IAATO and action for Climate Change

IAATO Climate Change Committee 2022 – 2023

IAATO members recognise the threat of global climate change to our planet including Antarctica. In line with IAATO’s mission to advocate and promote the practice of safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic, IAATO members should:

1. Understand our impact
2. Reduce our impact
3. Spread the word

To help achieve these overarching objectives, IAATO Operators committed to the following at the IAATO Annual Meeting in Providence, 2022:

1. The IAATO Pledge

Taking the necessary steps to account for our greenhouse gas emissions;
Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2050 compared with 2008;
Implementing a meaningful climate strategy that includes target setting and allocating resources;
Reaching Net Zero* as soon as possible before 2050

*Net zero emissions are achieved when anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere are balanced by anthropogenic removals over a specified period. (IPCC glossary).

2. Mandatory data submission:

IAATO members operating in Antarctica annually submit the following data:
Fuel consumption for vessels, aircraft and accessory crafts, gateway to gateway, for the full season;
Distance travelled (over ground) in nautical miles for the period, gateway-to-gateway, for applicable craft.

IAATO’s Climate Strategy (included in the IAATO FOM and Member Resources) is a resource for IAATO members to help build their own climate strategy and reach their own climate targets, in addition to any collective targets set by IAATO.