



Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
12th Conference of the Parties
June 30-July 3, 2026 – Lima, Peru

Resolution CIT-COP12-2026-R1

IAC Finances 2028 – 2030

CONSIDERING Article XIII of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) regarding financial resources;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that resolution CIT-COP1-2002-R-2 adopted by the First Conference of Parties established the IAC Special Fund;

FURTHER RECALLING the guidelines for financing the activities of the IAC established in Resolution CIT-COPE1-2007-R2 adopted during the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties;

RECOGNIZING that countries have different abilities to make financial contributions;

RECOGNIZING the legal limitations under which the IAC Parties can provide financial contributions;

CONSIDERING that the total amount of contribution goals reflected in Annex III does not cover the budget need, and that additional funding will need to be obtained;

THE 12th CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:

1. Adopt 2028, 2029 and 2030 budgets included in Annex I.
2. Authorize the Secretariat to forward an invoice to each of the Parties, in accordance with Annex II, for an amount equal to the contribution goal identified in Annex III.
3. Consider the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation at COP13 in 2028.
4. Urge the Parties to make payment of their financial contributions preferably before March 31 of each year, or as soon as possible within their national budgetary procedures, in order to facilitate the financial planning of the Secretariat.
5. Invite the Parties that have pending contributions to consider, in coordination with the Secretariat, establishing voluntary payment arrangements to regularize their pending financial contribution, in accordance with Annex III of this resolution, within their national annual budget.



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6. Encourage the Parties, taking into account their national circumstances, to adjust their financial contribution included in Annex III, with the aim of strengthening the financial sustainability and effective implementation of the Convention.
7. Request the Working Group on the Legal Framework and Permanent Secretariat of the IAC, based on the communications from those Parties that decide to adjust their contribution, to prepare a proposal to update Annex III for consideration and approval at COP13.
8. Urge Parties, in accordance with their institutional frameworks, to identify, propose, and implement strategies to mobilize financial resources to address the existing budgetary deficit of the Convention as a matter of priority, including by increasing their contributions to support implementation of the Convention's Work Plan adopted by the COP; and further invite Parties to report on any progress made in this regard to mobilize their contributions and any additional resources at the next COP.
9. Urge Parties to establish and strengthen coordination mechanisms among their national projects related to the conservation of sea turtles, with the support of cooperating organizations and other relevant stakeholders, in order to develop and implement joint initiatives and facilitate access to complementary sources of financial support that directly contribute to the implementation of the IAC Work Plan and the effective achievement of the objective of the Convention.
10. Request the Secretariat and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to present, at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, an updated report on the status of Parties' financial contributions.



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ANNEX I

IAC 2028-2030 Budget (Amounts in US\$)			
Items	2028	2029	2030
1- Staff	223,418	230,442	237,994
Secretary* (base salary \$135,480 - based on host country, in this case USA- costs for dental, health insurance, retirement plan, cost of contracting agency, and 3.5% annual increase in the cost of living)	198,418	205,442	212,994
IAC Secretariat Technical assistant full time estimated cost	25,000	25,000	25,000
2- Other Professional Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Translations			
3- Communications	4,000	4,000	4,000
Website Maintenance/ Computer /Software/	2,500	2,500	2,500
Telecommunications/Maintenance IAC Online Reporting System	1,500	1,500	1,500
4- Travel	7,000	7,000	7,000
5- IAC Meeting Support	20,000	47,000	20,000
Scientific Committee (SC)**	5,000	42,000**	5,000
Consultative Committee of Experts (CCE)***	5,000	5,000	5,000
Conference of the Parties (COP)	10,000		10,000
Subtotal****	256,418	290,442	270,994
6- Overhead Costs (12%) *****	34,966	39,606	36,954
TOTAL	291,384	330,048	307,948

*Budget based on the contract for the Secretary with *Ocean Associates Inc* as decided at COP11. Projected amounts subject to changes in the costs of benefits.

**Budget for the SC (airfare, lodging, meals, meeting room rental, translation) for 20 participants. This budget will be used contingent on availability of funds.

***Budget for the CCE is for a virtual meeting via video-conference.

****Projected amounts subject to change depending on the total of actual funds received by IAC.

*****Administrative services provided by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) for a value of 12%, as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between IAC COP and NMSF signed at COP11 (CIT-COP11-2024-Doc.2). These are projected amounts subject to change depending on the total of actual funds received by IAC.



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ANNEX II

Invoice for financial contribution

In accordance with:

1. The financial rules (CIT-COPE1-2007-R2) adopted in October 2007 by the Parties of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles in Lima, Peru;
2. The US\$2,000 suggested minimum financial contribution established during the first Conference of Parties in San José, Costa Rica;
3. The 2028 budget adopted in COP12, the budget for 2029 and 2030 in the finances resolution CIT-COP12-2026-R1; as well as;
4. The table of contribution goals developed by the 4th Conference of Parties in San José, Costa Rica that was updated at COP5 in Bonaire, COP6 Ecuador, COP7 in Mexico, COP8 in Argentina, COP9 in the Dominican Republic, COP10, COP11 in Ecuador and COP12 in Peru;

The IAC Secretariat hereby presents this invoice to the Government of [insert country].

INVOICE

Party/Country	Year	Suggested Contribution (US\$)	Date

FINANCIAL HISTORY

[insert country] history of financial contributions to the IAC is included below for your reference.

Party/Country	Year	Suggested Contribution	Amount Contributed	Date Received

FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS

In accordance with the budget for 2028 presented in COP12, the IAC Secretariat request the Government of [insert country] consider including in your annual national budget [insert year], a financial contribution for the IAC totaling US\$ [insert amount], in order to facilitate the financial contribution adopted in the framework of the Convention.



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ANNEX III

IAC Contributions Goals for 2028	
Member Country	Contribution Goal
Argentina	\$2,000
Belize	\$3,500
Brazil	\$7,056
Costa Rica	\$2,000
Chile	\$8,000
Dominican Republic	\$2,000
Ecuador	\$2,000
Guatemala	\$2,000
Honduras	\$2,000
Mexico	\$15,000
The Kingdom of the Netherlands	
Caribbean Netherlands	\$5,000
Curacao	\$5,000
St Maarten	\$5,000
Panama	\$5,000
Peru	\$5,000
The United States	\$65,000
Uruguay	\$2,928
Venezuela	\$3,653
TOTAL	\$142,137