

**RESPONSES TO LETTERS OF CONCERN  
RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

**RÉPONSES AUX LETTRES DE PRÉOCCUPATION REÇUES HORS DÉLAI**

**RESPUESTAS A LAS CARTAS DE INQUIETUD RECIBIDAS DESPUÉS DE LA FECHA  
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This addendum contains the responses, in original language only, received after 10 October 2015 from:

Cet addendum contient les réponses reçues après le 10 octobre 2015 dans la langue originale uniquement de :

Este addendum incluye las respuestas, sólo en su idioma original, recibidas después del 10 de octubre 2015 de:

- Honduras
- Sierra Leone
- Trinidad & Tobago
- El Salvador
- Suriname

Tegucigalpa, MDC, 20 de Octubre de 2015.

Dr. Derek Campbell  
Presidente del Comité de Cumplimiento  
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Del Atun del Atlantico,  
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De mi mayor consideración,

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme al Señor Presidente del Comité de Cumplimiento, para informar que mediante nota remitida al Dr. Driss Mesky, Director Ejecutivo del CICAA, se han enviado electrónicamente los documentos que procuran satisfacer las obligaciones de comunicación que corresponden a Honduras como Parte Contratante. Los archivos enviados son los siguientes:

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Estos documentos corresponden en consecuencia a lo requerido, esto es,


- Datos de Tarea I y Tarea II
- El informe anual, de conformidad con las directrices revisadas
- Las tablas de cumplimiento

Mientras que reconocemos y apreciamos el comunicado del Dr. Campbell fechado 17 de febrero de 2015 donde recuerda a esta Sección de País la obligación de cumplimiento, hemos expresado que mientras los ajustes institucionales y legales que impidieron nuestro cumplimiento no se ejecutaran, no habría actividad pesquera de especies de interés en la Zona del Convenio; al haberse implementado esos ajustes, Honduras está en plenas condiciones de cumplir en tiempo sus obligaciones para con la Organización. Por ello, rogamos al Comité dispensar la demora, y aceptar nuestras reiteradas muestras de la mayor consideración y respeto,

Cordialmente,

Ing. Jose Roberto Hernandez Molina  
Director General de DIGEPESCA  
Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería

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**MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES  
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**15th October, 2015**

The Compliance Committee Chairman,  
International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), Madrid, Spain

Dear Sir,

**2013 TASK I DATA REPORT FOR SIERRA LEONE**

I write with reference to the above subject and hereby attach for your attention, the TASK I DATA (Nominal Catches) for Sierra Leone for tuna species for periods 2011 to 2013. The catches for 2013 have been updated, based on information obtained via emails from vessel captains as we do not currently have Observers onboard tuna vessels. We confirm that the zero catches in the data series of 2013 are daily reports sent to us by vessel captains.

We had earlier sent TASK 1 Data to ICCAT in 2014 for which we obtained acknowledgement (See attached) and we were asked to update some of the information which we did. We could not participate in the 2014 regular meeting to further explain our data due to the Ebola outbreak. We will also update our TASK I data with 2014 data and submit to ICCAT Secretariat against the next regular meeting.

We will continue to cooperate with ICCAT to meet our reporting requirements despite existing challenges of not been able to place observers onboard tuna vessels at the moment, so that we will be able to report on most of the small tuna species targeted by the tuna vessels licensed to us. As a developing country, we further kindly request assistance from ICCAT to strengthen Sierra Leone in improving on our data reporting requirements by addressing the following challenges:

1. Assistance for Port inspection of tuna vessels during offloading/transshipment, to inspect vessel log books and verify information on catches sent to us via emails. Inspection in other ports presents limitations in view of the logistical requirements and only few inspectors could be funded by the tuna company, hence only few vessels are inspected
2. Setting up a VMS monitoring station for tuna vessels
3. Training of Observers in readiness for regional observer programs

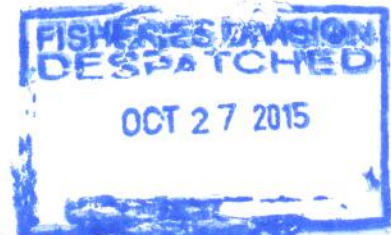
We are currently in the process of completing our tuna fishery access agreement with tuna Companies which will further enable us improve on our data collection and reporting system. We look forward to continuing working with ICCAT in good standing. We have also attached for your attention, a current list of our licensed fishing vessels including tuna.

Yours Sincerely,

  
MBU Cole,

Ag. Director of Fisheries (Sierra Leone)

CC: Commission Chairman, Hon. Minister, MFMR, Head Statistics, MFMR



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26 October, 2015

Mr Derek Campbell  
Compliance Committee Chair  
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)  
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Dear Mr. Campbell

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONCERN REGARDING REPORTING DEFICIENCIES IN  
2014**

The Delegation of Trinidad and Tobago conveys its compliments to the Commission and its Secretariat and reaffirms its commitment to management of the fisheries for the sustainable use of existing and future generations.

