

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF 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 89th meeting in June-July 2015, the IATTC agreed to renew the Cooperating Non-Member status of Bolivia, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia.

Article XXVI 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 (Appendices 1 to 4). The Committee should make a recommendation on that renewal.

Appendix 1.

Informal Translation

Ministry of Defense

La Paz, 11 March 2016

DCGIMFLMM – UBPM. No. 017/16

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, our administration takes this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to respecting 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)

Rear-Adm. Francisco Javier Collazos Churruarrin

**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARITIME, FLUVIAL,
LACUSTRINE AND MERCHANT MARINE INTERESTS AND
MARITIME AUTHORITY OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA**

Appendix 2

Informal Translation

Government of the Republic of Honduras
Secretariat for Agriculture and Livestock

DIGEPESCA-087-2016

Tegucigalpa, MDC; 8 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 this, in order to reiterate to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission the desire for continuing cooperation that the Republic of Honduras has toward the Commission, and our interest in renewing the status of Cooperating NON-Party, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Resolution C-07-02.

The Republic of Honduras has the status of Cooperating NON-Party and has striven to comply with the pertinent management measures of the Commission, while the process for adhesion by our country to the Antigua Convention has advanced.

As regards compliance with the requirements established in the third paragraph of the above-mentioned Resolution C-07-02, we would inform you that:

- a. The commission has complete data for the historical fisheries in the IATTC area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessel, name of vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas, which are considered official for our country for all effects.
- b. The catch and effort data and the distribution of length frequencies of the catches, corresponding to the obligation to provide data as a Cooperating NON-party, has been provided to the Commission.
- c. Details on current fishing presence in the area, number of vessels and their characteristics, has been provided to the Commission a timely fashion.
- d. Honduras has not developed individually research programs in the IATTC area and sharing the information and results with the IATTC, however we reiterate our willingness to develop cooperatively such programs when the Commission so requires.
- e. All IATTC conservation measures in force have been respected.
- f. The capacity limits in force in the IATTC for tuna vessels have been respected.
- g. The IATTC has been informed of all the pertinent management and conservation measures to ensure compliance by our fleet.

- h. There have been no requests for information regarding possible infractions of IATTC measures by our fleet.
- i. We maintain our willingness and availability to continue participating in the plenary meetings in other scientific and subsidiary meetings, as observers.

In view of all the above, the Republic of Honduras:

- a. Confirms its commitment. regarding the Commission's conservation and management measures.
- b. Ratifies that it has in its domestic legislation the conditions that allow us to guarantee the monitoring, control and surveillance of our fleets, to ensure that the measures agreed in the IATTC are complied with.
- c. Formally requests the renewal of the status of Cooperating NON-Party during the 90th Meeting of the Commission, to be held in the city of San Diego, California,, in the month of June 2016.

A duly accredited delegation from our country, will participate with the status that our country has at the plenary meeting and the foregoing meetings.

I renew to the Director the tokens of the greatest consideration, sincerely,

(signed)

José Roberto Hernández M.
Director General/DIGEPESCA

Appendix 3.



Office of Deputy
Corporate Registrar

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

February 1, 2016

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
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RE: LIBERIA - COOPERATING NON-PARTY STATUS

Dear Director Compeán/IATTC:

The objective 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 is committed to cooperating in the implementation of conservation and management measures ("CMMs") adopted by IATTC. 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. Annual catch and effort data and size-frequency distribution of the catches;
3. Details on current fishing presence in the area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics;
4. Research programs conducted in the IATTC area the results;

Compliance Requirements:

5. Commitment to respect all conservation measures in force in IATTC;
6. Commitment to respect the capacity limits already in force in IATTC for tuna vessels;
7. 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);
8. 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:

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

Kindly revert with your acknowledgement of this letter with the relevant attachments.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ansumana
Deputy Commissioner for Maritime Affairs

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. 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: Annual Catch and Effort Data and Size-frequency Distribution of Catches:

Liberia

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

ATTACHMENT 3

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, we have in our Registry a number of reefer vessels that participate in transshipment activities. IATTC has been provided the most current Record of Vessels.

ATTACHMENT 4

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 5

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

Liberia makes this explicit commitment to respect all conservation and management measures (CMMs) in force in IATTC, specifically:

- C-15-01 - IUU Vessel List;
- C-14-01 – Regional Vessel Register;
- C-14-02 - Vessel Monitoring System;
- C-12-03 – 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 6

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

This requirement does not apply to Liberia as we have only reefer vessels engaging transshipment activities.

ATTACHMENT 7

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. When a ship applies for a transshipment license, the ship is sent an Automatic Location Communicator (ALC) in the form of a VMS TST-Leo (including a tablet), sent directly from our office in Virginia, USA. The vessels send location positions to our Fish Monitoring Center (FMC) once every hour. Our VMS is sourced through CLS America.

Contacts: The Liberian Registry has 17 offices around the world 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 State Fisheries Monitoring Centre 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).

ISO 9001: The Liberian Registry has a Quality Management System (QMS) that is ISO 9001 certified through the British Standards Institution (BSI). This ensures that we maintain a quality transshipment program with strict procedures that are followed by our office and our vessels, all of which are independently and externally audited annually.

ATTACHMENT 8

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 9

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.



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April, 21, 2016

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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 2016.

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,



Narmoko Prasmadji
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
2016 / 2017**



**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CAPTURE FISHERIES
MINISTRY OF MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
2016**

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 nationals 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) 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);
- 7) Presidential Decree No. 109 of 2009 on the Ratification Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.
- 8) Minister Regulation No. 30 Year 2012 Regarding Capture Fisheries Bussines 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);
- 9) Minister Regulation No. 12 Year 2012 Regarding Capture Fisheries Bussines in High Seas;
- 10) Minister Regulation No. 13 Year 2012 Regarding Fish Catch Certification;
- 11) Minister Regulation No. 48 Year 2010 Regarding Fishing Logbook;
- 12) 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;
- 13) Minister Regulation No. 1 Year 2013 Regarding Observer Program on Fishing Vessel and Fish Carrier Vessels;
- 14) Minister Regulation No. 3 Year 2013 Regarding Harbour Master in Fishing Port;
- 15) Ministerial Decree No. 42/PERMEN-KP/2015 regarding Fisheries VMS Implementation;
- 16) Ministerial Decree No. 07/MEN/2010 regarding Certificate of Seaworthiness Fisheries Vessels;
- 17) 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 2015/2016.

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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