

7 FINANCE & RESOURCES



Until ISA has sufficient funds from other sources (e.g., royalties from deep-sea mining) to meet its administrative expenses, those expenses shall be met by assessed contributions of its members. The scale of assessments for this purpose is based on the scale used for the regular budget of the United Nations, adjusted for differences in membership, with a ceiling assessment rate of 22 per cent and a floor assessment rate of 0.01 per cent.

Since 2013, ISA has also applied a system of cost recovery whereby contractors are required to pay an annual overhead charge representing the cost of services provided to them by ISA. As of 2020, these overhead charges represent approximately 20 per cent of ISA revenues.

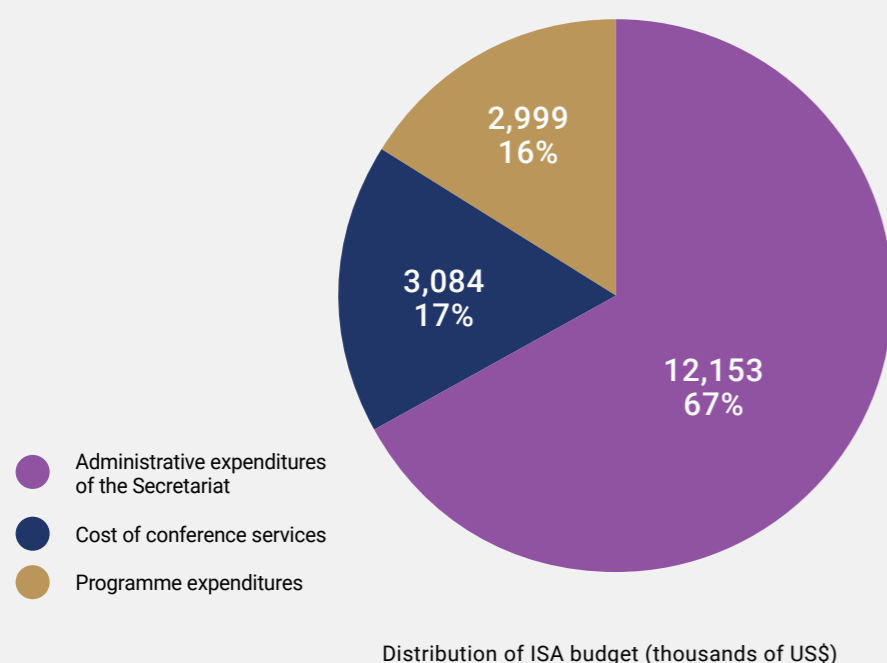
The budget of ISA is divided into two main parts. A general administrative fund covers the costs associated with running the Secretariat as well as

the costs of servicing the meetings of the various organs of ISA. In addition, a series of trust funds and voluntary funds have been established for different purposes, especially to enable the full participation of developing States in the activities of ISA. Besides, ISA has a working capital fund which, as of June 2020, had a balance of \$655,556 against an approved level of \$660,000.

In March 2019, ISA created a multi-donor trust fund for extra-budgetary support to attract voluntary contributions from member States and other donors to pay for non-regular activities or activities not funded by the approved budget. Contributions can be one-off or support multi-year programmes or projects. Funds are to be used in accordance with the terms agreed with the respective donors, including reporting and audit requirements. Since its creation, the fund raised almost US\$900,000 and had a net balance of US\$486,310 as of June 2020.

2019-2020 budget

ISA budget for the financial period 2019–2020 is US\$18,235,850 distributed as per the graphic below.⁷⁰



⁷⁰ ISBA/24/A/11; ISBA/24/A/6 – ISBA/24/C/19.

Voluntary trust funds

Voluntary trust fund for the members of the Legal and Technical Commission and the Finance Committee

The Voluntary Trust Fund to cover the costs of participation of members of the LTC and the FC from developing countries was established in 2002. As of June 2020, the total contributions to the fund over its lifetime amounted to US\$914,464.

Contributions - July 2019/June 2020	
Philippines	2 500
China	20 000
Contractors (NORI, GSR, UKSRL, Marawa, the Government of Poland and DORD)	58 010
Total contributions over the period	80 510
Total contributions over lifetime	914 464
Total funds available as of June 2020	US\$3

Voluntary trust fund for the members of the Council

At its 23rd session in 2017, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary trust fund to support the participation of members of the Council from developing States and ensure inclusive participation.⁷¹

As of June 2020, the total contributions to the fund amounted to US\$87,502 and the remaining balance was US\$20,579.

Contributions - July 2019/June 2020	
NORI	20 000
GSR	20 000
UKSRL	20 000
OMS	20 000
Government of the United Kingdom	7 502
Total contributions	87 502
Total expenditures	66 923
Total funds available	US\$20 579

⁷¹ ISBA/23/A/13.

⁷² ISBA/25/C/16.

Voluntary trust fund for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Enterprise

At the first part of its 25th session, the Council requested the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary trust fund for the purpose of providing the requisite funds related to the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Enterprise.⁷² The fund was created on 1 March 2019. As of June 2020, four contributions had been made totaling US\$31,816 and the remaining balance of the fund was US\$5,968.

Contributions since March 2019	
NORI	10 000
GSR	7 500
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	9 816
Marawa	4 500
Total contributions	31 816
Total expenditures	25 848
Total funds available	US\$5 968

Endowment Fund for Marine Scientific Research in the Area

During 2020 a contribution to the fund was made by the Government of Mexico (US\$10,000).

As of June 2020, the capital of the fund stood at US\$3,513,567. At the same date, a total amount of US\$610,209 had been disbursed from the interest accrued on the capital in the form of awards for projects.

Total capital	3 513 567
Accumulated interest	806 350
Expenditure	610 209
Funds available (interest less expenditure)	US\$212 066

Trust fund for extra-budgetary support

As of June 2020, the fund had a net balance of US\$486,310, including bank charges and interest.

Contributions since March 2019	
Pew Charitable Trusts	40 000
African Development Bank	27 500
Republic of Korea	54 168
KMI	25 000
NORAD	524 069
National Environment Research Council of the UK	10 000
UN DESA	90 000
Government of Monaco	17 000
China	30 000
Ghana	25 000
ICAS	14 988
France	27 02
Total contributions	885 627
Total expenditures as per project agreements including bank charges and interests	399 317
Total available funds (US\$)	US\$486 310

Status of voluntary trust funds as at June 2020

