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ACRONYMS

ABNJ	Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
CLAV	Consolidated List of Active Vessels
CMM	Conservation and Management Measure (of the IOTC; Resolutions and Recommendations)
CNCP	Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties
CoC	Compliance Committee, of the IOTC
CPCs	Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties
CSM	Compliance Support Mission
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICRU	Improved Cost Recovery Uplift
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
MPF	Meeting Participation Fund
MSE	Management Strategy Evaluation
PSC	Project Servicing Costs
SC	Scientific Committee of the IOTC
SCAF	Standing Committee on Administration and Finance, of the IOTC

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Executive summary

The 17th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was held by correspondence from 25 September to 6 October 2020. Credentials were received for 89 delegates, comprising of 80 delegates from 19 Contracting Parties (Members), and 9 invited experts. The meeting was Chaired by the SCAF Chairperson, Mr Hussain Sinan (Maldives).

The following recommendations were made to the Commission.

Contributions Outstanding

The SCAF **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission address the issue of the annual budget being significantly reduced every year due to long-term non-payment of contributions by certain Members (para 22).

Programme of Work and Budget Estimates for 2020 and tentatively for 2021

The SCAF **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the Programme of Work and Budget and the scheme of contributions for 2021 and 2022 (indicative) as outlined in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5, respectively, while **NOTING** that the Program of Work for the IOTC Secretariat is based on the assumption that the nature and extent of the activities undertaken by the IOTC Secretariat will remain within the current scope. Any new activities agreed to during the 24th Session of the Commission (S24) that have budgetary consequences, will require an amendment of the figures (para 37).

Opening of the Session

1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 17th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF17) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was held by correspondence. The meeting involved the distribution of the normal SCAF documents, an annotated agenda (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-01c) and a Meeting Response Document (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-MRD). The latter of these documents was distributed to credentialed Heads of Delegations on 25 September 2020 and the collection of interventions was closed at midnight on 6 October 2020.
2. The SCAF Chairperson was Mr Hussain Sinan (Maldives).
3. The Agenda for the meeting (finalised by correspondence on 20 September) is provided in [Appendix 1](#). The documents presented to the SCAF are listed in [Appendix 2](#).

1. Credentials and Admission of observers

4. Credentials were received for 89 delegates, comprising of 80 delegates from 19 Contracting Parties (Members), and 9 invited experts. The list of participants is provided in [Appendix 3](#).
5. In accordance with Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), Invited Experts from Taiwan, Province of China attended the meeting.

2. Report of the IOTC Secretariat on 2019

6. The SCAF **NOTED** document IOTC–2020–SCAF17–03 which outlined the activities of the Secretariat in 2019 that covered its support to scientific and compliance activities; communications, support to meetings; information technology; and administration.

3. Financial Statements

3.1 Financial statement: Fiscal year 2019

7. The SCAF **NOTED** paper IOTC–2020–SCAF17–04 which provided the financial statements for the Commission for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.
8. The SCAF **NOTED** the total of contributions due in 2019 for the 2019 budget was (US)\$4,270,341, and that as of 31 December 2019, a total of \$3,990,829 had been received. The SCAF further **NOTED** the total of contributions received in 2019 also included outstanding contributions due from years prior to 2019. Therefore, the difference between the amount of the contributions due for the 2019 budget year and the contributions received (\$279,513) does not necessarily reflect the diligence of members paying their contributions in a timely fashion.
9. The SCAF **NOTED** that out of the total budget of \$4,270,341 the Commission spent (actuals) \$3,368,376. The level of under expenditure from the budget amounted to a total of \$901,965 and was mainly due to under-spending in staff costs
10. The SCAF **NOTED** the establishment of the Working Capital Fund under the IOTC Financial Regulation (2019) and its role in providing a transparent financial buffer when contributions are not received by the start of the financial year. The SCAF further **NOTED** that the unspent budget in 2019 was allocated to the Working Capital Fund
11. The SCAF **NOTED** that extra-budgetary funds continue to be an important part of the overall budget. The Commission received extra-budgetary contributions from Australia (\$26,337), China (\$20,000) and the European Union (\$1,081,609) in 2019.

3.2 Contributions Outstanding

12. The SCAF **NOTED** the information presented in document IOTC–2020–SCAF17–05_Rev1 on the contributions outstanding.
13. The SCAF **NOTED** the cumulative total of outstanding contribution payments has increased by around 9%, from \$2,889,010 as of 31 December 2018, to \$3,162,341 as of 31 December 2019.

