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How we work in 2022

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As Omicron Variant Circles the Globe, African Nations Face Blame and Bans

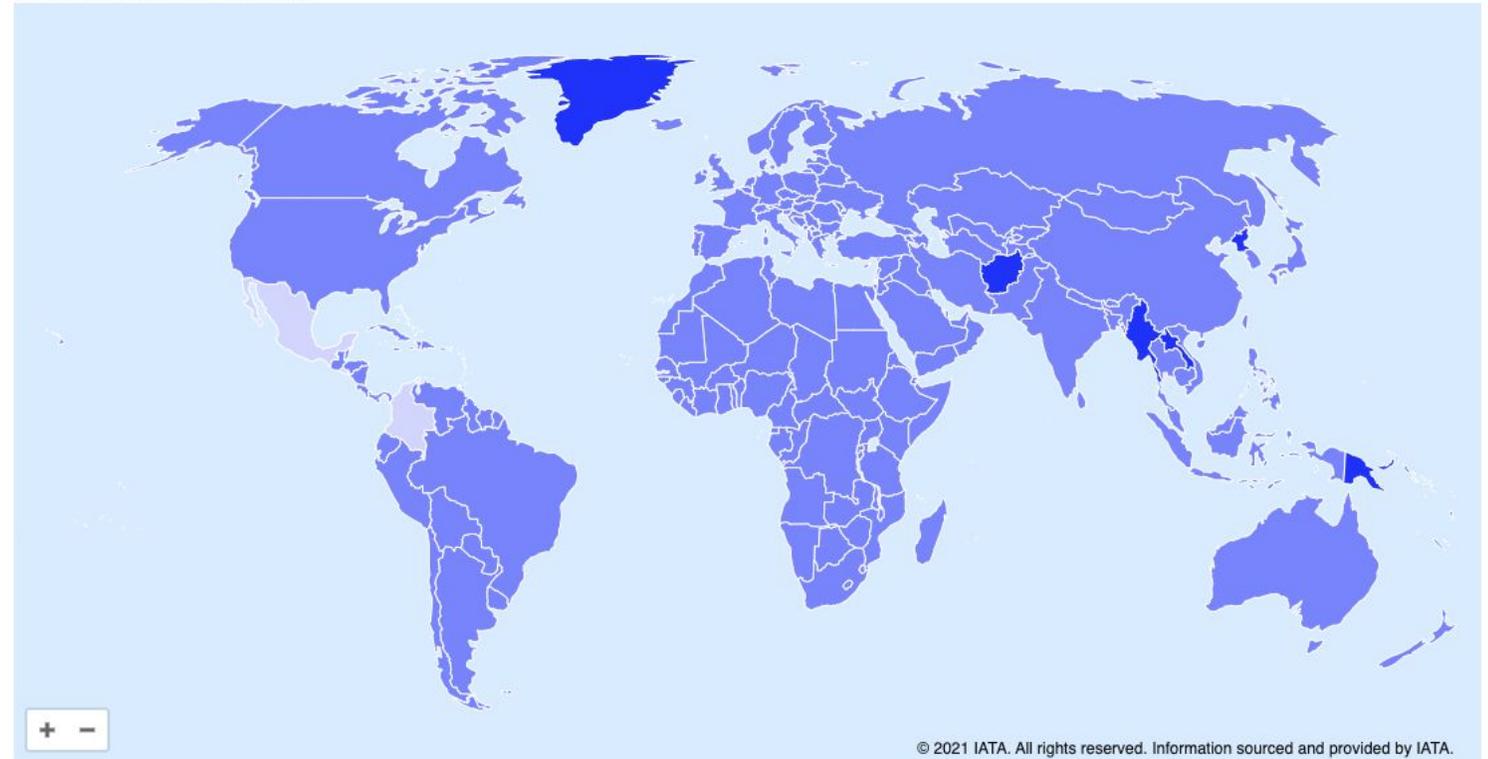
With countries trying to close their doors to the new coronavirus variant, southern African officials note that the West's hoarding of vaccines helped create their struggle in the first place.



