
12TH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (CTC)

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CTC 12 – Doc 13 Applications for CNCP Status for 2025

Secretariat

SPRFMO currently has two active Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPS):

- Curaçao, Kingdom of the Netherlands, and
- The Republic of Liberia

In November 2024, the Secretariat contacted the two current CNCPS, with an invitation to become full Members of the SPRFMO Commission or to renew their CNCP status (Ref: DC78-2024 and DC79-2024). The letters asked the current CNCPS to carefully consider paragraph 3 of [SPRFMO Decision 02-2018](#), which lists all the information that non-Members seeking the status of CNCP should include when submitting their renewal application:

“3. A non-Member seeking the status of CNCP shall include within its request letter:

- a) its reason for seeking CNCP status;*
- 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;*
- c) an explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission’s procedures on high seas boarding and inspection; full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas;*
- d) all the data and information Members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission;*
- e) a statement on how any compliance issues previously identified by the Commission have been addressed (please refer to the most recent [final compliance report](#));*
- f) any further relevant information as determined by the Commission;*
- g) a statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed should it become a Member, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission.”*

By the deadline of 13 December 2024, the Secretariat had received two applications for CNCP status which are contained in the annexes to this document as follows:

- Annex 1. Curaçao, CNCP status renewal application received on 13 December 2024
- Annex 2. Liberia, CNCP status renewal application received on 06 December 2024



As per paragraph 4 of Decision 02-2018 (Rules for CNCPs), the CTC12 is requested to:

- Assess the two (2) renewal applications for CNCP status.
- Provide recommendations and technical advice to the Commission which considers *inter alia*:
 - a) whether the CNCP application includes all information required under paragraph 3;
 - b) in the case of renewal, the record of compliance of the applicant with the provisions of the Convention and the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;
 - c) the applicant's record of responding to any IUU activities by vessels flying its flag that have been brought to its attention, in accordance with Article 27 of the Convention;
 - d) as appropriate, the record of compliance of the applicant with conservation and management measures of other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs);
 - e) in the case of applications for renewal of CNCP status, whether the applicant is meeting all paragraph 12 requirements for CNCP.



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Topic
**Renewal of Cooperating Non-Members
 status of SPRFMO for 2025**

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Dear Mr. Loveridge,

The Ministry of Economic Development of Curaçao would like to express to the distinguished membership of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) its interest in renewing Curaçao's status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of your Organization.

Curaçao takes pride in its partnerships with regional fisheries management organizations and the contribution they make to the preservation of the long-term health of our oceans. We approach these partnerships transparently: always willing to engage, and always striving to improve our performance.

In keeping with Decision 2-2018 regarding the participation of CNCP's we are therefore committed to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. And we also ensure that fishing (including carrier) vessels flying our flag in the Convention Area comply with all pertinent SPRFMO provisions and measures. As such, we also accept high seas boarding and inspections.

Our main interest for the year 2025 is to continue as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party and operate our carrier vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area. Furthermore, based on your kind but persistent encouragement for Curaçao to become a full member of the Commission we kindly inform you as follows. As mentioned in your letter dated 15th November 2024 with reference number DC78-2024, Curaçao has held a CNCP status (and did comply with all the requirements) of the Commission since 1918. Currently we are in the process to institutionalize the *Fishing Authority of Curacao*. This can be realized till the underlying ordinance have been treated and approved by our Parliament. So, for now, we would like to postpone a full membership and renew our current status for 2025.



But we are pleased to inform you that for 2026, conditioned upon the approval by our Council of Ministers, we will apply for the full membership of your Commission, according to articles 37 and 38 of the SPRFMO Convention in order to fulfill our interest in the fisheries in the SPRFMO convention area.

In the meantime, we will gladly continue to submit all required data and information in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission. We will provide all the required information and statements should any compliance issues arise. And we will also continue to make another voluntary financial contribution, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission and corresponding to the amount applicable should we become a Member to SPRFMO.

In closing, you can look forward to our continued engagement and therefore we hope to receive a favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,

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RE: LIBERIA – COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia's continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of the Southern Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO). Liberia remains committed to its obligation as a CNCP and the implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) adopted by SPRFMO.

In accordance with provisions set out in Decision 2-2018 (*Rules for Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties*), Liberia is submitting the following information in support of its request:

1. Reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status:

Liberia is seeking continued status as a CNCP because Liberia has a number of carrier vessels that are participating in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

2. Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission:

Liberia commits to fully cooperate in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and will continue to ensure that its vessels comply with CMMs including, but not limited to:

CMM 01-2024 Trachurus murphyi

CMM 02-2022 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data

CMM 04-2020 Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out IUU Fishing Activities in

the SPRFMO Convention Area

CMM 05-2023 Commission Record of Vessels Authorized to Fish in the SPRFMO Convention Area



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CMM 06-2023 Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area

CMM 07-2022 Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port

CMM 10-2020 Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme in the SPRFMO Convention Area

CMM 11-2023 High Sea Boarding and Inspection Procedures in the SPRFMO Convention Area

CMM 12-2024 Regulation of Transshipment and Other Transfer Activities

3. An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections; full data on historical fisheries in the Convention Area:

Liberia commits to accepting high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on boarding and inspections in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

Liberia has provided for previous years, and will continue to provide to the Secretariat full and complete data on historical transshipment information, including names of vessels, species and total quantities transhipped.

4. All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission:

Liberia has consistently submitted transshipment data and other information members are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission.

5. Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:

Liberia will provide relevant information as determined by the Commission.

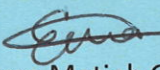
6. A statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate...pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention:

Liberia intends to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed and pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention.

Recently, when some Liberia flagged vessels were identified for failing to transmit VMS positional data to the SPRFMO Secretariat, an Action Plan was developed by Liberia to address the issue and the plan is currently being implemented, and there has been reoccurrence of the issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,


Emma Metieh Glassco
Director General

