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St Helena Island
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Mr Craig Smith
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Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
South Africa

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Dear Mr Smith

**CONSENT FOR AN ACCESS AGREEMENT UNDER ICCAT RECOMMENDATION
11-16 FOR SOUTHERN CROSS TO FISH IN ST HELENA WATERS**

With reference to recent correspondences relating to the Exploratory Fishing Exercise being carried out by the South African registered fishing vessel, Southern Cross, I hereby seek consent from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for this vessel to fish in St Helena waters for a limited period of 6 months under **ICCAT RECOMMENDATION 11-16**.

Terms of Access Agreement:

1. Fishing will commence from 1 May 2013 to 31 October 2013.
2. All VMS reports from the Southern Cross will be reported to South Africa by the owners of the Vessel.
3. The Vessel will fish according to South Africa's permit conditions but must fully meet the conditions of the St Helena Exploratory Fishing Licence. A copy of the Licence is attached.
4. All fish caught by the Vessel will be landed in South Africa.
5. All fish statistics will accrue to South Africa and this responsibility for providing these statistics lies with the owners of the Vessel.

6. South Africa will report on catch statistics to ICCAT.
7. St Helena will have an international English speaking Fisheries Observer on board at all times during the six month period when the Vessel is fishing in St Helena's waters.
8. Fishing will be directed to the catching of Big Eye, Yellowfin, Albacore, Skipjack tunas and associated by catch, using only pole and line methods only.
9. Costs associated with the access agreement include costs borne by the St Helena Government for having the International Fisheries Observer on board the Vessel during the fishing exercise and the Exploratory Licence Fee to be paid to St Helena Government by GlobalFish on completion of each fishing trip.

I would be grateful for your approval to this request for an access agreement between South Africa and St Helena.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DGD', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Darren G Duncan
Head of Agriculture and Natural Resources Division