

Pyongyang, August 23, Juche 102(2013)

Dear Mr. Executive Director,

I am pleased with the fact that the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) held in Manila Philippine in December, 2012, approved the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to become "Cooperating Non-Membership" of the WCPFC.

In this context, I have the honor to inform you that the DPRK has decided to continue to participate in the activities of the Commission in 2014 so as to enable our fishing vessels to fish tuna in the waters of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

Last year we caught tuna and tuna-like species in the economic water area of DPRK and this year, too, continue the fishery, acquiring the fishing technology and experience.

We plan to keep participation in the WCPFC and to do the tuna fishery in the high seas of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

We reaffirm our commitment to full compliance with the terms of the "Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean" and the rules and regulations of the WCPFC on conservation and management of marine resources, and will extend active cooperation in facilitating high sea boarding and supervision by the inspectors of the WCPFC in waters under the jurisdiction of the Convention as stipulated in the Convention.

Assuring that the DPRK will provide the Commission with information on its fishing activities in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Convention; that the DPRK make financial contributions as a CNM for 2012-2013, and that the DPRK flagged fishing vessels will abide by the requirements of the Convention, we hereby apply to your Commission for our continued participation in the activities of the WCPFC as "Cooperating Non-Membership".

Please find, enclosed herewith, the data on the tuna fishery by the DPRK in 2012.

Please accept, Mr. Executive Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**Data on <sup>\*</sup>Fishery of Tuna and Tuna-like Fishes in 2012,  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**1. Ships by type**

Type	Name of Ship	Total Ship Weight	Registered Country	Register Number	Call Sign	Captain
Longliner	0-Un-16196	499	DPRK	113703	P5FE	Mr. Pak In Gol
Purse-seiner	WonYang No.1	357	DPRK	133214	P5AB	Mr. Gwon Myong Chol
Purse-seiner	WonYang No.2	357	DPRK	133215	P5AK	Mr. Ri Yong Sik

**2. Technical Specification of ships**

Name of Ship	Main Engine	Auxiliary Engine	Length	Width
0-Un-16196	1300HP	350HP×2	51.5m	9m
WonYang No.1	800HP	600HP	48.5m	7.8m
WonYang No. 2	800HP	600HP	48.5m	7.8m

**3. Departure and Arrival of ships**

Name of Ship	Departure port	Departure date	Disembarkation port	Final Arrival Date	Trans shipment on sea
0-Un-16196	Sinpo	2012.7.11	Sinpo	2012.9.13	None
WonYang No.1	Sinpo	2012.6.27	Sinpo	2012.11.15	None
WonYang No. 2	Sinpo	2012.6.27	Sinpo	2012.11.15	None

#### 4. Fishing Gear

##### 1) Purse Seiner

Name of Ship	Height of Net (m)	Length of a Room of Net set(m)	Length of Net (m)
WonYang No.1	100	37.5	1125
WonYang No.2	80	37.5	1162.5

##### 2) Longliner

Name of Ship	Length of Longline(m)	Number of Hooks
0-Un-16196	6300-7500	1000-1500

#### 5. Corresponding Location of Fishing

Latitude from 39°08' to 40°33'

Longitude from 130°09' to 131°14'

#### 6. Production of Tuna and Tuna-like Fishes in 2012

Species	Fishing area	Body Length (cm)	Body Diameter (cm)	Body Weight (kg)	Production (MT)
Scom Beromeros	39°08'-130°09' 39°21'-130°37'	28-37	4-6	0.17-0.195	150
Common Japanese Scomber	40°03'-130°27' 40°18'-131°06'	30-35	7-8	0.2-0.25	278