199,99	12.003,58	
Mauritania	147.026,97	62.923,49	59.408,76	6.971,92	6.970,58	10.752,22
Namibia	43.742,44	43.742,44	0,00			
Nigeria	19.534,78	5.524,67	5.538,86	5.228,94	3.242,31	
Panamá	298.397,16	120.850,43	113.780,88	63.765,85	0,00	
Saint Vicent and the Grenadines	72.646,54	24.751,50	23.758,91	13.251,87	10.884,26	
São Tomé e Príncipe	100.599,63	25.485,81	24.910,29	17.685,89	17.220,08	15.297,56
Senegal	3.458,61	3.458,61	0,00			
Sierra Leone	45.198,09	5.524,67	5.538,86	3.485,96	3.485,29	27.163,31
Syrian Arab Republic	3.930,99	3.930,99				
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0,00	0,00	0,00			
Venezuela	426.041,86	71.314,49	67.249,14	61.827,13	58.918,47	166.732,63
Total A)	2.441.746,71	1.029.510,70	488.084,42	283.970,35	149.622,23	490.559,01
B) BAJAS DE PARTES CONTRATANTES						
1. Cuba (Baja: 31-12-19)	66.317,48					66.317,48
Total B)	66.317,48	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	66.317,48
TOTAL A) + B)	2.508.064,19	1.029.510,70	488.084,42	283.970,35	149.622,23	556.876,49

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.

In 2020, the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financial position for ICCAT (VWG-SF) prepared a letter that was sent by the Commission Chair in which it was alerted that the situation of non-payment by Contracting Parties makes it impossible to support activities that are crucial for this Commission, and whereby they were given a final opportunity to regularize their situation by submitting a payment plan to the Commission by 31 December 2020. In the letter, it was also warned that if this plan was not submitted or complied with, additional measures may be taken. Letters were sent to nine Contracting Parties (Cabo Verde, Guinea (Rep.), Honduras, Libya, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sao Tomé and 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.

Before the close of financial year 2020, a contribution was received from Cabo Verde. The remaining Contracting Parties did not submit a payment plan.

On 1 January 2021, the contributions to the 2021 ICCAT budget were entered into the accounts. As a new year was added, other Contracting Parties were added to the list of Contracting Parties with two or more years of arrears in their ICCAT contributions (Brazil, The Gambia, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Panama and St. Vincent and the Grenadines). In 2021, contributions were received from Brazil, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and Panama, settling their debt in part or in whole. Therefore, at the date of this report, there are nine Contracting Parties to which Article X of the ICCAT Convention may apply: Guinea (Rep.), Honduras, Libya, Mauritania, Nigeria, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone and Venezuela.

If no new contributions are received, in January 2022, Cabo Verde, Equatorial Guinea and Panama would be added to this list.

	CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVING 2 OR MORE YEARS IN ARREARS			
	31/12/2020	01/01/2021	12/11/2021	01/01/2022*
Brazil		X		
Cabo Verde				X
Gambia, The		X		
Equatorial Guinea				X
Guinea-Conakry	X	X	X	X
Guinea-Bissau		X		
Honduras	X	X	X	X
Libya	X	X	X	X
Mauritania	X	X	X	X
Nigeria	X	X	X	X
Panama		X		X
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		X	X	X
São Tomé and Príncipe	X	X	X	X
Sierra Leone	X	X	X	X
Venezuela	X	X	X	X

* If no new contributions are received before 31-12-2021.

Finally, it should be noted that in 2021 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, attaching a copy of the letter from the Chair.

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 **€2,508,064.19**, which represents **55.87%** of the 2021 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EBCD SYSTEM /CONTRIBUTIONS AY SYSTÈME EBCD/CONTRIBUCIONES AL SISTEMA EBCD				
	TOTAL	2021	2020	2019
CONTRACTING PARTIES / PARTIES CONTRACTANTES / PARTES CONTRATANTES				
Libya	5.541,61	2.718,13	1.774,69	1.048,79
Syrian Arab Republic	2.453,17	1.097,45	728,19	627,53
Tunisie	2.928,64	2.928,64		
United States	38.513,23	38.513,23		
<i>Total</i>	<i>49.436,65</i>	<i>45.257,45</i>	<i>2.502,88</i>	<i>1.676,32</i>

The total pending debt amounts to €49,436.65, which represents 9.79% of the 2021 eBCD budget.