14. The SCAF also **NOTED** that as of 31 December 2019, 10 Members had outstanding contributions totalling \$2,933,133 (excluding ex-Members).
15. The SCAF **NOTED** the actions being taken by the Secretariat and FAO to attempt to obtain the outstanding contributions.
16. The SCAF **NOTED** the range of difficulties being faced by some Members regarding payment of their contributions. However, the SCAF stressed the importance of timely payment of contributions to ensure the effective functioning of the Commission and encouraged Members to consider working with FAO and the Secretariat to pay the outstanding contributions on a pre-arranged schedule.
17. The SCAF **NOTED** that contributions from Sri Lanka are in the process of payment and that FAO will receive them within the year.
18. The SCAF **NOTED** the statement made by Comoros on its outstanding contributions ([Appendix 4](#)).
19. The SCAF **REQUESTED** all Members with outstanding contributions to provide the Commission, at S24, with an update on the status of their payments.
20. The SCAF **NOTED** with concern that some Members have long histories of non-payment of contributions and this results in the annual budget being effectively reduced by around \$350,000 per year; in particular:
 - three Member countries (Eritrea, Sudan and Yemen) have a history of non-payment, however a partial payment was received from Sudan of \$162,600 in 2019.
 - the I.R. of Iran continues to face difficulties submitting its contributions and no contributions were received from Iran in 2019. Iran was responsible for around 46% of the total outstanding contributions as of 31 December 2019.
21. The SCAF **REQUESTED** Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen and Iran to urgently work with FAO and the Secretariat to address the outstanding contributions
22. The SCAF **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission address the issue of the annual budget being significantly reduced every year due to long-term non-payment of contributions by certain Members.
23. The SCAF **NOTED** that three ex-Members (Belize, Guinea and Vanuatu) left IOTC owing contributions totalling \$229,209 — equating to 7% of the outstanding contributions as of 31 December 2019, and the Secretariat has been unsuccessful in recovering these dues up until now. The SCAF **REQUESTED** the secretariat to continue to work with FAO to recover the dues.

3.3 IOTC Meeting Participation Fund

24. The SCAF **NOTED** document IOTC–2020–SCAF17–06 which provides past and present details of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF).
25. The SCAF **NOTED** the importance of extra-budgetary contributions in meeting the current demand for the MPF and **ACKNOWLEDGED** the extra contributions to the MPF received from China (\$20,000) and Australia (\$26,337) in 2019.
26. The SCAF also **NOTED** that the current allocation of MPF funding to scientific (75%) and non-scientific (25%) as per the IOTC rules of Procedure XVI.5 may not reflect current requirements, and **AGREED** to reassess this at SCAF18, noting that any formal change in this rule will require a change in the IOTC Rules of Procedure.
27. Recalling that a core exclusion criterion for the MPF is being in arrears of financial contributions to the Commission, the SCAF **NOTED** the definition of ‘arrears’ will henceforth pertain to that described in the IOTC Financial Regulations (2019) and the dates specified by the Commission.

