



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea
Turtles
7th Conference of the Parties
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IAC Finances 2015 - 2017

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 7TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:

1. Adopt the 2015, 2016 and 2017 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 II.
3. Recognize that countries have different abilities to make financial contributions.



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ANNEX I

IAC July 2015-2017 Budget (Amounts in US\$)			
Items	2015	2016	2017
1- Staff	159,544	164,433	169,496
Secretary <i>Pro Tempore</i> (base salary \$84,406 - 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)	139,544	144,433	149,496
IAC Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i> Technical assistant full time estimated cost	20,000	20,000	20,000
2- Other Professional Services	4,000	4,000	4,000
Translations			
3- Communications	2,000	2,000	2,000
Website/ Computer Software			
4- Travel	10,000	10,000	10,000
5- IAC Meeting Support	70,000	64,000	74,000
Scientific Committee *	40,000	38,000	38,000
Consultative Committee of Experts **		26,000	6,000
Conference of the Parties ***	30,000		30,000
Subtotal	245,544	244,433	259,496
6- Overhead Costs (12%) ****	33,483	33,332	35,386
TOTAL	279,027	277,765	294,882

* Budget for 2015-2017 for the Scientific Committee is estimated based on the attendance of 20 participants. As recommended by COP6 in order to decrease these costs, the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* will ask IAC Focal Points if they could help cover the attendance costs of their delegates in Scientific Committee meetings.



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** Budget estimated for 2017 for the Consultative Committee of Experts is for a meeting held by video-conference/teleconference (before the COP). The values estimated for 2016 is for in-person meeting where IAC Funds will cover for the attendance expenses of 13 participants (9 Sectorial members and Secretariat). As recommended by COP6, the IAC *Pro Tempore* Secretariat will ask the sectorial members if their organizations could help cover the cost of their attendance in Consultative Committee of Experts meetings.

*** Includes COP7 budget for 2015 (approved by COP6) and proposed COP8 budget for 2017.

**** 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-COP7-2015-Inf.2) is renewed at the COP when the IAC budget is approved.

Additional Funds raised by IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore*

From 2013 to 2014, the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* had submitted and was awarded two grants from the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund (MTCF) of the USFWS for a total of US\$92,700. These funds were used to help meet the requirements of the budgets approved by the COP and implementation of sea turtle conservation projects in IAC Parties (Chile, Guatemala and Argentina). The funds were an important contribution in addition to the amounts received as country contributions, which allowed us to meet our budget requirements.

In addition to this the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* in 2013 also was awarded a grant from the CITES Secretariat in the amount of US\$15,592 for the project: Update on the Conservation Status of Hawksbills turtles *Eretmochelys imbricata* in the Wider Caribbean and Western Atlantic.

Below is a general break down of how the funds were used to date:

- MTCF Grant awarded in June 2014 (US\$57,500) covered partially expenses of the following IAC needs and meetings:

IAC Assistant: US\$13,760 for part time salary.

CCE7 Meeting (2014): US\$12,456 this includes: travel for sectorial delegates, interpreter/translation costs and travel for 3 country delegates as provided for in the IAC Delegate Travel Support Resolution.

SC11 Meeting (2014): US\$2,854 this includes interpreter Spanish /English services.



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COP7 Meeting (2015): US\$6,314 to cover partially attendance expenses for 4 country delegates as provided for in the IAC Delegate Travel Support Resolution and simultaneous translation expenses.

Capacity building in IAC Countries: US\$4,000 was used to support activities for sea turtle conservation in Argentina and Guatemala.

Administrative expenses NMSE: \$5,750 based of the total amount received

The remaining balance as of June 2015: \$12,366 this grant is still in execution

- MTCF Grant IAC- Chile awarded in 2014 provided US\$35,200 in funds for the project titled: Characterization of Fishing gear that has an impact on the capture of Eastern Pacific Leatherback turtles in artisanal fisheries in Chile. The Chilean government contributed matching funds of US\$7,338.
- Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) (CITES –Project No. S-428) concluded between the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and IAC Secretariat for the project: Update on the Conservation Status of Hawksbills turtles *Eretmochelys imbricata* in the Wider Caribbean and Western Atlantic in the amount of US\$15,592 provided funds for consultant to prepare the study, translation to Spanish, and graphic design of document.



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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 2015 budget adopted in Mexico, the budget for 2016 and 2017; 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, COP6 Ecuador and COP7 in Mexico;

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 2015 presented in Mexico 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].

ANNEX III

IAC Contributions Goals for 2015	
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.