



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS AND  
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**

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**Letter from Ecuador: Request to Become a Full WCPFC Member**

Dear All,

I bring to your attention a letter dated November 16, 2016 addressed to me from Ecuador. The letter is self-explanatory and expresses the desire of the Cooperating Non-Member to become a full member of WCPFC. As requested the letter is circulated for your information and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Oficio Nro. MAGAP-SRP-2016-2644-OF**

**Manta, 16 de noviembre de 2016**

**Asunto:** APPLICATION AS A MEMBER

Señor  
Feleti Teo Obe  
**Executive Director**  
**WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION**  
En su Despacho

Dear Mr:

As you know Ecuador is a Cooperating Non Member (CNM) of the WCPFC since 2008 and has expressed its wish to become a full WCPFC Member since 2014.

Considering what Article 35, paragraph 2 of the Convention states, we hereby once more express our wish to be invited to become a full Member of the Commission

In order for you to consider Ecuador's interest, you may take into consideration that our country is:

- A full Member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) for more than 50 years
- A full Member of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) since 2015
- Part of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas since 2013 and
- Just a few months ago became Part of the The Straddling Fish Stocks New York Agreement (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)

We kindly ask you Executive Director to circulate this letter among Member's Delegates and insert the point in the 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Session's agenda at your convenience, so the Commission may consider it.

Very truly yours,

Atentamente,



**Oficio Nro. MAGAP-SRP-2016-2644-OF**

**Manta, 16 de noviembre de 2016**

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