

The logo of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) is a blue rectangular banner with a pattern of fish swimming to the right. The text "South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the banner.

# **South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee**

**Manta, Ecuador, 27-31 January 2014**

**CTC-01-06**

**Application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status by Ecuador**

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Manta, 26 de Noviembre de 2013

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Doctor  
Robin Allen  
Acting Executive Secretary  
SPRFMO  
Wellington. New Zeland.

Dear doctor Allen:

In reference to the document Ref. 2013-0091 dated September 19, 2013, in which it is requested the express manifestation of States to become a Contracting Party to the Convention of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO), as National Fisheries Authority, the Viceministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, is making internally efforts to adhere Ecuador to SPRFMO.

For this reason and because we are currently awaiting the ratification by the National Assembly, we request to be considered the status of Ecuador as non-Contracting Cooperating in the annual meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO), to be held in our country from 27 - 31 January, 2014.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 b- 3e of the Decision 1.02, of the Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting parties the following information will support the application of Ecuador as CNCP status:

**a. - Reason for seeking CNCP status:** Ecuador, has an interest in the fisheries managed by the SPRFMO and supports the objectives of the Convention.

- a) The Ecuador, eastern Pacific coastal state has an interest in fisheries managed by the SPRFMO and supports the objectives of the Convention.
- b) **A commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that fishing**



vessels flying its flag and fishing in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission: Ecuador is committed to cooperate with all measures established by SPRFMO

e. – Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission: Ecuador is prepared to provide any additional information necessary to support this application.

Yours sincerely,



Ing. Guillermo Morán Velásquez.

Vice-minister of Aquaculture and Fisheries

C.c: Ing. Ramón Montaña Cruz. Undersecretary of Aquaculture and Fishery.