“Normal” in international travel seems elusive

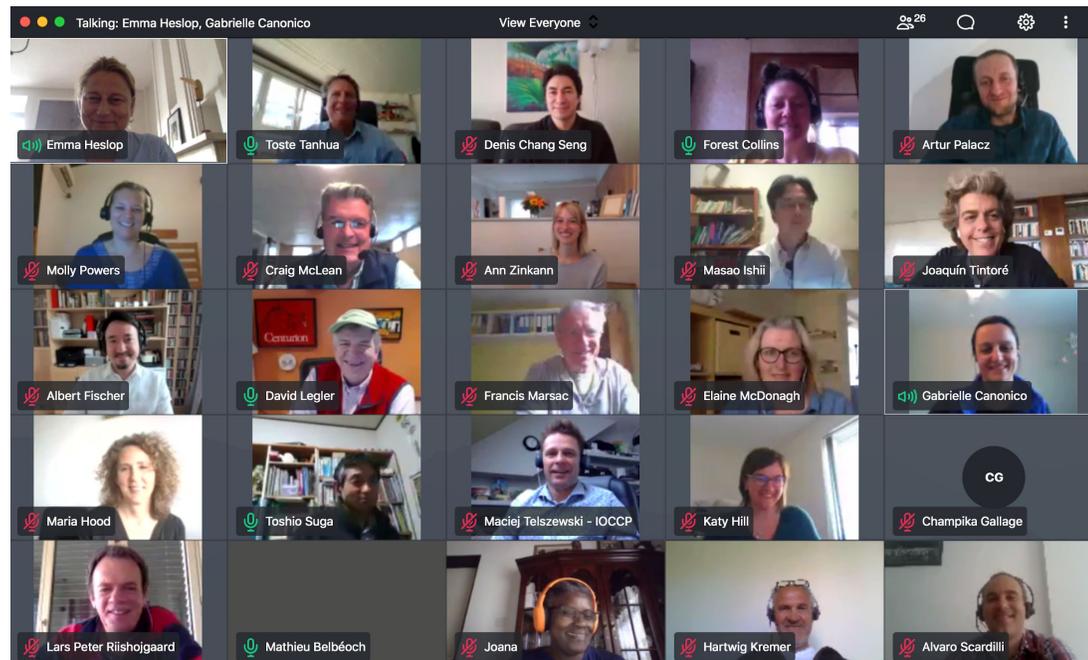
COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map* (powered by Timatic)

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- Totally Restrictive
- Partially Restrictive
- Not Restrictive
- Latest updates currently under review