3.4 Mid-term financial report 2020

28. The SCAF **NOTED** the mid-term financial report 2020 provided in document IOTC-2020-SCAF17-09.

4. Programme of Work and Budget Estimates for 2021 and tentatively for 2022

4.1 Programme of Work and Budget

29. The SCAF **NOTED** document IOTC–2020–SCAF17–07 which outlined the budget estimates for the IOTC Secretariat’s Program of Work for the financial period 1 January to 31 December 2021, together with indicative figures for the 2022 financial period.
30. The SCAF **NOTED** that the overall budget amount proposed for the Administrative Budget for 2021 is US\$ 4,221,458 and is based on IOTC’s normal operations and any updated instructions from the Commission. The SCAF also **NOTED** proposed 2021 budget represents a 3% decrease from the corresponding 2020 budget.
31. The SCAF **NOTED** that the budget for Employer Contributions (pension fund contributions, health insurance premiums and entitlements) estimated for 2021 was 13.2% higher than that estimated for 2020. The Secretariat informed the SCAF that the final 2020 figure is not yet known (and may increase or decrease). Moreover, Employer contributions are calculated solely by FAO using information derived from all FAO employees. Because they are subject to changes in UN and/or FAO staff rules, policies, insurance premiums etc, the cost of Employer contributions varies from year to year and is difficult for the IOTC Secretariat to estimate accurately. The 2021 budgeted figures related to employer contributions were estimated using the most recent data (actual costs to date in 2020). Using ‘year-prior’ information has been found to be the most accurate method for budget preparation.
32. The SCAF **REQUESTED** the Secretariat to provide SCAF18 with more information on how employer contributions are derived by FAO.
33. The Executive Secretary informed the SCAF that the (P4) Science Coordinator position is currently not required as the anticipated work for this position is being covered by the science team with support from the Administrative Officer.
34. The SCAF **ENDORSED** the deferral of the recruitment of the Scientific Coordinator on the understanding that this will not affect the ability of the Secretariat to deliver its scientific services, and will be subject to review.
35. The SCAF also **ENDORSED** the reclassification of the staff category of the IOTC Administration Officer to P4 considering the broader role and greater skills and experience expected for covering the project management and administrative aspects of the Scientific Coordinator’s role. The SCAF **NOTED** that the Administration Officer position would be advertised after its reclassification.
36. The SCAF **AGREED** on an Administrative Budget for 2020 of US\$ 4,221,458 ([Appendix 5](#)). The SCAF also **AGREED** on the corresponding revised table of contributions ([Appendix 6](#)).
37. The SCAF **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the Programme of Work and Budget and the scheme of contributions for 2021 and 2022 (indicative) as outlined in [Appendix 5](#) and [Appendix 6](#), respectively, while **NOTING** that the Program of Work for the IOTC Secretariat is based on the assumption that the nature and extent of the activities undertaken by the IOTC Secretariat will remain within the current scope. Any new activities agreed to during the 24th Session of the Commission (S24) that have budgetary consequences, will require an amendment of the figures.

4.2 Letter from Seychelles regarding contributions

38. The SCAF **NOTED** document IOTC-2020-SCAF17-08 relating to a request from the Government of Seychelles, made at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, seeking a waiver of the payment of its IOTC contributions. The SCAF **THANKED** Seychelles for the effort it made to pay its 2020 contributions in full prior to SCAF17.
39. The SCAF **NOTED** with concern that granting waivers of future contributions would result in a budget deficit and could undermine the operational ability of the Commission.

5. Finalisation of the IOTC Financial Regulations (2019)

40. The SCAF was tasked to recommend two dates to be included in Annex Reg. 5 of the IOTC Financial Regulations, namely: the latest date contributions should be paid in each budget year; and the date, in a budget year, when un-paid contributions will be in ‘arrears’.

41. During the meeting SCAF Members nominated the below date combinations; however, owing to the online meeting format, it was not possible to determine a consensus recommendation on a way forward, and therefore no recommendation on these dates was made to the Commission.

Number of proponents	The latest date contributions should be paid in each budget year.	The date, in a budget year, when un-paid contributions will be in 'arrears'.
3	1 March	2 March
1	30 June	30 October
1	30 June	31 December
1	Not later than June	As of June (June 1)
1	By the end of the first semester or early Q2	

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Election of the SCAF Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

42. Given the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SCAF **AGREED** to extend the respective tenures of the SCAF Chairpersons and Vice-Chairperson until the conclusion of SCAF18.
43. The SCAF **THANKED** Mr Sinan and Mr Khan for their willingness to continue their services to the SCAF.

6.2 Date and place of the Sessions of the SCAF

44. The SCAF **THANKED** the Government of Indonesia for its generous offer to host the SCAF and associated meetings in 2020 and reiterated its understanding and support to the Director General of Capture Fisheries of the decision to cancel the physical meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
45. The SCAF **ACKNOWLEDGED** the limitations of holding SCAF17 solely by correspondence; in particular, the inability to interact real time during the meeting. Some Members proposed that, if a physical meeting is not possible in 2021, a combination of a correspondence phase prior to a video-conference might be more efficient.

7. Adoption of the report

46. The report of the 17th Session of the IOTC Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (IOTC–2020–SCAF17–R) was **ADOPTED** by correspondence on 13 October 2020.

