

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
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MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION**

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COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS

In 2004 the IATTC adopted Resolution [C-04-02](#), which established the criteria for attaining the status of cooperating non-Party or cooperating fishing entity. These criteria include requirements relating to the provision of information, compliance with conservation and management measures, and participation in meetings. In 2007 the IATTC adopted Resolution [C-07-02](#), which replaced C-04-02.

The Resolution establishes that, each year, the Director shall contact all non-Members with vessels fishing for species covered by the IATTC Convention to urge them to become a Member of the IATTC or to attain the status of a Cooperating Non-Member (Cooperating Status).

The Resolution further establishes that any non-Member that seeks to be accorded Cooperating Status shall apply to the Director requesting such status. Such requests must be received by the Director no later than ninety (90) days in advance of an annual meeting of the Commission in order to be considered at that meeting.

The Resolution also states that the Joint IATTC-AIDCP Working Group on Fishing by non-Parties shall be responsible for reviewing requests for Cooperating Status and for recommending to the Commission whether an applicant should receive Cooperating Status. In view of the dissolution of that Working Group, this function has now been assumed by the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission (“Review Committee”) in matters related to the IATTC.

At its 90th meeting in July 2016, upon recommendation of the Review Committee, the IATTC agreed to renew the Cooperating Non-Member status of Bolivia, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia and considered “*communicating an admonition that the Commission would not renew the status in future years if the CPCs did not participate in the Commission’s subsidiary bodies*”.

Article XXVI, paragraph 1, of the Antigua Convention also states that “*The Commission and its members shall encourage all States and regional economic integration organizations [...] and, as appropriate, fishing entities [...] that are not members of the Commission to become members or to adopt laws and regulations consistent with the Convention.*” Accordingly, the Secretariat sent letters to Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia. Likewise, letters were sent to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Vanuatu and Venezuela in order to determine their situation vis-a-vis ratification of, or accession to, the Antigua Convention.

The Director received and circulated letters from Bolivia, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia requesting the renewal of their status of Cooperating Non-Member of the IATTC, as well as from Chile asking for the granting of that status. (Appendices 1 to 5).

Appendix 1.

Informal Translation

Ministry of Defense

La Paz, 20 March 2017

DCGIMFLMM – UBPM. No. 018/17

Mr.
Guillermo Compean
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**
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Mr. Director.

*In compliance with Resolution C-07-02 of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission “IATTC”, the Directorate-General of Maritime, Fluvial, and Lacustrine Interests and of Merchant Marine of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, as the Maritime Authority **requests renewal of its status of COOPERATING NON-PARTY (CNP)** of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission “IATTC”.*

Furthermore, with regards to the suggestion that the Plurinational State of Bolivia may become Party to the Antigua Convention, it is currently under consultation with political authorities.

At the same time, I take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to respect the conservation measures, provision of data and participation in the meetings of the IATTC.

On that occasion, I greet the Director with the assurances of my heartfelt and distinguished consideration.

(signed)

Vice-Admiral Omar Ruben Yañez Montoya

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA

Appendix 2

Informal Translation

Government of the Republic of Honduras
Secretariat for Agriculture and Livestock

SAG-315-2017

Tegucigalpa, MDC; 17 April 2016

Doctor

GUILLERMO COMPEAN JIMENEZ

Director, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
San Diego, California
United States of America

Dear Mr. Director:

I have the pleasure of writing to you on this occasion, in order to express to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission the continued commitment of the Republic of Honduras to cooperate with this distinguished fisheries Commission, so we kindly request that we continue to be granted the status of Cooperating Non-Party.

I take this opportunity to inform you that we have not had catches and effort of the species covered by the IATTC in the Eastern Pacific Ocean during 2016 and that the historical catch data from Honduras have already been provided previously.

The interest of Honduras to participate in the IATTC is based on the sovereign right that our country has with a coastline bordering the area of the Commission and that is why we would also like to inform you that Honduras has begun the process of accession to the Antigua Convention. We will continue to participate actively in the relevant plenary, subsidiary and scientific meetings, and look forward to participating as Plenipotentiary Parties.

Reiterating our commitment to continue to respect the management and conservation measures of the IATTC and thanking you in advance for your attention to this letter, I am pleased to express to you my assurances of consideration and high esteem.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Jacobo Paz Bodden
Secretary of State

Appendix 3.