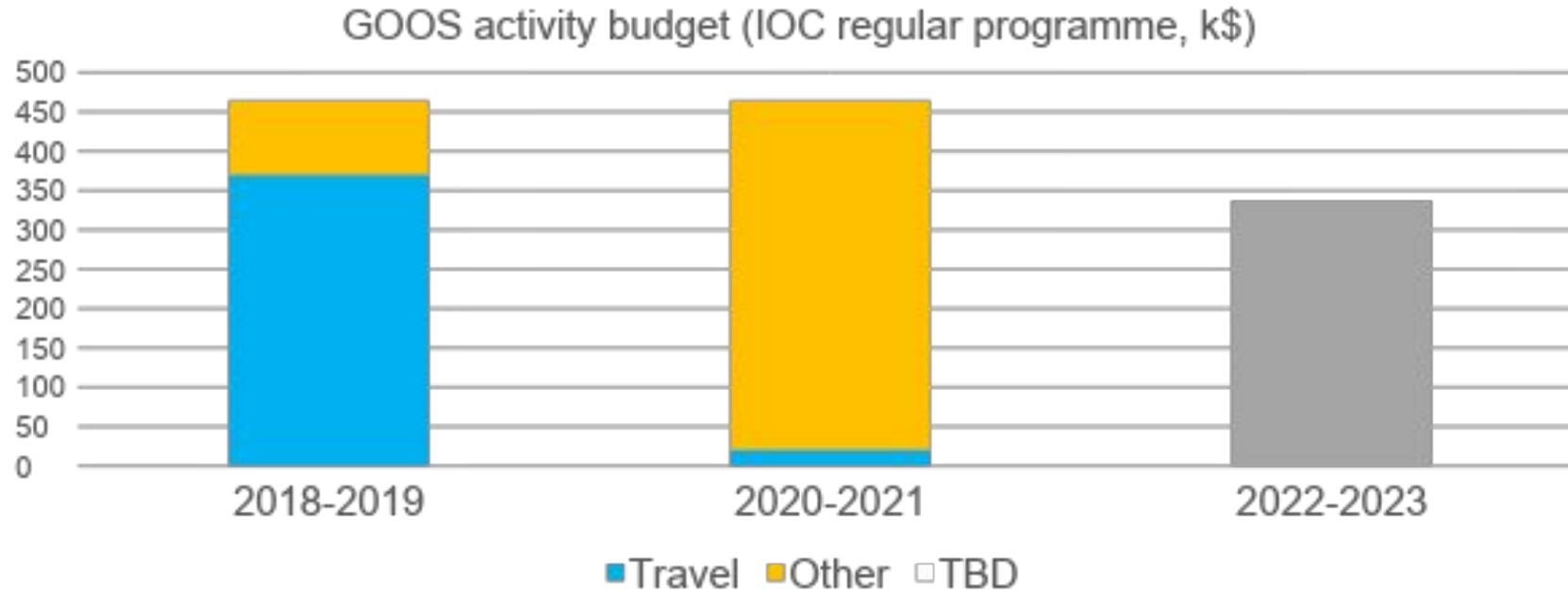
We have learned how to work in new ways



Will hybrid meetings work?

- **best practice on hybrid meetings** is starting to form, mostly based on a business context and those in and out of the office – **emphasis on putting all on an equal footing** (everyone in Zoom)
- hard to make **strategic decisions** as those outside of the room **feel excluded**
- If some people travel and others don't, how do we ensure inclusivity and at the same time make the most of the time of those who did travel?

Our travel and carbon budgets have plunged



...which created an opportunity to spend on people, communications, and fundraising, some committed already for 2022

GOOS Implementation Plan requires a lift in staff

Support structure today

distributed GOOS Office

14.25 full time equivalent staff



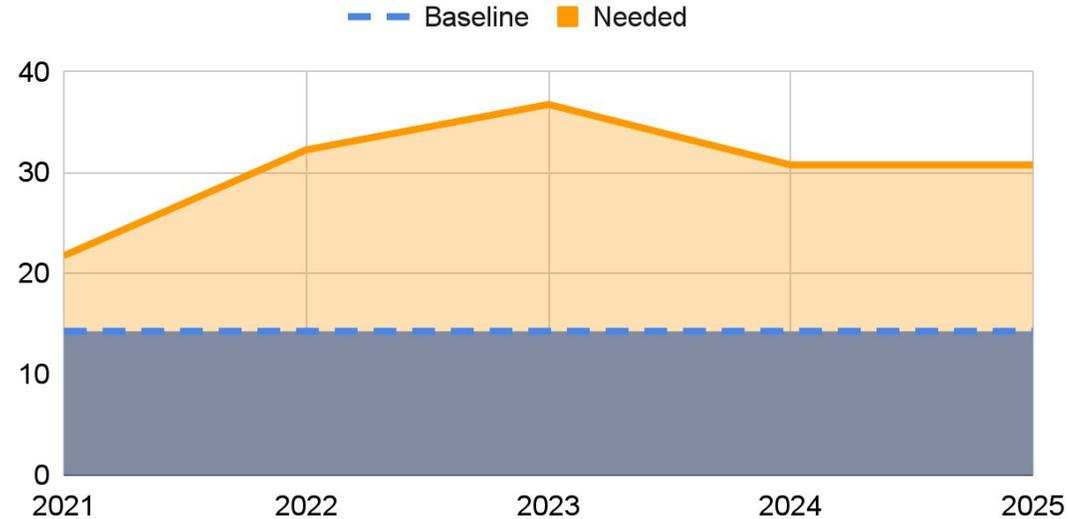
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Support needed