APPENDIX 1**AGENDA FOR 17TH SESSION STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Date: 25 September - 6 October 2020

Location: By correspondence

Procedure: Refer to [IOTC Circular 2020-31](#)

Chairperson: Mr Hussain Sinan (Maldives) **Vice-Chairperson:** Mr Muhammad Farhan Khan (Pakistan)

1. **LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS / ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**
2. **REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON 2019** (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-03)
3. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
 - 3.1 Financial Statement: Fiscal Year 2019 (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-04)
 - 3.2 Contributions Outstanding (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-05_Rev1)
 - 3.3 IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-06)
 - 3.4 Mid term financial report 2020 (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-09)
4. **PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2021**
 - 4.1 Programme of work and budget (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-07)
 - 4.2 Letter from Seychelles regarding contributions (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-08)
5. **FINALISATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC FINANCIAL REGULATIONS** (IOTC-2020-SCAF17-10)
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 Election of the SCAF Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
 - 6.2 Date and place of the next Session
7. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF SCAF17**

APPENDIX 2
LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Documents are available on the IOTC SCAF17 meeting page [[click here](#)]

Document	Title
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-01a	Draft agenda for SCAF17.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-01b	Final agenda for SCAF17.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-01c	Annotated agenda for SCAF17.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-02	List of documents.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-03	Report of the IOTC Secretariat on the year 2019.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-04	Financial Statement for 2019.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-05	Contributions Outstanding.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-06	IOTC Meeting Participation Fund
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-07	Provisional Program of work and budget for 2021 (and Indicative Budget for 2022).
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-08	Letter from Seychelles regarding contributions.
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-09	Mid-term financial report 2020
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-10	Finalisation of the IOTC Financial Regulations (2019)
IOTC-2020-SCAF17-MRD	Meeting Response Document for SCAF17

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APPENDIX 4
STATEMENT FROM COMOROS

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MINISTRE DE L'AGRICULTURE,
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DIRECTION GENERALE
DES RESSOURCES HALIEUTIQUES

LE CHEF DE LA DELEGATION COMORIENNE

Moroni, le 05 Octobre 2020

N°20/20/MAPE/DGRH/CDC

Head of the Comorian delegation

Moroni, 5th October 2020

To
IOTC Executive Secretary
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STATEMENT BY THE COMOROS

The Union of the Comoros has noted its outstanding contribution as well as its contribution for 2020.

Following the interventions made by the Comorian delegate at the 23th Session held in Hyderabad regarding the Comoros contributions that have been increased from \$33,000 to \$75,000 per year, the Union of the Comoros continues to make efforts to fulfil its commitments to our organization.

Considering the financial and budgetary constraints faced by the Union of the Comoros, it would be advisable that the agreed contribution be reviewed for the Union of the Comoros to fulfil its commitments to our organization.

I don't think the Union of the Comoros is the only member facing difficulties in fulfilling its contributions which exceed its financial and budgetary capacities, particularly in the situation related to the COVID that further undermines the country economy following the development initiatives taken at national level. When looking at other countries' arrears and contributions, it can be noted that some countries make some efforts to pay their contributions while theirs arrears increase yearly. These arrears are going to increase to the point where these countries are unable to pay these amounts, and these countries will have to leave our organization for their failure to pay their contributions, which is not good for us and our Indian Ocean region. It should be recalled that the priority for this management organization is in the first place to manage the resources in the region prior to any other country.

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APPENDIX 5

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021 AND INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR 2022 (IN US\$)

