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**ALLOCATION SCHEMES FOR BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS USED BY
OTHER TUNA COMMISSIONS**

**1. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNA
(ICCAT)**

The Madrid Protocol, which is in force since March 2005 will be used for the calculation of the 2006 and subsequent budget contributions. This scheme divides the Contracting Parties into four groups (essentially based on classification of market economies and per capita GNP, and on tuna catch and canned production), with every Contracting Party in each group being assigned a portion of the Commission's total budget. The intent of this scheme is to reduce the financial burden on less developed countries. The budget calculation scheme is summarized as follows:

- US\$1,000 for the basic Commission fee and US\$1,000 for each Panel membership.
- Group D countries are assigned [0.25] percent of the budget.
- Group C countries are assigned [1.0] percent of the budget.
- Group B countries are assigned [3.0] percent of the budget.
- Group A countries are assigned the percentage of the Budget remaining after assignment to the other three Groups.

Notes:

Group A: Countries with developed market economies.

Group B: Countries not included in Group A, with per capita GNP exceeding [US\$2,000] (adjusted to 1991 dollar values) and with combined tuna catch and canning exceeding [5,000 MT].

Group C: Countries not included in Groups A or B, with per capita GNP exceeding [US\$2,000] or whose combined catch and canned production exceeds [5,000 MT];

Group D: Countries not included in Groups A, B or C.

The US dollar amounts and MT amounts in [] are variables, which may be modified, by Commission decision.

2. INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION (IOTC)

Scheme for calculation of contributions to the administrative budget of the commission

The funding of the Commission comes from contributions of Contracting Parties. The Scheme of Contributions described below was adopted at the First Special Session of the Commission in 1997.

1. Ten percent of the total budget of the Commission shall be divided equally among all the Members.
2. Ten percent of the total budget shall be divided equally among the Members having fishing operations in the Area targeting species covered by the Commission.

3. Forty percent of the total budget shall be allocated among the Members on the basis of per caput GNP for the calendar year three years before the year to which the contributions relate, weighted according to the economic status of the Members in accordance with the World Bank classification as follows and subject to change in the classification thresholds: high income Members shall be weighted by the factor of 8; middle income Members by the factor of 2; low-income Members by the factor of 0.

Forty percent of the total budget shall be allocated among the Members in proportion to their average catch in the three calendar years beginning with the year five years before the year to which the contributions relate, weighted by a coefficient reflecting their development status. The coefficient of OECD members and EC shall be 1, and the coefficient of other Members shall be one-fifth.

3. WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (WCPFC)

5.2 Each member of the Commission shall contribute to the budget in accordance with the following formula determined according to article 18, paragraph 2, of the Convention:

- (a) a 10 per cent base fee divided in equal shares between all members of the Commission;
- (b) a 20 per cent national wealth component based upon an equal weighting of proportional gross national income (calculated on a three-year average) per capita and proportional gross national income (calculated on a three-year average); and
- (c) a 70 per cent fish production component based upon a three-year average of the total catches taken within exclusive economic zones and in areas beyond national jurisdiction in the Convention Area of all the stocks covered by the Convention for which data are available (including the main target tuna species, as well as the four main billfish species (black marlin, blue marlin, striped marlin and swordfish)), subject to a discount factor of 0.4 being applied to the catches taken within the EEZ of a member of the Commission which is a developing State or territory by vessels flying the flag of that member.