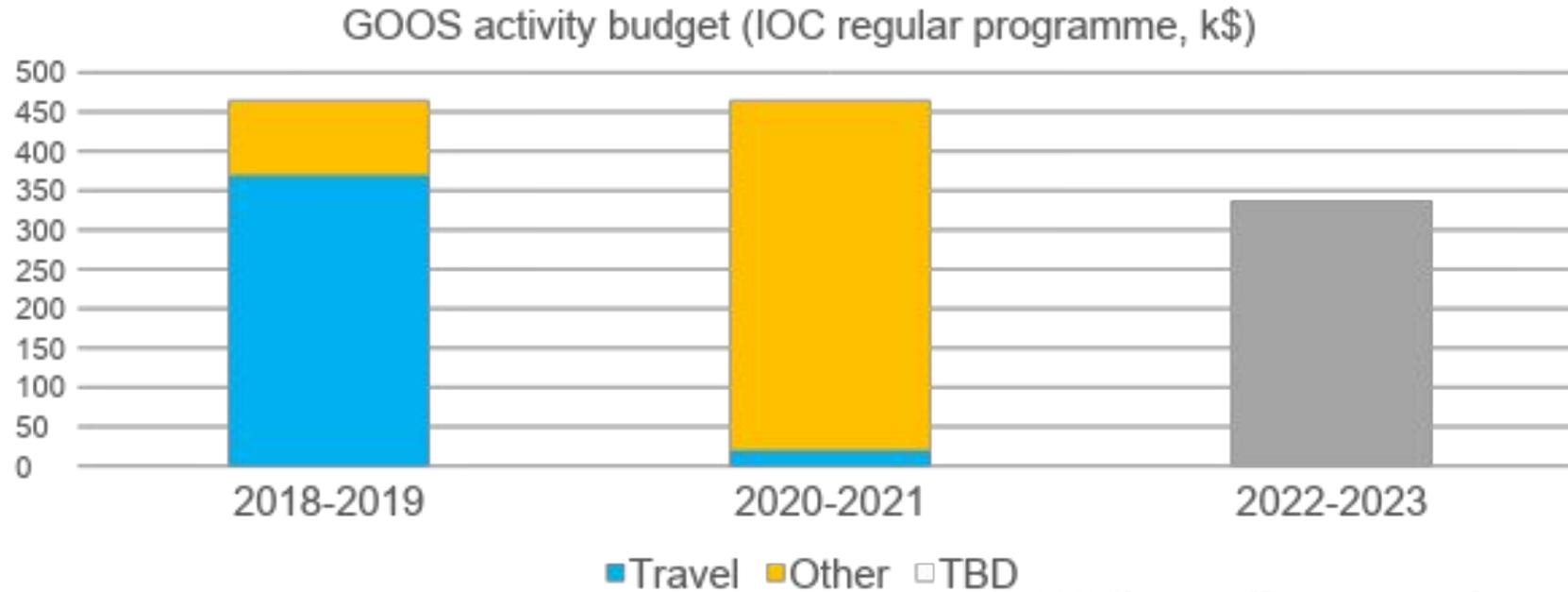
in full to advance with all Core Team Actions

+280% in 2 years

Full time equivalent staff



IOC budgetary context



- While staff support from IOC will remain constant, activity financing will reduce
- We are collectively making a bet on the Ocean Decade as an accelerator and opportunity, both in IOC and GOOS

Expectation that 2022 style of work will be in many ways similar to 2021

- even if all travel restrictions drop, we would not be able to finance a 'business as usual' travel schedule
- SC reflections invited on:
 - improving online work and avoiding zoom fatigue – a single SC and then topical meetings instead of 2 SC meetings per year?
 - Should we identify an expectation for more limited travel in the future (i.e. 1/3 previous level) for both efficiency and carbon footprint?
 - what should be priorities for a more limited travel budget? new partnerships? engaging countries where relationship-building is key to work?

Thank you



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