



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and
Conservation of Sea Turtles
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CIT-COP6-2013-R2

IAC Finances 2013 - 2015

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

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

**THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES**

RESOLVE TO:

1. Adopt the 2013, 2014 and 2015 budgets included in Annex I.
2. Authorize the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to forward an invoice to each of the Parties for an amount equal to the contribution goal identified in Annex II.
3. Recognize that countries have different abilities to make financial contributions.



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ANNEX I

Presupuesto <u>Julio</u> 2013-2015 de la CIT / IAC <u>July</u> 2013-2015 Budget (Montos expresados en \$US /Amounts expressed in US\$)			
Rubro/Items	2013	2014	2015
1- Staff /Personal	149,473	154,302	158,751
Secretary <i>Pro Tempore</i> / Secretario <i>Pro Tempore</i> (base salary \$76,128 -depends on host country, in this case USA- and costs for dental and health insurance, retirement, cost of contracting agency and visa process and 3.5% annual increase in cost of living)/ (rubro incluye salario base \$76,128 –depende según país sede, en este caso es USA- y seguro médico, pensión, costos de contratista, trámite de visa y 3.5% incremento anual por costo de vida)	\$130,273	134,832	139,551
IAC PT Secretariat Technical assistant full time estimated cost (based in Latin America)/Asistente técnica de la Secretaría PT de la CIT tiempo completo estimado (con base en América Latina)	19,200	19,200	19,200
2- Other Professional Services /Otros Servicios Profesionales	4,000	4,000	4,000
Traducciones/Translations			
3- Communications /Comunicaciones	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sitio web/Website/ Computer Software			
4- Travel /Viaje	10,000	10,000	10,000
6- IAC Meeting Support /Apoyo Reuniones CIT	70,000	64,000	94,000
Scientific Committee/ Comité Científico*	38,000	38,000	38,000
Consultative Committee/ Comité Consultivo**		26,000	26,000
Conference of the Parties/Conferencia de las Partes ***	32,000		30,000
Subtotal	235,473	234,302	268,751
8- Overhead Costs/Costo Administración (10%)	23,547	23,430	26,875
TOTAL (US\$)	259,020	257,732	295,626



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* 2013 Budget approved by the COP5 and 2014-15 budgets estimated based on the participation of 20 participants taking into consideration the increase in the number of IAC Parties. In order to decrease these costs, the IAC *Pro Tempore* Secretariat will ask IAC Focal Points if they could help cover the participation costs of their delegate in Scientific Committee meetings.

** Budgets estimated for 2014-15 for this meeting is based on paying the participation expenses of 13 participants. The IAC *Pro Tempore* Secretariat will ask the sectorial members of the CCE if their organizations could help cover the cost of their participation in Consultative Committee meetings.

*** Includes COP6 budget for 2013 (approved by COP5) and proposed COP7 budget for 2015.

Additional Funds raised by IAC *Pro Tempore* Secretariat

From 2010 to 2012, the IAC PT Secretariat had submitted and was awarded two grants from the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund (MTCF) of the USFWS for a total of \$94,435 USD. These funds were used to help meet the requirements of the budgets approved by the COP. They were an important contribution in addition to the amounts received as country contributions, which allowed us to meet our budget requirements. Below is a general break down of how the funds were used:

- MTCF Grants from 2010-2013 (up to March 2013) have covered the salary of a part time IAC Technical Assistant in the amount of \$30,494 USD
- MTCF Grants from 2010-2012 have covered travel expenses for the IAC Secretariat over the past three years in the amount of \$23,378 USD
- MTCF Grant in 2012 covered some of the COP5 expenses in the amount of \$16,454 USD
- MTCF Grant in 2012 covered travel expenses for four delegates to the IAC CCE5 Meeting in the amount of \$4,191 USD as provided for in the IAC Delegate Travel Support Resolution



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ANNEX II

Invoice for financial contribution

In accordance with:

1. The financial rules (CIT-COPE1-2007-R2) adopted October 2007 by the Parties of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) 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 2013 budget adopted in Ecuador, the budget for 2014 and 2015; 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 and updated in COP6 Ecuador;

The IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* 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



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FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS

In accordance with the budget for 2013 presented in Ecuador the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* suggests the Government of [insert country] plan for and include in your 2013 [insert year] budget, a financial contribution for the IAC totaling US\$XXXX.

ANNEX III

IAC Contributions Goals for 2013	
Member Country	Contribution Goal¹
Argentina	\$2,000
Belize	\$3,500
Brazil	\$7,056
Costa Rica	\$2,000
Chile	\$8,000
Ecuador	\$2,000
Guatemala	\$2,000
Honduras	\$2,000
Mexico	\$15,000
The Netherlands	
Caribbean Netherlands	\$5,000
Curacao	\$5,000
St Maarten	\$5,000
Panama	\$2,000
Peru	\$2,000
The United States	\$65,000
Uruguay	\$2,928
Venezuela	\$3,653
TOTAL	\$134,137

¹ Noting the Convention does not provide for mandatory contributions, the amounts presented here are suggested contributions and do not imply a legal obligation.