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AIDCP BUDGET

1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents the actual costs, in US dollars (\$), for 2007, expected budget for 2008 and proposed budget for 2009 to support all costs related to the AIDCP.

The 2005 Resolution on financing the AIDCP ([A-05-01](#)) raised the vessel assessment rate for 2006 from US\$ 12.552 to US\$ 14.184 per cubic meter (m³) of well volume; it also provided that the assessments of those vessels whose well volume had been verified should be based on that verified well volume rather than the estimated well volume, which was generally larger. In 2006, an additional measure to balance the AIDCP budget was taken in Resolution [A-06-01](#) by raising the assessment rate from US\$ 14.184 to US\$ 14.95/m³. In June 2007, the 17th Meeting of the Parties agreed that vessels requiring observer services outside the Agreement Area would pay all related costs, including, among others, airfare, required documentation, food, and lodging.

Table 1 shows costs and revenues for 2007 (actual) and 2008-2009 (projected). 2008 revenue is based on actual assessments paid by vessels covered by the AIDCP (over 363 t capacity) plus surcharges both paid and outstanding as of 15 May 2008. The projected revenue for 2009 in Table 1 assumes that all payments are made on time, and projected expenditure incorporates a 3% increase for inflation in costs from the previous year. The projected revenue for 2009 was calculated based on the well volumes of the vessels in the IATTC Regional Vessel Register as of 31 December 2007.

The actual revenue for 2007 differs from that reported to the 18th Meeting of the Parties in October 2007 (Document [MOP-18-05](#)) because some 2007 assessments were received subsequent to that meeting.

2. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Table 1 shows actual costs for the IDCP in 2007, and the projected costs and revenue forecast for 2008-2010. The estimates for 2009 and 2010 assume that the annual inflation and cost of living factor will remain at a minimum of 3%.

The difference between the 2008 vessel assessments paid by 1 May 2008 and projected AIDCP expenditures is a deficit of \$152,163.

Table 2 shows the line item detail supporting the summary of projected IDCP expenses for 2008 presented in Table 1.

Table 3 shows details of the allocation of the IATTC staff's time to the IDCP-related tasks they perform.

3. DEFICITS

Except for 2005, the AIDCP budget was in deficit from 2002 to 2007, and it is expected to continue in deficit through 2010 if action is not taken.

4. CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE AND INCOME SINCE 2006

4.1. Expenditure

The Parties should consider raising the vessel assessment rate to cover normal cost-of-living increases in each year's budget. Although the budget line items keep increasing in cost, there is no mechanism for raising income in the same proportion. In the past, this imbalance has been partially offset by increases in

the requested IATTC budget to cover inflation and cost-of-living adjustments. An important increase in expenditure is the rise in travel costs, due mainly to additional charges by airlines to offset growing fuel costs, as well as observer and staff salary increases. These items alone make up 87% of the total AIDCP budget.

4.2. Income

At the 9th Meeting of the Parties in June 2003, charges for small (< 363 t) and inactive vessels and the late payment fee structure were introduced as a step in reducing budget deficits. In June 2006, the 15th Meeting of the Parties eliminated the charges for small vessels. As a partial offset to this change in financing, the 16th Meeting of the Parties decided that the Secretariat would retain 100% of fees for late payments and for late charges and inactive vessels. In the past two years, the income from late fees has averaged only 2% of the total income from vessels.

5. RECOMMENDATION BY THE SECRETARIAT

The AIDCP cannot continue operating at a deficit, and the effect of measures taken to decrease the current deficit has yet to be quantified, but in any case is likely to be small. The Secretariat therefore proposes an increase in the vessel assessments of \$1.55/m³, to \$16.50/m³. This increase was calculated by dividing the well volume supporting the AIDCP budget (total m³ of vessels over 363 t in the IATTC Regional Vessel Register at 1 May 2008, minus all national program coverage) into the anticipated budget for 2010.

