



Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
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Draft Resolution_ Amendment of the Guidelines for the Financing of the Operation of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles

The 12th Consultative Committee of Experts prepared this document per request by the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* to develop guidance on how to account for in-kind contributions to the IAC. Up until now, Parties have hosted IAC meetings and have provided in-kind support; however, the existing resolution on the Convention Financial Rules does not provide guidance on how to account for those contributions. This document proposes an amendment to the Resolution on Guidelines for Financing the Operation of the IAC [CIT-COPE1-2007-R2](#) to provide that guidance.

This draft resolution is presented for consideration to the IAC 9th Conference of the Parties.



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Recognizing that Resolution CIT-COPE1-2007-R2 on the Guidelines for Financing the Operation of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles urges Parties to make “in-kind” contributions in addition to voluntary contributions;

CONSIDERING that no further guidance is provided regarding the mentioned “in-kind” contributions;

CONSIDERING that Parties have in the past provided in-kind contributions;

CONSIDERING that amendments to the IAC’s Financial Rules that relate to in-kind contributions can help to ensure sufficient operating funds for the Convention;

THE NINTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES:

DECIDES to amend the Guidelines for Financing the Operation of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles as approved by the 1st Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties and appended as Annex I of this resolution, by inserting the following two new paragraphs after Rule 18 of the Financial Rules, and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

19. In-kind contributions should not be made towards settling arrears or in lieu of contributions pursuant to the indicative scale referred to in paragraph 2 (a) above unless approved by the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat on a case-by-case basis. To aid the Conference of the Parties in its deliberations on such a matter, the Secretariat shall advise the Conference of the Parties on whether the use of in-kind contributions would undermine the Special Fund of the Inter-American Convention (SFIC) as the operating funds of the Convention. This approval can occur at a meeting of the Conference of Parties or inter-sessionally.

20. In-kind contributions may include, *inter alia*, the hosting of in-country workshops and meetings of the Convention, the provision of consulting services for projects carried out under the Convention, or the hiring of researchers and other qualified technical personnel for projects carried out under the Convention.