Office of Deputy
Corporate Registrar

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

February 6, 2017

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
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RE: Liberia's Request for Continued Participation as a Cooperating Non-Party

Dear Director Compeán/IATTC:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia's continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Party (CNP) of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). Liberia remains committed the implementation the IATTC's conservation and management measures (CMMs). In accordance with provisions set out in Resolution C-07-02, Liberia is submitting the following information in support of its application:

Information Requirements:

1. Full data on historical fisheries in the IATTC area;
2. Details on current fishing presence in the area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics;
3. Research programs conducted in the IATTC area the results;

Compliance Requirements:

4. Commitment to respect all conservation measures in force in IATTC;
5. Commitment to respect the capacity limits already in force in IATTC for tuna vessels;
6. Inform the IATTC of all the CMMs Liberia takes to ensure compliance by vessels, including: observer programs, inspection at sea and in port, and Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS);
7. Commitment to respond to alleged violations of IATTC measures by vessels, as determined by the appropriate bodies, and communicate to IATTC the actions taken against the vessels;

Participation:

8. Commitment to participate at plenary and relevant subsidiary and scientific meetings as deemed appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret G. Ansumana
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs
Deputy Corp. Registrar, Republic of Liberia

ATTACHMENT 1

Requirement: Full Data on Historical Fisheries, Including:

- a) Nominal catches;
- b) Number/type of vessels;
- c) Name of fishing vessels;
- d) Fishing effort/fishing areas.

Liberia

NOTE: This requirement does not apply to Liberia for non-domestic fishing activities. Currently, Liberia only has carrier and supply vessels authorized to engage in transshipment activities in the IATTC Convention Area. In the event there is consideration for registration of fishing vessels in IATTC's Convention Area, Liberia will provide notification of the same.

ATTACHMENT 2

Requirement: Details on Current Fishing Presence in the IATTC Area, Number of Vessels and Characteristics:

Liberia: This requirement does not apply to Liberia for non-domestic fishing activities. However, Liberia has in its Registry a number of carrier and supply vessel that participate in transshipment activities. IATTC has been provided the most current Record of Vessels.

ATTACHMENT 3

Requirement: Information on any Research Programs that Liberia has Conducted in the IATTC Area and Results:

Liberia: This requirement does not apply to Liberia. In the event there is consideration for research programs in IATTC's Convention Area, Liberia will provide the requisite information.

ATTACHMENT 4

Requirement: Commitment to Respect *ALL* Conservation and Management Measures in Force in IATTC

Liberia makes this explicit commitment to respect all conservation and management measures (CMMs) in force in IATTC, including but not limited to:

- C-15-01: IUU Vessel List;
- C-14-01: Regional Vessel Register;
- C-14-02: Vessel Monitoring System;
- C-12-07: Program for Transshipment;
- C-12-03: IATTC Rules of procedure;
- C-11-07: Compliance;
- C-07-02: Cooperating Non-party status;
- C-04-03: Notification of Sightings of Vessels;
- C-03-05: Provision of Data;
- C-03-04: At-sea reporting.

ATTACHMENT 5

Requirement: Commitment to Respect the Capacity Limits Already in Force in IATTC for Tuna Vessels

Liberia makes a commitment to respect the capacity limits already in force in the IATTC Convention Area for tuna vessels.

ATTACHMENT 6

Requirement: Inform the IATTC of all Management and Conservation Measures Liberia takes to Ensure Compliance by Vessels, including: Inspection at Sea and in Port Vessel Monitoring Systems.

Liberia makes an explicit commitment to inform the IATTC of all conservation and management measures it takes to ensure compliance with at-sea and in port inspection and vessel monitoring systems.

Monitoring: Liberia has established Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements for all vessels that engage in transshipment activities through our transshipment licensing program. Vessels engaged in transshipment activities transmit location/positions to our Fish Monitoring Center (FMC) once every hour.

Contacts: The Liberian Registry has 17 offices globally and nearly 400 Flag State inspectors at all major shipping ports. The head office of the Registry is in Vienna, Virginia, USA, which is where we operate our Flag FMC for vessels engaged in transshipment activities.

Inspection/Investigation: If one of our vessels is inspected and an infringement is found, the Liberian Registry has the authority to send a vessel to port pursuant to Liberian Maritime Regulations (RLM-108) for an inspection and/or investigation. Regulations are made by the Commissioner of Liberia Maritime Authority under the powers conferred by section 11 of Chapter 1 of Title 21 of the Laws of The Republic of Liberia (the Maritime Law).

ATTACHMENT 7

Requirement: Commitment to Respond to Alleged Violations of IATTC Measures by Vessels...Communicate to IATTC the Actions Taken Against the Vessels

Liberia makes an explicit commitment to respond to alleged violations of IATTC measures (including IUU fishing) by vessels, as determined by the appropriate bodies, and will communicate to IATTC the actions taken against those vessels.

