

Oficio Nro. MAGAP-SRP-2015-1537-OF

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Asunto: STATUS OF COOPERATING NON PARTY

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En su Despacho

STATUS OF NON-PARTIES COOPERATING

Ecuador, for years, has been engaged in fishing activities in all its phases, based on sustainable development of resources through management measures established by its Constitution, Law on Fishing and Fisheries Development, Secondary Regulations, as well as Resolutions established by Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO), thus ensuring compliance with management and conservation of fishery resources.

The Republic of Ecuador, during the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in French Polynesia, in December 2009, was accepted with the status of Cooperating Non-Party (CNP) with voice but no vote, approving by the Commission that Ecuadorian flag vessels can perform fishing operations in the exclusive economic zones of its member countries.

Currently in the area of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), Ecuador has registered a fleet of 11 vessels, the same as in 2013, with catches of more than 20,000 MT, according with management measures and conservation agreed during the annual meetings of this Commission.

Therefore, Ecuador considers it is necessary to renew their status of Cooperating Non-Party with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, reaffirming the commitment to achieving the objectives set by the Commission, what we put into consideration by member countries.

Atentamente,



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TEMPLATE FOR COOPERATING NON-MEMBER REQUESTS

The attached template has been prepared by the WCPFC Secretariat based on a suggestion from TCC9 that a standard template would assist with the Commissions review and consideration of Cooperating Non-Member applications pursuant to CMM 2009-11.


Requests for Cooperating Non-Member requests are due 60 days before TCC

Cooperating Non-Member Applications should be sent by email to WCPFC Secretariat, attention Executive Assistant, Ms Arlene Takesky arlene.takesky@wcpfc.int and cc to wcpfc@wcpfc.int



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a. Name of requesting country	ECUADOR	
b. Date of request (should be sent at least 60 days before TCC) (CMM 2009-11 paragraph 1) dd-mm-yyyy	24-jul-2015	
c. Is this the first time to request CNM status? Yes/No	NO	
d. If this is an application for renewal, specify the year that CNM status was first granted by WCPFC? yyyy	2009	
SECTION 1: MINIMUM REQUIRED COMMITMENTS TO BE STATED IN THE REQUEST		
1.1 What is the reason for this request for CNM status? (CMM 2009-11 2(a))	Ecuador, for years, has been engaged in fishing activities in all its phases, based on sustainable development of resources through management measures established by its Constitution, Law on Fishing and Fisheries Development, Secondary Regulations, as well as Resolutions established 	
1.2 Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(b))	Ecuador will cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission.	
1.3 Commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspection (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(c))	Ecuador accepts high seas boarding and inspection.	
1.4 Explicit commitment to make a financial commitment commensurate with financial contribution if Contracting Party of Commission (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(g)) <i>The Commission has assessed the financial commitment expected from all CNMs at 50% of the contribution that a CNM would have to make if it was a member. (WCPFC7 Summary Report paragraph 64)</i>	Ecuador will comply with the financial contribution assigned for Ecuador for the year 2015.	



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SECTION 2: MINIMUM REQUIRED DATA AND REPORTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST Yes/No	
<p>2.1 Have 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 been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(d)) Yes/No</p>	YES
<p>2.2 Have all the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Commission; details of its current fishing presence in the Convention Area, including the number of its vessels and their characteristics; results from research programmes it has conducted in the Convention Area, been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(e)) And did applicant provide all data members of the Commission are required to submit, in a timely manner, in accordance with the format and standards adopted by the Commission? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(b)) Yes/No <i>In addition to the rules on scientific data to be provided to the Commission (due April 30 for the previous calendar year), the Annual Report Part 1 (due 60 days before the SC) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on fishing activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	YES
<p>2.3 Have any further relevant information as determined by the Commission been submitted to WCPFC? (CMM 2009-11 Para 2(f)) Yes/No</p>	NO

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO RENEW COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS (CMM 2009-11 para 3(e))	
<p>3.1 Did applicant comply with all conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission? Yes/No Provide comments on your compliance record in WCPFC and fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States? (CMM 2009-11 Para 3(b) and para 11(a))</p>	YES Since 2009, Ecuador has complied with all the fisheries measures and regulations established by the Commission.
<p>3.2 If a flag State, did applicant respond in a timely manner to alleged violations of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and any IUU activities of vessels flying its flag, as requested by a member of the Commission or determined by the appropriate subsidiary bodies of the Commission and communicate to the member making the request and to the Commission, the actions it has taken against the vessels in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Convention? Yes/No Provide comments on your record of compliance of responding to IUU activities by your flag vessels that have been brought to the Flag State's attention in accordance with Article 25 of the Convention? (CMM 2009-11 para 3(c) and 11(d))</p>	YES Ecuador has not been asked to present any evidence of violations to conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.



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<p>3.3 As appropriate, provide comments on your record of compliance in other tuna RFMOs? (CMM 2009-11 para 3(d))</p>	<p>Ecuador has fully complied with the conservation and management measures adopted by IATTC and SPRFMO as Member State.</p>
<p>3.4 Did applicant inform the Commission annually of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels with the Commission's conservation and management measures? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(c)) Yes/No</p> <p><i>Annual Report Part 2 (due 1 July of each year) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on these activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Ecuador has presented both parts of the Annual Report as requested by the Commission.</p>
<p>3.5 Did applicant accept boardings in accordance with Commission high seas boarding and inspection procedures? (CMM 2009-11 para 11(e)) Yes/No</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Ecuador accepts boardings in accordance with Commission high seas boarding and inspection.</p>
<p>SECTION 3: ANY OTHER COMMENTS</p>	
<p>NC</p>	