Reference is made to your Letter of Concern dated 17 February 2015 which highlighted certain deficiencies with regard to Trinidad and Tobago's compliance with ICCAT reporting requirements and conservation and management measures. Trinidad and Tobago hereby expresses its regret regarding our acting in contravention of ICCAT Recommendations.

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the non-submission of a response to the Committee's letter of concern of February 2014. This was the result of an inadvertent error; consequently we have herein addressed issues raised in that letter.

While acknowledging our shortcomings, we wish to assure the Commission that this situation is not a willful undertaking on the part of Trinidad and Tobago, which within its numerous limitations and constraints is seeking on the one hand to safeguard its patrimony as a small island coastal State in the face of an unforgiving public and on the other is engaged in a tenuous balancing act amidst scarce resources, to meet the management obligations that we strongly support in principle within the aegis of a Commission that we hold in high esteem and an international community that is likely to be equally unforgiving.

The opportunity is taken to bring to the attention of the Compliance Committee the efforts made by Trinidad and Tobago to address its compliance issues generally. Propelled by the need to demonstrate commitment to the implementation and effective enforcement of pertinent recommendations that have entered into force, Trinidad and Tobago a few years ago embarked upon a process of updating the Fisheries Legislation to ensure mandatory implementation of ICCAT recommendations that have entered into force. In this regard, we report that the updated legislation is in an advanced state of legislative review by the national Legislation Review Committee. This is a critical step towards finalisation of the legislation. This legislation through the mandatory elaboration of fishery management plans will provide the flexibilities for ICCAT recommendations to be legally grounded once included in a Plan following their entry into force. FMPs with respect to priority fisheries including the ICCAT managed species are underway. The legislation makes provision for mandatory review and update of FMPs.

We reported last year on the establishment of a large pelagics fisheries unit, this unit has been consolidated and the routine collection of Task II size data instituted. In addition in order to keep current with deadlines and ensure that compliance issues are addressed, in June of 2014 we established a fisheries management compliance unit for large pelagic fisheries as part of the pelagics group but operating within the Fisheries Monitoring Surveillance and Enforcement Unit. This Unit will work directly on ensuring that we remain ahead of the issues and produce from whichever source the reports for submission within the agreed deadlines. Through this mechanism it is anticipated that our reporting issues and the timeliness of reports will be addressed, and consequently greatly improved.

With respect to sharks, we obtained in July 2014 the approval of the Cabinet for the banning of shark finning. The associated regulation is being drafted under the existing Fisheries Act. Promotional materials have been prepared for enhancing awareness among all stakeholders and pertinent consultations concluded. We have also submitted a proposal to the FAO for support in the elaboration of the National Plan of Action for Sharks and we are currently working with the FAO regional office on the implementation of a national consultation in this regard. Specific staff has been recruited for this purpose and the long term institutionalisation of shark research.

The Chair of the Compliance Committee is also informed that in March 2014 Trinidad and Tobago hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission which included a regional workshop to enhance awareness and promote the ratification of the Port State Measures Agreement. This was a fortuitous and pivotal move as many stakeholders and administrators were exposed to the information and with this advantage we are seriously evaluating our resources to recommend ratification of this Agreement. In this regard we have been in close collaboration with the national maritime administration towards the application of the IMO number/ unique identifier for all fleets to strengthen our commitment to the global record.

With regard to the reporting deficiencies specified in the 2014 and current letters of concern:

- Task II size data were not submitted (2014)

Trinidad and Tobago implemented a data collection programme to provide Task II size data on key tuna species being caught by the non-artisanal longline fleet, after receiving funding from the JDMIP under a year-long joint project that began in December 2012. After a period of training and establishing of logistical arrangements the actual collection of data began in August 2013. Lengths and weights have been recorded for both target and by-catch species of the fleet. There is need however, to establish specific processed fish to whole fish conversion factors for

the Trinidad and Tobago catches because of the unique manner of processing employed. A second data collection programme is being implemented to address this issue.