ATTACHMENT 8

Requirement: Commitment to Participate at Plenary and Relevant Subsidiary and Scientific Meetings, as an Observer

Liberia makes an explicit commitment to participate at plenary and relevant subsidiary and scientific meetings, as an Observer.

Appendix 4.

(Informal translation)

Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture
Government of Chile

(D.D.P.) No 736
Valparaiso, 17 April 2016

Mr.
GUILLERMO COMPEAN JIMENEZ
Director, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

[Dear Mr. Director]:

Along with my cordial greetings, I am writing to you in response to your letter dated 16 March 2017, in which you transmitted the wish of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission that our country considers to attain the status of Cooperating Non-Party. Considering the importance for our country of management aimed at the sustainability of fish stocks, recognizing our responsibility and role as coastal State, as well as the need to cooperate in accordance with the norms of international law, I am pleased to request formally, on behalf of the State of Chile, to the Commission of that organization the referred status, in accordance with the procedure established in its Resolution C- 07-02.

In compliance with the requisites set out in the aforementioned Resolution, the State of Chile expresses its commitment to comply with the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission which are in force and in that regard also, will respect the information requirements, including that of reporting all those measures aimed at ensuring that our vessels comply with the measures indicated previously, those of compliance and those of participation:

- a. Our country will submit in a timely manner the information requirements indicated in paragraph 3 of Resolution C- 07-02;
- b. Chile expresses that it will respect and be committed to comply with the conservation measures in force adopted by the Commission, as well as respect the capacity limits in force for tuna vessels;
- c. Our country is in position to ensure compliance of the measures, through the proper monitoring, control and surveillance of vessels under national flag, such as the satellite vessel monitoring system (VMS), scientific observer programs, inspection at sea and in port, programs which shall be duly informed of the Commission;
- d. Our country is committed to respond to alleged violations of measures in force adopted by the Commission;
- e. Chile shall participate at plenary and relevant subsidiary and scientific meetings.

In the hope that our request will be favorably received, I take this opportunity to express the assurances of my highest consideration

Sincerely,

(signed)
Pablo Berazaluze Maturana
Undersecretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Appendix 5



**MINISTRY OF MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
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June, 22, 2017

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**Subject: Indonesia Application for Renewal of the Status of Cooperating Non-Member
in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)**

Dear Mr. Compeán,

The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of the Republic of Indonesia presents its compliments to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) for its ongoing support and cooperation in regional conservation and management of tuna and other marine resources, particularly in the area of Eastern Pacific Ocean.

With reference to the Resolution C-07-02 on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non Party or Fishing Entity in IATTC, we herewith have the honor to inform you that Government of the Republic of Indonesia would like to propose the application to renew its status of Cooperating Non-Member to the IATTC for the year 2017.

In giving effect to the requirement becoming Cooperating Non-Member as stipulated in Resolution C-07-02, we hereby confirm Indonesia's commitment to fully cooperate in the IATTC's conservation and management measures and to ensure that fishing vessels flying Indonesian flag and fishing in the Convention Area and to greatest extent possible, our national laws and regulations comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the IATTC.

With regards to fulfill all requirements as requested by Resolution C-07-02, please find data of Indonesia application for renewal the status of Cooperating Non-Member as enclosed. We would be highly appreciated receiving your consideration at your earliest convenient time.

The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Thank you for your kindly attention and sustained cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Sjarief Widjaja
Director General of Capture Fisheries,
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
of The Republic of Indonesia

cc.

1. Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. Secretary General, MMAF.

**INDONESIA'S APPLICATION
FOR
COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS
OF
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
(IATTC)
FOR
2017 / 2018**



**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CAPTURE FISHERIES
MINISTRY OF MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
2017**

INDONESIA'S APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS OF INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)

I. Introduction

Indonesia is one of the largest tuna producing countries in the world. Tuna resources are spread out almost all over Indonesia waters include archipelagic and territorial waters as well as IEEZ. Contribution of tuna fishery both to gross domestic product (GDP) and working opportunity cannot be ignored. Tuna also is one of the primary export commodities that are exported in various products such as fresh tuna, frozen tuna, canned tuna. In 2011, export of tuna products (fresh, frozen and canned) to Japan, USA, EU, Canada, China and Korea.

As we are aware, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) are of central importance to sustainable management tuna resources in the world. In 2004, the Government of Indonesia has drawn line policies according to Fisheries Law No. 31 of 2004 which is also based on UNCLOS 1982. The Law has explicitly provided room for the Government of Indonesia to participate actively in the membership of body /institution/organization at the regional or international level with respect to the cooperation for regional and international fishery management, such as cooperation for conservation and management of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks through existing RFMOs.