The additional revenue generated in 2009 by the proposed increase would suffice to balance the budget for 2010 and change the anticipated deficit in 2009 into a surplus that would offset the expected 2008 deficit of \$152,163. The total expected revenue in 2010 with the current and proposed rates is as follows:

US\$	Current rate (\$14.95)	Proposed rate (\$16.50)
Active vessels > 363 t	2,022,996	2,231,634

TABLE 1. IDCP: Allocation of costs, 2007-2010

TABLA 1. PICD: Distribución de costos, 2007-2010

	2007		2008	2009	2010	
	(\$)	(actual—reales)	See Table 2 Ver Tabla 2	(projected—proyectados)		
COSTS-COSTOS:						
Covered at 70%-Cubiertos al 70%						
Gross costs-Costos brutos:						
Observers (wages, travel, equipment, training) Observadores (sueldos, viajes, equipo, entrenamiento)		1,359,614	A	1,392,350	1,321,041	1,477,144
IATTC scientific staff (part) Personal científico de la CIAT (porción)		771,531	B	739,620	761,669	803,330
Observer Program direct costs (part) Costos directos del Programa de Observadores (porción)		297,890	C	287,152	308,645	317,904
Subtotal		2,429,035		2,419,122	2,391,355	2,598,379
70% of/del subtotal		1,700,324		1,693,385	1,673,948	1,818,865
Covered at 100%-Cubiertos al 100%						
Net alignments (travel)						
Alineamientos de la red (viajes)		4,887	E	3,940	9,877	10,173
Seminars for captains and crew (travel) Cursos de entrenamiento para capitanes y tripulantes (viajes)		-	F	-	1,000	1,030
IATTC administrative staff (part) Personal administrativo de la CIAT (porción)		329,602	G	346,404	364,368	338,476
AIDCP direct costs Costos directos del APICD		9,662	H	11,782	12,836	13,220
Meetings of Parties and IRP (including staff travel) Reuniones de las Partes y del PIR (incluye viajes del personal)		44,501	I	50,169	48,417	49,870
TOTAL COSTS – TOTAL DE COSTOS		2,088,977		2,105,680	2,110,446	2,231,634
REVENUE-INGRESOS:						
Total vessel assessments						
Total de cuotas de buques		1,991,306		1,908,155	1,927,746	2,231,634
Small and inactive vessel income						
Ingresos de buques pequeños e inactivos		31,737		45,362	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE – TOTAL DE INGRESOS		2,023,043		1,953,517	1,927,746	2,231,634
Surplus (deficit) – Superávit (déficit)		(65,934)		(152,163)	(182,700)	-

TABLE 2. IDCP: Detailed expenses, 2008 (\$).

TABLA 2. PICD: Detalle de gastos, 2008 (\$).

A	Observers	1,392,350	Travel—Viajes	67,062
	Observadores		Salaries and benefits—Sueldos y prestaciones	1,267,358
			Equipment, forms, misc—Equipo, formularios, misc	25,542
			Training—Entrenamiento	32,388
C	Observer Program direct costs (part) Costos directos del Programa de Observadores (porción)	287,152	Rent & storage (exc. utilities)—Alquiler y almacenamiento (exc. Servicios públicos)	13,734
			Telephone—Teléfono	10,566
			Internet services—Servicio de Internet	1,561
			Utilities—Servicios públicos	5,148
			Materials & supplies—Materiales y pertrechos	5,725
			Furniture & equipment—Muebles y equipo	180
			Equipment repair & maintenance—Reparación y mantenimiento de equipo	2,288
			Postage—Franqueo	11,140
			Printing & reproduction—Imprenta y copiado	757
			Travel, Meals & entertainment—Viajes, Sustento y entretenimiento	11,068
			Vehicle (use and maintenance)—Vehículos (uso y mantenimiento).	17,138
			Contract labor—Mano de obra por contrato	169,675
			Contract labor (taxes)-- Mano de obra por contrato (impuestos)	8,966
			Legal & professional fees—Honorarios legales y profesionales	4,975
			Property insurance—Seguros de propiedad	878
			Vehicle insurance—Seguros de vehículos	5,658
Tax, license, fees & permits—Impuestos, licencias, cuotas y permisos	2,695			
Vehicle & other capital purchase-Vehículo y otra compra capital	15,000			
B	IATTC scientific staff (part) Personal de sede de la CIAT (porción)	739,620		
G	IATTC administration staff (part) Administración CIAT (porción)	346,404	Gross wages—Sueldos brutos	844,045
			FICA taxes—Impuestos de seguro social	58,226
			Retirement plan—Plan de retiro	108,448
			Group insurance—Seguro colectivo	75,305
	Subtotal	1,086,024		
E	Travel related to net alignments Viajes relacionados con alineamientos de la red	3,940		
F	Travel related to seminars for captains and crew Viajes relacionados con cursos de entrenamiento para capitanes y tripulantes	-		
H	AIDCP direct costs Costos directos del APICD	11,782		
I	Travel related to Meetings of Parties and other AIDCP meetings Viajes relacionados con Reuniones de las Partes y otras del APICD	50,169		

