

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 86th meeting in July 2014, the IATTC agreed to renew the Cooperating Non-Member status of Bolivia, Honduras, and Indonesia as well as grant it to 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, Cook Islands, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia.

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, 10 March 2015
DCGIMFLMM – UBPM. No. 006/15

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

*In attention to your letter Ref. 038-541 and 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)

V.-Adm. Marco Aurelio Arenas Alarcón

**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-057-2015

Tegucigalpa, MDC; 17 February 2015

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 to all relevant purposes with the management measures of the Commission, and in addition important efforts have been made at the national level to improve the technical, legal and operating conditions for managing our fisheries, with the review of a comprehensive reform of our fisheries legislation currently in the National Congress, as a result of our decided national conviction of maintaining the highest standards of fisheries management in all aspects of its development. Furthermore, the process for adhesion by our country to the Antigua Convention is well 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 in 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 relevant 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.
- j. We will be sending you soon the answers to the compliance questions directed to Honduras.

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 to ensure the monitoring, control and surveillance of our fleets and that the measures agreed in the IATTC are complied with.
- c. Formally requests the renewal of the status of Cooperating Non-Party during the 87th Meeting of the Commission, to be held in the city of Lima, Peru, in the month of July 2014.

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 assurances of highest consideration, sincerely,

(signed)

José Roberto Hernández M.
Director General/DIGEPESCA

Appendix 3.



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16 February 2015

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Re: Application of the Indonesia renewal membership status of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

Dear Mr. Compean,

We thank you very much for your letter Ref 039-570 of 03 February 2015 regarding the above subject and we are very pleased to confirm you that The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of the Republic of Indonesia presents its compliment to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) for its ongoing support and cooperation in regional conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks and straddling fish stocks, particularly in the area of Eastern Pasific Ocean.

With regards to the IATTC 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 as Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) to the IATTC.

As requested by Resolution C-07-02 enclosed, we provide data and information for the renewal status of CNM of Indonesia. We very much appreciated if could kindly acknowledge receipt of this application at your earliest convenience.

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 assurance of its highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



Gellwyn Jusuf
Director General of Capture Fisheries,
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia

cc.

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

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

1. Introduction

Indonesia plays a significant role in tuna, skipjack tuna and neritic tuna fisheries. In 2005-2012, average of total catch of those species was 1,034,177 metric ton, and almost 50% out of them are composed of bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna with small portion of albacore and southern bluefin tuna. This is about 16% of the world total catch, and about 20% of the national total catch. Indonesia, therefore having a significant interest to implement the sustainable management practices of those stocks in accordance with the principles adopted CCRF-FAO 1995 as well as RFMOs.

Since tuna and skipjack tuna are well known as highly migratory fish stocks and straddling fish stocks, therefore the management of those species has to be carried out through regional and/or international cooperation. Article 10 (2) of Indonesia Fisheries Act No. 31/2004 on Fisheries as it was amended by Act 45/2009 mandates that the Government of Indonesia has to take part actively in the membership of regional and/or international body/institution/organization who are dealing with the management of the fish stocks. In relation to the mandate, Indonesia has also issued Law No.21/2009 regarding 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 (United Nations Implementing Agreement-UNIA 1995).

To reflect our commitment in strengthening regional/international cooperation in the management of the fish stocks, Indonesia has become a full member in (i) Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, 2007 (ii) Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna , 2008 and Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, 2013 and Cooperating Non-Member in Inter-Atlantic Tropical Tuna Commission, 2013 and that has to be renewed annually.

For that reason, Indonesia would like to propose the extension of Indonesia membership status as Cooperating Non-Member to the IATTC. Indonesia strongly believe that by renewing its membership status could improve its role in supporting the sustainable utilization of tuna stocks in the world.

2. Submission of Indonesia fulfilment 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:

- Within the year 2014, Indonesia did not have any historical fishing in the IATTC Convention Area, even though by 2013, we have registered 7 (seven) Indonesia longliner into the Regional Vessel Register of IATTC. The list of the vessels as follows:

IATTC Vessel Number	Name	Gear	L (m)	Fish Hold Volume (m ³)	Call sign	GT
15548	<i>Aliza</i>	Longline	55.45	-	PNYF	598
14351	<i>Lina</i>	Longline	50.15	485	YEUY	547
15549	Minafa	Longline	56.49	-	PNNQ	598
14352	Minako	Longline	57.59	-	YHVB	490
4811	Senko	Longline	48.97	988	YGWW	485
14350	<i>Tomio</i>	Longline	48.33	-	YBMH	587
4619	Youku	Longline	48.97	926	YBWY	485

By December 2014, there were three (3) of the registered vessels such as Aliza, Tomio, Lina had been sold to Tuvalo. Therefore there are only four (4) vessels that remained in the record.

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:

- *NO fishing activities in 2014*
Communicate details on current fishing presence in the area, number of vessel and vessel characteristics:
- *See the above table*
Communicate research program it has conducted in the IATTC area and share the information and results with the IATTC;
- No research activity has been conducted in the IATTC Area in 2014

b. Compliance requirements

Respect all conservation measures in force in IATTC

- Indonesia committed to enforce all conservation and management measures adopted by IATTC and wish to ensure that all Indonesia flagged vessels who are dealing with the area of IATTC shall comply with the measures.

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

- Indonesia committed to limit the capacity of tuna vessel in IATTC area.

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 System (VMS).

1. All vessel greater than 30 GT are mandatory to fit and activate VMS on-board.
2. All fishing vessel greater than 10 GT are mandatory to fill-in fishing logbook.
3. All vessel has to be inspected by surveillance officer prior to the issuance of port clearance.
4. All catch are intended to export has to be accompanied by Catch Certificate as EU requirement.
5. All vessels' movement at-sea is monitored by on-line Database Sharing System (DSS). This system integrates the existing on-line system such as Fishing Permit System, VMS System, Logbook System, Vessel Registration System, Catch Certificate System.

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

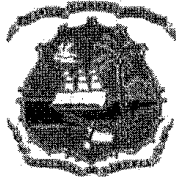
- Indonesia committed to combat IUU Fishing related activity in the area of IATTC

c. Participation requirements

Participation at plenary and relevant subsidiary and scientific meeting, as an observer

- For budget reason, Indonesia will only participate in IATTC compliance and annual meeting.

Appendix 4.



Office of Deputy
Corporate Registrar

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

February 5, 2015

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RE: LIBERIA - COOPERATING NON-PARTY STATUS

Dear Director Compeán:

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 is committed to cooperating in the implementation of conservation and management measures 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 management and conservation measures 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 an observer.

Kindly revert with your acknowledgement of this letter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ansumana
Deputy Commissioner for Maritime Affairs/
Deputy Corporate 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. In the event there is consideration for registration of fishing vessels in IATTC's Convention Area, Liberia will provide notification of the same, including:

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

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 vessels that participate in transshipment activities. *See Spreadsheet.*

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-13-01 - Tuna conservation in the EPO 2014-2016;
- C-13-02 - Pacific bluefin tuna;
- C-12-03 - IATTC Rules of procedure;
- C-07-02 - Cooperating non-party status;
- C-05-07 - IUU Vessel list;
- C-04-03 - Notification of sightings of vessels;
- C-04-06 - Vessel Monitoring System; and
- C-03-04 - At-sea reporting.

ATTACHMENT 6

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

Liberia makes this explicit commitment to respect the capacity limits set by the IATTC for tuna vessels, preventing additional vessels from entering already over-crowded fisheries.

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 ships that engage in transshipment 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 Thorium kit (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: 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). 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.