



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of  
Sea Turtles  
8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties  
June 28-30, 2017 – Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**CIT-COP8-2017-R3**

**IAC Finances 2017 - 2019**

**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 8<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:**

1. Adopt the 2017, 2018 and 2019 budgets included in Annex I.
2. Authorize the Secretariat *Pro Tempore* to forward an invoice to each of the Parties for an amount equal to the contribution goal identified in Annex III.
3. Recognize that countries have different abilities to make financial contributions.



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**ANNEX I**

<b>IAC 2017-2019 Budget (Amounts in US\$)</b>			
<b>Items</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>1- Staff</b>	<b>171,242</b>	<b>176,535</b>	<b>182,014</b>
Secretary <i>Pro Tempore</i> (base salary \$85,280 - depends on host country, in this case USA- and costs for dental, health insurance, retirement, cost of contracting agency, visa process and 3.5% annual increase in cost of living)	151,242	156,535	162,014
IAC Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i> Technical assistant full time estimated cost	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>2- Other Professional Services</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Translations			
<b>3- Communications</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Website/ Computer and Software			
<b>4- Travel</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5- IAC Meeting Support</b>	<b>68,000</b>	<b>64,000</b>	<b>74,000</b>
Scientific Committee *	38,000	38,000	38,000
Consultative Committee of Experts **		26,000	6,000
Conference of the Parties	30,000		30,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>255,242</b>	<b>256,535</b>	<b>272,014</b>
<b>6- Overhead Costs (12%) ***</b>	<b>30,629</b>	<b>30,784</b>	<b>32,642</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>285,871</b>	<b>287,319</b>	<b>304,656</b>

\*Budget estimated for the Scientific Committee is based on the attendance of 20 participants.

\*\* Budget estimated for 2019 for the Consultative Committee is for a meeting held by video-conference (before the COP). The values for 2018 are for in-person meeting where IAC Funds will cover for expenses of 13 participants (9 Sectorial members and Secretariat PT). We will consider holding the meeting by videoconference depending on funds available.

\*\*\* Overhead for administrative services provided by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) for a value of 12%. The MOU between IAC COP and NMSF (CIT-COP8-2017-Inf.2) is renewed at the COP when the IAC budget is approved.



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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 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 2017 budget adopted in Argentina, the budget for 2018 and 2019; as well as;
4. The table of contribution goals developed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties in San José, Costa Rica that was updated at COP5 in Bonaire, COP6 Ecuador, COP7 in Mexico and COP8 in Argentina;

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

**INVOICE**

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

**FINANCIAL HISTORY**

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

<b>Party/Country</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Suggested Contribution</b>	<b>Amount Contributed</b>	<b>Date Received</b>

**Future Contributions**

In accordance with the budget for 2017 presented in Argentina the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* suggests the Government of [insert country] plan for and include in your [insert year] budget, a financial contribution for the IAC totaling US\$ [insert amount].



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**ANNEX III**

<b>IAC Contributions Goals for 2017</b>	
<b>Member Country</b>	<b>Contribution Goal<sup>1</sup></b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,137</b>

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