TABLE 3: IATTC staff time dedicated to AIDCP activities, 2008.

TABLA 3: Tiempo del personal de la CIAT dedicado a actividades del APICD, 2008.

B. Scientific staff (part) -- Personal científico (parte): \$739,620			%
Scientific staff Personal científico	Chief Scientist Científico Principal	Meeting preparation and attendance – Reuniones: preparación y asistencia	10
		Captain seminars – Seminarios de capitanes	11
		Correspondence — Correspondencia	24
		Database reporting – Informes sobre bases de datos	5
		Total	50
2 staff-personas	Statistical analyses of observer data – Análisis estadísticos de datos de observadores	5	
	Preparation of documents for meetings – Preparación de documentos para reuniones	4	
	Total	9	
Secretarial Secretaria	1 staff-persona	Secretarial support—Apoyo de secretaría	59
Observer and data management Manejo de observadores y datos	12 staff-personas	Captain seminars – Seminarios de capitanes	1
		Trial sets – Lances de prueba	2
		Observer database maintenance and reporting – Mantenimiento de base de datos de observadores e informes	30
		Meeting preparation and attendance – Reuniones: preparación y asistencia	4
		Maintenance of tuna tracking and dolphin safe systems – Mantenimiento de sistemas de seguimiento de atún y <i>dolphin safe</i>	2
		Observer training, management, and field manual – Observadores: entrenamiento, manejo y manual	13
		Correspondence—Correspondencia	7
		Data entry – Captura de datos	14
		IRP database (captains, infractions) – Base de datos del PIR (capitanes, infracciones)	8
		Total	80
G. Administrative staff -- Personal administrativo: \$346,404			
Director			28
Policy Política	2 staff-personas	Correspondence—Correspondencia	18
		Meeting preparation and attendance – Reuniones: preparación y asistencia	12
		Preparation of minutes – Preparación de actas	7
		Dolphin Safe issues – Asuntos <i>dolphin safe</i>	5
		Miscellaneous, including implementation of resolutions (tuna tracking plans; non-party and other compliance issues; etc.) – Miscelánea, incluye instrumentación de resoluciones (planes de seguimiento de atún, cumplimiento por no partes y otras cuestiones de cumplimiento, etc)	5
		Total	47
Computer support staff Personal de apoyo en informática	3 staff-personas	Maintenance of computer hardware and operating system – Mantenimiento de computadores y sistema operativo	14
		Web site and illustrations – Sitio de internet y gráficas	7
		Database programming – Programación de bases de datos	8
		Others – Otros	1
		Total	30
Editing and translation Redacción y traducción	2 staff-personas	Preparation of correspondence and documents – Preparación de correspondencia y documentos	28
Support services not charged to the AIDCP – Servicios de apoyo no cobrados al APICD			
Accounting and personnel Contabilidad y personal	2 staff-personas		
Director's secretaries Secretarias del Director	2 staff-personas		