



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and
Conservation of Sea Turtles
Ninth Conference of the Parties
June 12-14th, 2019 – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

CIT-COP9-2019-R3

IAC Finances 2019 - 2021

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-R2 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;

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

1. Adopt 2019, 2020 and 2021 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

IAC 2019-2021 Budget (Amounts in US\$)			
Items	2019	2020	2021
1- Staff	162,176	167,152	172,302
Secretary <i>Pro Tempore</i> * (base salary \$91,728 - depends on host country, in this case, USA- and costs for dental, health insurance, retirement, cost of contracting agency, and 3.5% annual increase in the cost of living)	142,176	147,152	152,302
IAC Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i> Technical assistant full time estimated cost	20,000	20,000	20,000
2- Other Professional Services	17,700	3,000	3,000
Translations	2,300		
Contract for IAC Online Reporting System	15,400		
3- Communications	2,300	3,000	3,000
Website Maintenance/ Computer /Software		2,300	2,300
Maintenance IAC Online Reporting System		700	700
4- Travel	10,000	10,000	10,000
5- IAC Meeting Support	57,000	60,000	60,000
Scientific Committee (SC)**	34,000	34,000	34,000
Consultative Committee of Experts (CCE)***	3,000	26,000	6,000
Conference of the Parties (COP)	20,000		20,000
Subtotal	249,176	243,152	248,302
6- Overhead Costs (12%) ****	29,901	29,178	29,796
TOTAL	279,077	272,330	278,098

*Budget based on the contract for the Secretary *Pro Tempore* with Ocean Associates Inc. as decided at COP9.

**Budget for the SC based on funding (airfare, lodging, and meals) for 20 participants.

*** Budget for 2019 for the CCE is for a meeting held via videoconference (before the COP). The values for 2020 are for an 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 via videoconference depending on funds available.

**** Administrative services provided by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) for a value of 12% as stated in MOU between IAC COP and NMSF signed at COP8 (CIT-COP8-2017-Inf.2).



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ANNEX II

Invoice for financial contribution

In accordance with:

1. The financial rules (CIT-COPE1-2007-R2) adopted in 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 2019 budget adopted in the Dominican Republic, the budget for 2020 and 2021; 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, COP7 in Mexico, COP8 in Argentina, and COP9 in the Dominican Republic;

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

Future Contributions

In accordance with the budget for 2019 presented in the Dominican Republic, 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

IAC Contributions Goals for 2019	
Member Country	Contribution Goal¹
Argentina	\$2,000
Belize	\$3,500
Brazil	\$7,056
Costa Rica	\$2,000
Chile	\$8,000
Dominican Republic	\$2,000
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	\$136,137

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