Currently, Indonesia has actively participated in the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) namely: (i) Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) as a member since 2007, (ii) Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) as a member since 2008, and (iii) Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) as a member since 2013. This participation reflects a commitment of Indonesia to be involved in achieving sustainable fisheries management through international cooperation.

Since 2004, Indonesia has participated in IATTC Annual Meeting and renew the status annually. With reference to the Resolution C-07-02 on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non Party or Fishing Entity in IATTC, Indonesia would like to renew the status of Indonesia as Cooperating Non Member to the IATTC for the year of 2016/2017. Indonesia strongly believes that Indonesia's membership could improve its role and give strong foundation for strengthening future cooperation through Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs).

II. Submission of Indonesia fulfillment requirements become Cooperating Non Member of IATTC as required in Resolution C-07-02

a. Information requirements

Communicate full data on its historical fisheries in the IATTC area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas;

There was no Indonesia flagged vessels operating in the convention area of IATTC.

Communicate annually catch and effort data and size-frequency distribution of the catches (when possible) in due time and appropriate format for scientific evaluation of the stocks;

Indonesia did not have any catch and effort data and size-frequency distribution of the catches in IATTC area.

Communicate details on current fishing presence in the area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics;

There was no Indonesia flagged vessels operating in the convention area of IATTC.

Communicate research programs it has conducted in the IATTC area and share the information and the results with the IATTC.

None. Indonesia did not conduct research programs in the IATTC area.

b. Compliance requirements

Respect all conservation measures in force in IATTC

Indonesia commits to cooperate in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by IATTC. Indonesia also will ensure, to greatest extent possible, its national policy comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by IATTC.

Respect the capacity limits already in force in IATTC for tuna vessels;

None. There was no Indonesia flagged vessels operating in the convention area of IATTC.

Inform the IATTC of all the management and conservation measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels, including inter alia and as appropriate, observer programs, inspection at sea and in port, and Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS);

Currently, Indonesia has a set of management and conservation measures which being applied to all Indonesia fishing vessels both operating in Indonesia waters and on the high seas of IOTC and WCPFC convention areas, such as:

- 1) Fisheries Act No. 31 of 2004 as amended by Law No. 45 of 2009 on fisheries;
- 2) Act No. 17 Year 1985 on the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982
- 3) Act No. 21 Year 2009 on the ratification of Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
- 4) Government Regulation No. 54 Year 2002 on Fisheries Business;
- 5) Government Regulation No. 60 of 2007 on Conservation of Fish Resources;

- 6) President Regulation No. 43 year 2016 on Ratification of Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing;
- 7) Presidential Decree No. 9 of 2007 on Ratification of the Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (Agreement on the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission);
- 8) Presidential Decree No. 109 of 2009 on the Ratification Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.
- 9) Minister Regulation No. 30 Year 2012 Regarding Capture Fisheries Business in Fisheries Management Area of the Republic of Indonesia (as amended by Minister Regulation No. 26 year 2013 and Minister Regulation No. 57 year 2014);
- 10) Minister Regulation No. 12 Year 2012 Regarding Capture Fisheries Business in High Seas;
- 11) Minister Regulation No. 13 Year 2012 Regarding Fish Catch Certification;
- 12) Minister Regulation No. 48 Year 2010 Regarding Fishing Logbook;
- 13) Minister Regulation No. 2 Year 2011 Regarding Fishing Zone and Placing of Fishing Gears and Auxiliary Fishing Gear in Fisheries Management Area of the Republic of Indonesia;
- 14) Minister Regulation No. 1 Year 2013 Regarding Observer Program on Fishing Vessel and Fish Carrier Vessels;
- 15) Minister Regulation No. 3 Year 2013 Regarding Harbour Master in Fishing Port;
- 16) Ministerial Decree No. 42/PERMEN-KP/2015 regarding Fisheries VMS Implementation;
- 17) Ministerial Decree No. 07/MEN/2010 regarding Certificate of Seaworthiness Fisheries Vessels;
- 18) DG of Capture Fisheries Decree No. Kep.51/DJ-PT/2012 Regarding Arrangement of Fisheries Vessels in Fishing Port.

Respond to alleged violations of IATTC measures by its vessels, as determined by the appropriate bodies, and communicate to IATTC the actions taken against the vessels.

There was no Indonesia flagged vessel presumed to have carried a violation toward IATTC measures within the year of 2016/2017.

c. Participation requirements

Participation at plenary and relevant subsidiary and scientific meetings, as an observer.

Indonesia commits to participate at plenary and relevant subsidiary and scientific meetings held by IATTC.

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