

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 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting in June 2012, the IATTC approved that Bolivia and Cook Islands be granted the status of cooperating non-Member of the IATTC.

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, Cook Islands, Honduras, and Indonesia.

The Director received applications from Indonesia (Appendix 1) to obtain the status of Cooperating non-Member of the IATTC, as well as from Bolivia and Cook Islands to renew it (Appendices 2 and 3). The Committee should make a recommendation on granting such status.

Honduras did not renew its request for Cooperating Non Member status this year, since it is considering becoming Party to the Antigua Convention.

## Appendix 1.



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**Subject : Indonesia Participation to the *Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission***

Dear Mr. Guillermo,

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

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 Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) since 2004. This participation is a commitment of Indonesia to be involved in achieving sustainable fisheries management through international cooperation.

Regarding Indonesia's participation in the IATTC, the MMAF received your letter on February 15, 2013 Ref.: 0057-570 subject Offering Indonesia as a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) to IATTC for the Period 2013-2014. Following your offered, the MMAF conveys that we are willing to become a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) of IATTC, and currently we are going to process membership of Indonesia becomes a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) of IATTC under coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (MoFA). The MoFA would send you the notification letter of willingness Indonesia becoming a CNM of IATTC at immediately time.

The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of 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). We would be highly appreciated receiving your consideration in your earliest convenient time.

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

Thank you for your kindly attention and sustained cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

signed

**Anang Noegroho**

Director

cc.

1. Secretary General, MMAF of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. Director General of Capture Fisheries, MMAF of the Republic of Indonesia;

**Appendix 2.**

**TRANSLATION**

*Ministry of Defense*

*La Paz, 25 February 2013*  
**DCGIMFLMM – UBPM. No. 016/**

To Mr.  
Guillermo Compeán,  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**  
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*Mr. Director.*

*I am writing to you, in order to acknowledge receipt of your attentive letter dated 15 February 2013, of Ref. 0055-541, in which you communicate to us about the 85th Meeting of the IATTC, which will be held from 3 to 14 June 2013 and the Renewal of the Status of Cooperating Non-Party.*

*In this Regard the Directorate-General of Maritime Fluvial and Lacustrine Interests of Bolivia as the Maritime Authority in the name of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, requests of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), to **RENEW ITS STATUS OF COOPERATING NON-PARTY COUNTRY OF THE COMMISSION**, in accordance with Resolution C-07-02, in which specifies that the state should communicate to the Director of the Commission.*

*With this special reason, I take the opportunity to reiterate to the Director, the surety of my attentive and distinguished consideration.*

*(signed)*

R.-Adm.Eduardo Santa Cruz Velasco

**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARITIME, FLUVIAL,  
LACUSTRINE AND MERCHANT MARINE INTERESTS.**

Appendix 3.



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Monday, 18 February 2013

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**Re: Cook Islands Co-operating Non Party Status within the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) for 2013-2014**

Dear Dr Compeán,

On behalf of the Government of the Cook Islands I would like to request once again that the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) consider our application for the renewal of Co-operating Non-Party status for 2013-2014.

It is our intention that a representative from the Ministry of Marine Resources will participate in the forthcoming annual session of IATTC, and any subsidiary meetings preceding it. In this regard, the Cook Islands is again willing to make its contribution to the costs associated with the meeting as indicated in your previous correspondence on this matter.

As has been previously stated, the Cook Islands continues to have a direct interest in ensuring that the management measures of the WCPFC and IATTC are harmonized for the benefit of the conservation and management of tuna stocks which we share and which are important to us all. This is a position the Cook Islands has consistently maintained, at the annual sessions of both WCPFC and IATTC respectively.

We intend to continue to advocate in support of harmonized efforts between the two RFMOs, with the guidance of its members, with a particular focus on the area of overlap between the two Commissions.

Our original application for Co-operating Non Party Status was accepted by the Commission in first in 2005 and then successfully re-applied for in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The Cook Islands understands that it continues to be only State which currently has Cooperating Non-Party status with the IATTC. Nevertheless, we wish to reaffirm that the Cook Islands, both as a founding member of WCPFC, and a country with a historical fishing interest in the IATTC convention area, continues to maintain the close working relationship and links with this Commission in order to facilitate better cooperation and understanding between both organisations.

Lastly, I refer to the IATTC Resolution on Criteria relating to attaining the status of co-operating non-party or fishing entity in IATTC (Resolution C-07-02) in providing the information attached to this letter (Attachment A).

We are of course willing to provide any other information in addition to what has been attached to this letter - noting however that nothing in it has changed since our last CNP application - in order to assist the IATTC with a favourable consideration of our application to retain our Cooperating Non-Party status.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ben Ponia', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

*PP*

Ben Ponia  
**Secretary, Marine Resources**

## **Attachment A**

### **Cook Islands Fisheries Status within IATTC**

#### Summary

As the IATTC is aware, we have had as many as seven Cook Islands flagged albacore troll vessels conduct fishing operations in the IATTC Convention Area since 1994. Catch statistics from that period up to and including 2006, have been submitted to the IATTC Secretariat. Some small catches by locally based Cook Islands longliners have also been taken during this period.

Between the 2008–2011 licensing period no catches from Cook Islands flagged vessels were reported and no vessels operated within the area. We understand this to be largely due to the non-viability of the albacore troll fishery. Nevertheless we remain vigilant for viable opportunities to emerge for our flagged vessels.

#### Compliance

As stated in our previous applications, all Cook Islands flagged vessels fishing in areas beyond national jurisdiction including the IATTC area are authorized to do so by the Ministry of Marine Resources on behalf of the Cook Islands. This is subject to the terms and conditions of a High Seas Agreement signed between the Cook Islands and the individual company concerned and contains specific requirements relating to catch reporting, observer coverage, and the vessel monitoring system. These are statutory requirements covered by our comprehensive fisheries legislation (Marine Resources Act 2005, and Marine Resources (Longline Fishery) Regulations 2011).

As has also been stated previously, it is the intention of the Cook Islands to respond to any fisheries violations of its flagged vessels to the fullest extent under the law, and to work with all appropriate bodies, and to communicate to the IATTC all actions taken against such vessels.

We will continue to work with the coastal states and the IATTC Secretariat in relation to port state inspections and the placement of observers on Cook Islands flagged vessels as provided for under Cook Islands law.

#### IATTC Conservation and Management of Northern Albacore

We intend to continue to comply with the Resolution (C-05-02) on Northern Albacore. Thereby in respect of any Cook Islands flagged vessels the Cook Islands undertakes to supply all catch information, including nominal catch data, and other logbook data relevant for the purposes of scientific analysis and stock assessment. The Ministry of Marine Resources has cooperated with NOAA/NMFS on several occasions in the past with the provision of catch data to assist with stock assessment for IATTC Convention Area.