		Actuals 2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Staff costs				
1.1	Professional				
	Executive Secretary (D1)	184,203	185,095	194,790	198,686
	<i>Science</i>				
	Science Manager (P5)	135,122	135,319	145,468	148,377
	Science Coordinator (P4)	-	0	0	0
	Stock Assessment Expert (P4)	116,706	117,749	124,533	127,023
	Fishery Officer (Science P3)	52,423	104,852	96,943	98,882
	<i>Compliance</i>				
	Compliance Manager (P5)	-	135,319	140,197	143,001
	Compliance Coordinator (P4)	125,599	125,113	132,158	134,802
	Compliance Officer (P3)	123,838	125,381	129,899	132,497
	Fishery Officer (P1)	54,910	57,497	61,351	62,578
	<i>Data</i>				
	Data Coordinator (P4)	123,602	120,503	129,836	132,433
	Statistician (P3)	81,297	107,201	96,943	98,882
	<i>Admin.</i>				
	Administrative Officer (P3/P4)	117,436	118,378	124,960	127,460
1.2	General Service				
	Administrative Assistant	21,206	18,643	21,222	21,647
	Office Associate	16,761	13,749	17,327	17,673
	Database Assistant	21,826	19,213	21,871	22,309
	Office Assistant	-	13,746	12,448	12,697
	Driver	11,567	10,169	11,576	11,807
	Overtime	1,901	5,100	5,100	5,202
	Total Salary Costs	1,188,398	1,413,027	1,466,622	1,495,954
1.3	Employer Pension and Health	324,006	386,021	417,773	426,128
1.4	Employer FAO Entitlement Fund	577,309	644,315	748,437	763,406
1.5	Adjustment entitlement fund	1,756			
1.6	Improved Cost Recovery Uplift	60,692	70,858	76,352	77,879
	Total Staff Costs	2,152,161	2,514,220	2,709,184	2,763,368
2	Operating Expenditures				
2.1	Capacity Building	31,694	40,000	40,000	40,000
2.2	Co-funding Science/Data grants	166,109	188,400	26,700	0
2.3	Co-funding Compliance grants	19,670	0	0	0
2.4	Misc. Contingencies	0	0	0	0
2.5	Consultants/Service Providers	104,550	568,600	597,800	597,800
2.6	Duty travel	149,628	160,000	165,000	165,000
2.7	Meetings	67,913	135,000	145,000	145,000
2.8	Interpretation	124,616	140,000	135,000	135,000
2.9	Translation	101,679	110,000	110,000	110,000
2.10	Equipment	17,822	25,000	25,000	25,000
2.11	General Operating Expenses	48,357	68,000	71,300	71,300
2.12	Printing	0	0	0	0
2.13	Contingencies	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Total OE	832,038	1,445,000	1,325,800	1,299,100
	SUB-TOTAL	2,984,198	3,959,220	4,034,984	4,062,468
3	Additional Contributions Seychelles	0	-20,100	-20,100	-20,100
4	FAO Servicing Costs	134,433	178,165	181,574	182,811
5	Deficit Contingency	-	0		
6	Meeting Participation Fund	246,544	250,000	25,000	250,000
				-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	3,365,175	4,367,285	4,221,458	4,475,179

APPENDIX 6
SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2021 (IN US\$)

Country	World Bank Classification in 2018	OECD Membership	Average catch for 2016-2018 (t)	Base Contribution	Operations Contribution	GNI Contribution	Catch Contribution	Total Contribution (in USD)
Australia	High	Yes	5,398	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$143,709	\$15,480	\$190,396
Bangladesh	Middle	No	498	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$286	\$67,420
China	Middle	No	76,182	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$43,693	\$110,828
Comoros	Middle	No	12,073	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$6,925	\$74,059
Eritrea	Low	No	219	\$13,618	\$0	\$0	\$126	\$13,743
European Union	High	Yes	251,460	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$143,709	\$721,111	\$896,027
France(Terr)	High	Yes	0	\$13,618	\$0	\$143,709	\$0	\$157,327
India	Middle	No	176,739	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$101,367	\$168,501
Indonesia	Middle	No	319,801	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$183,419	\$250,553
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Middle	No	260,960	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$149,671	\$216,805
Japan	High	Yes	14,641	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$143,709	\$41,985	\$216,901
Kenya	Middle	No	2,326	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$1,334	\$68,469
Korea, Rep of	High	Yes	23,262	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$143,709	\$66,709	\$241,625
Madagascar	Low	No	8,569	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$0	\$4,914	\$36,121
Malaysia	Middle	No	21,632	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$12,407	\$79,541
Maldives	Middle	No	138,589	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$79,486	\$146,620
Mauritius	Middle	No	18,199	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$10,438	\$77,572
Mozambique	Low	No	4,655	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$0	\$2,670	\$33,877
Oman	High	No	56,139	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$143,709	\$32,198	\$207,114
Pakistan	Middle	No	86,731	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$49,744	\$116,878
Philippines	Middle	No	81	\$13,618	\$0	\$35,927	\$46	\$49,591
Seychelles	High	No	130,466	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$143,709	\$74,827	\$249,744
Sierra Leone	Low	No	0	\$13,618	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,618
Somalia	Low	No	0	\$13,618	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,618
South Africa	Middle	No	575	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$330	\$67,464
Sri Lanka	Middle	No	101,166	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$58,022	\$125,157
Sudan	Middle	No	34	\$13,618	\$0	\$0	\$19	\$13,637
Tanzania	Low	No	10,373	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$0	\$5,949	\$37,156
Thailand	Middle	No	13,932	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$35,927	\$7,990	\$75,125
United Kingdom(Terr)	High	Yes	4	\$13,618	\$0	\$143,709	\$13	\$157,340
Yemen	Middle	No	30,382	\$13,618	\$17,589	\$0	\$17,425	\$48,632
			Total	422,146	422,146	1,688,583	1,688,583	4,221,458

The World Bank has replaced GNP with gross national income (GNI per capita). GNI more fairly compares nations with widely different populations and standards of living.