- Annual report for the SCRS was received late (2014)
- No Annual report Part II was submitted (2014)
- Reply to the letter of concern concerning deficiencies in 2012 was received late (2014)
- Part II of the Annual Report was not received in accordance with [12-13];
- The Compliance tables were received late, after 15 September deadline of Rec. 11-11;
- Task I and Task II data were submitted late;
- No swordfish development /management plan was submitted, in accordance with par. 3 of Rec. 13-02

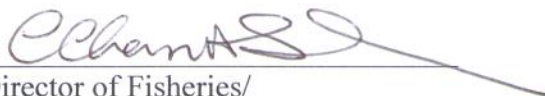
Trinidad and Tobago continues to struggle with ICCAT's reporting requirements because of its ongoing issue of limited human resource. The Fisheries Division is acutely conscious of the resulting negative effects on ICCAT's functioning; to this end the Division has sought to improve upon its reporting in 2015. We note that the 2014 Annual Report though late was submitted 7 November 2014. Please be assured that the Division is actively engaged in addressing the expansion of its human resource capacity.

The overharvest of blue and white marlins by the domestic, non-artisanal longline fleet is a longstanding matter of concern. Working within the constraints previously identified the Fisheries Division has met with the fleet owners to identify their positions on the issue and suggestions on how these catches could be substantially reduced. The use of alternative bait is being implemented; owners have indicated their willingness to release marlins that are brought on board live; and the landings are being monitored as closely as possible by the Fisheries Division in an effort to inform the owners of the status with respect to exceeding the associated catch limits. It is believed that the combination of these efforts may result in a reduction of the landings of marlins.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes to assure the Compliance Committee that it is actively engaged in addressing the concerns of the Committee. It is to be noted that the country previously prioritised the issue of the submission of Task II size data and has made significant progress towards this end with the establishment of its biological data collection programme. We shall continue to work in like manner in the coming year. Trinidad and Tobago hopes for the understanding and support of the Compliance Committee on these matters and wishes the Committee success in its deliberations at the 2015 meeting of the Commission.

The Trinidad and Tobago Delegation extends assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely



Director of Fisheries/  
Trinidad and Tobago Head Delegate

**DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES**



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El Salvador, 29 de octubre de 2015

Sr. Derek Campbell  
Presidente del Comité de Cumplimiento  
Comisión Internacional para la Conservación del Atún Atlántico  
Madrid, ESPAÑA

Estimado Señor Campbell:

Hemos tomado nota del contenido de su carta del 17 de febrero de 2015, en la cual nos manifiesta sobre las inquietudes de la Comisión durante la reunión en Génova, Italia en noviembre de 2014 por el envío del Informe anual fuera del plazo que se establecen en las *Directrices revisadas para la preparación de los Informes anuales* [Ref. 12-13].

Al respecto me gustaría comentarle lo siguiente:

Mediante oficios número 000585 y 000713 de fecha 25 de agosto y 7 de octubre de 2014 respectivamente enviamos la información pertinente al SCRS, en su momento solicitamos las disculpas del caso por el envío extemporáneo de la información. Sin embargo la Parte II del Informe anual fue enviado antes del plazo de vencimiento.

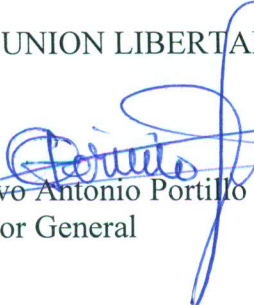
Quisiera traer a su atención que hemos mejorado sustancialmente el envío de los informes, y le menciono como ejemplo que durante 2015 todos los Informes han sido enviados con antelación a la fecha límite, tal cual lo solicita la Comisión y el SCRS.

Agradecemos su comunicación, y tomamos su palabra en cuanto a solicitar la asistencia de la Comisión para la mejora en la toma de la información –*en el marco de la recomendación 03-21*- cuando así lo consideremos oportuno.

Sin más sobre el particular, aprovecho la oportunidad para saludarle y expresarle mi inquietud por saludarle personalmente durante la reunión en Malta dentro de dos semanas.

Cordialmente

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Gustavo Antonio Portillo  
Director General





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Paramaribo, November 04 , 2015

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**Subject** : Letter of concern regarding reporting deficiencies in 2014  
**Our reference** : 919  
**Anexxes** :

Dear mr. Derek Campell,

First we would like to apologies for our late response to your letter of concern dated 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2015, due to an administrative situation. The Compliance Committee determined that Suriname had not submitted the task I data for national fleet and the Compliance table, as required by Rec. 11-11.

In response to this, we would like to inform you that since Suriname became a Non-Contracting Cooperating Party of ICCAT we have always reported that Suriname does not have any flag vessels targeting tuna and tuna-like species. Tuna and tuna-like species are landed by foreign flagged vessels at the port of Suriname.

Even though, we have always submitted the task I data for the foreign flagged vessels within all the deadlines and not for our national fleet. So there was a misunderstanding but after discussing this with mr. Carlos Palma in July 2014, we agreed that from 2015 Suriname will report "zero" catches for our national fleet to ICCAT.

We hope that with this all the uncertainties are clarified.

Regards,

**Mr. Rene Lieveld**  
The Director of Fisheries  
Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries