

8TH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Held virtually, 21-23 January 2021

CTC 8 – Doc 12 Applications for 2021 CNCP Status

Secretariat

SPRFMO currently has three active Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs):

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

In November 2020, the Secretariat contacted those three CNCPs with an invitation to become full Members of the SPRFMO Commission or to renew their current CNCP status (Ref: DC81-2020, DC82-2020, and DC83-2020).

In addition to the three above mentioned States, pursuant to Decision 2-2018 ([Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Parties](#)) Paragraph 1, in November 2020, the Secretariat also contacted the Republic of Angola (Ref: DC79-2020) and the Republic of Colombia (DC80-2020) and invited them to become a Contracting Party of the Convention or to attain CNCP status with SPRFMO, considering their interest in the fisheries occurring in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

The Secretariat received three CNCP status renewal requests, which are contained in the annexes to this document as follows:

- Annex 1. Liberia, received on 14 November 2020
- Annex 2. Panama, received on 19 November 2020
- Annex 3. Curaçao, received on 21 November 2020

As per paragraph 4 of Decision 02-2018 (Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Parties), CTC8 is requested to:

- Assess the 3 renewal applications for CNCP status and 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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November 12, 2020

Sothorn Pacific Regional Management Fisheries Organization (SPRFMO)
Mr. Craig Loveridge, Acting Executive Secretary
Wellington 6140, New Zealand

RE: LIBERIA - COOPERATING PARTY STATUS

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia's continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of the 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:

Reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status:

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

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:

- 01-2020 Trachurus murphyi
- 02-2020 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data
- 04-2020 Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out IUU Fishing Activities...
- 05-2019 Establishment of the Commission Record of Vessels Authorized...
- 06-2020 Establishment of Vessel Monitoring System in the Convention Area
- 07-2019 Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port
- 10-2020 Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme...
- 11-2015 Boarding and Inspection Procedures in the SPRFMO Convention Area

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12-2020 Regulation of Transshipment and Other Transfer Activities

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 transshipped.

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.

Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:

Liberia will provide relevant information as determined by the Commission.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Emma Metieh Glassco
Director General

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

Panama, November 9th, 2020.
AG-911-20

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

We have the honor of addressing you in this occasion on behalf of the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), in response to the letter Ref: DC82-2020 dated on November 1th, 2020, regarding of the invitation to become a Contracting Party of the SPRFMO Convention or renew or CNCP Status.

The Government of the Republic of Panama requests the SPRFMO Commission to renew our status as Cooperating Non-Contracting Party; we have an operating fleet for supporting fishing vessels in the Convention Area, it is the main reason to seek the status of CNCP. Once we have the instruments of ratification, we will proceed to take the necessary steps to become a Contracting Party.

Our regulations highlight the Panamanian role as an international partner in the fight against the IUU activities to prevent, deter and eliminate the illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities, one of the most serious threats faced by the biodiversity of the world's ocean.

Based on this, we confirm our commitments to fully cooperate in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that Panamanian fishing vessels in the Convention Area comply with the established provisions.


An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures, as well as submitting all the data required by the Commission in accordance with the standards adopted or any further relevant information as determined.

Also Panama....

Also Panama intends to take on voluntary financial contributions commensurate with the corresponding assessment if becoming 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.

From the General Administrator with my most distinguished consideration.

Sincerely yours,



FLOR TORRIJOS
General Administrator

Mr.

CRAIG LOVERIDGE

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20 November 2020

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Our number: 2020/042534

Re: Renewal of Cooperating Non-Member status of SPRFMO for 2021

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, 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 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.

As discussed during our recent telephone conversation, our main interest for the year 2021 is to continue as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party and operate our carrier vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area. Given the continuing challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we prefer to postpone any decision about a possible full membership to later next year.

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 make another voluntary financial contribution, pursuant to the scheme of



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contributions established by the Commission and corresponding to the amount applicable should we become a Member to SPRFMO.

In closing, Dear Sir, please accept the assurances of our high esteem and consideration. We look forward to our continued engagement and therefore hope to receive a favorable response to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'X' and 'P'.

Xavier C. Prens
Chairman of the International Fishery Commission of Curaçao