

**CORRESPONDANCE WITH COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES,  
ENTITIES OR FISHING ENTITIES AND THIRD COUNTRIES**

Of the five letters sent to non-Contracting, non-Cooperating Parties, only Cambodia replied with the following email message on 8 June 2018: *Thank you very much for informing us about this good news. We would like to inform you that the Fisheries Administration and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) will continuously do our best to combat all IUU Fishing activities.*

**Annex 1** presents the Secretariat's letters to the following countries sent after the 25<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of the Commission:

- 1. Cambodia (identification lift)
- 2. Dominica (letter of identification)
- 3. Gibraltar (request for additional information on fishing activities)
- 4. St. Kitts & Neves (request for further cooperation)
- 5. St. Lucia (request for further cooperation).

The letters from Bolivia and from Costa Rica requesting the renewal of their status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity are presented as **Annex 2**.



Madrid, 6 June 2018

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**ANNEX 1**

**SUBJECT: ICCAT IDENTIFICATION LIFT**

Honourable Minister,

Further to the letter of 28 January 2015 [ICCAT S15-00408 (attached)], on behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 25<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of ICCAT (14-21 November 2017, Marrakech, Morocco), the Commission decided to lift the identification on Cambodia. This decision was based on ICCAT's receipt of the letter of 11 April 2017 in which Cambodia informed ICCAT of steps it has taken to exercise effective control over its fishing vessels, including changes to how it registers its fishing and reefer vessels and confirmation that no such vessels entitled to fly the Cambodian flag are authorized to operate in ICCAT's area of competence.

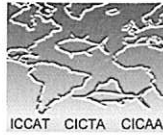
Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

  
Derek Campbell  
Compliance Committee Chair



cc: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair  
The Hon. Ambassador of Cambodia – Paris, France  
Chan Dara, Director of Merchant Marine Department  
Nao Thuok, Director of Fisheries department  
Poum Sotha, Chief of Marine Inspection Unit

Attachment: ICCAT letter S15-00408.



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Madrid, 28 January 2015

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**SUBJECT: CONTINUING IDENTIFICATION OF CAMBODIA**

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at its 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting (10-17 November 2014, Genoa, Italy), the Commission decided to continue to identify Cambodia in accordance with the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures* [Rec. 06-13].

As you will recall, Cambodia was identified in 2006 because of concern about possible IUU activities of fishing vessels flying its flag. The Commission was encouraged by the correspondence maintained with the Secretariat in 2009 and is grateful for some efforts made by Cambodia. However, we note that Cambodia did not respond to the additional requests for information contained in several ICCAT's letters (of 16 December 2009, 4 October 2010, 18 January 2011, 10 January 2012, 2 October 2013 and 16 September 2014). In the absence of a response from Cambodia with additional requested information, the Commission decided to maintain Cambodia's identification.

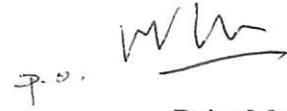
Furthermore, the Commission expressed its serious concern about possible transshipment activities by Cambodian purse seiners in the Gulf of Guinea.

We would therefore be grateful to receive detailed information regarding these alleged transshipments in the Gulf of Guinea and any responsive actions taken by Cambodia; Cambodia's monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) measures; and Cambodia's process and rules for vessel registration. The Commission will again review the situation of Cambodia at its next meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held from 10 to 17 November 2015 in Malta. Information relative to these matters should, therefore, be submitted to ICCAT ([info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int)) at least 30 days prior to that meeting (i.e. before 10 October 2015). The Commission sincerely hopes that the information requested can be supplied by that time, in order to reach a positive decision in relation to Cambodia.

In closing, the Commission would like to invite Cambodia to participate in the 2015 ICCAT meeting as an observer. Information concerning this meeting will be forwarded in due course. Further, the Commission would remind Cambodia that it can join ICCAT or seek Cooperating Status if Cambodia maintains an interest in exploiting species under the purview of ICCAT. With respect to requesting Cooperating Status, I would draw your attention to the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity, or Fishing Entity in ICCAT* [Rec. 03-20].

Please note that all ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions can be downloaded from the ICCAT web site, [www.iccat.int](http://www.iccat.int) or are available from the ICCAT Secretariat on request ([info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int)).

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Please accept assurances of my highest consideration.



Driss Meski  
*Executive Secretary*

cc: The Hon. Ambassador of Cambodia – Paris, France  
Chan Dara, Director of Merchant Marine Department  
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Madrid, 6 June 2018

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**SUBJECT: LETTER OF IDENTIFICATION**

Honorable Minister,

Further to the letters of 30 August 2017 (attached) and 18 February 2016 (attached) and of 19 December 2014 concerning requests for statistical data and further cooperation with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing on behalf of the Commission to inform Dominica that, at the 25<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of ICCAT (14-21 November 2017, Marrakech, Morocco), the Commission decided to renew the identification to Dominica pursuant to *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures* [Rec. 06-13] due to Dominica's failure to submit statistical data for ICCAT-managed species since 2014.

Each year, ICCAT reviews the fishery related activities of Contracting Parties as well as Non-Contracting Parties with respect to species subject to ICCAT management measures. A review of this information in 2017 found the following deficiencies for Dominica:

- Reported catch of blue marlin in 2013 with no accompanying statistical data submitted.
- Catch data were not submitted for 2014, 2015 or 2016.

Furthermore, ICCAT noted that Dominica did not respond to letters sent by the Commission after its 2014 to 2016 annual meetings urging Dominica to cooperate with ICCAT, including by submitting complete catch statistics for its tuna and tuna-like species fisheries. Such data are essential to support robust stock assessments and adoption of effective conservation and management measures. Failure to cooperate with ICCAT in the conservation and management of the species under its competence undermines the effectiveness of those measures.

In accordance with the terms of its trade measures recommendation, the Commission requests Dominica to reply to this letter in writing **before 10 October 2018**, i.e. at least 30 days prior to the ICCAT Compliance Committee meeting and the Commission 21<sup>st</sup> Special meeting (scheduled to be held from 10-19 November 2018 in Croatia). In its reply, Dominica should provide information on steps taken to rectify the matters that led to identification. In that regard, Dominica should provide complete statistical data for tuna and tuna-like species, as well as for pelagic shark species, using the forms available at <https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.htm>.

Additionally, the Commission requests that Dominica provide information to ICCAT about its conservation and management regime for ICCAT species.

A complete list of ICCAT conservation and management measures is available at:  
[http://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/COMPENDIUM\\_ACTIVE\\_2017\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/COMPENDIUM_ACTIVE_2017_ENG.pdf).

With respect to blue marlin, in adopting its management measure for this species in 2015 (Rec. 15-05), ICCAT noted that the 2011 ICCAT stock assessment indicated that the blue marlin stock was below BMSY (the stock is overfished) and that fishing mortality was above FMSY (overfishing is occurring) “and that unless the recent catch levels are substantially reduced to 2000 t or less and, that the Commission adopts measures to manage fishing mortality by non-industrial fleets, the stock will likely continue to decline.”

ICCAT will once again review Dominica’s fishery related activities, including any response received from your government to this communication, under ICCAT’s trade measures recommendation at its 2018 annual meeting. Based on this review, ICCAT will consider if additional action is needed, possibly including the adoption of non-discriminatory trade restrictive measures if effective rectifying action has not been implemented by Dominica. The Commission, therefore, urges Dominica to respond to the Commission on the required timeline, including submitting the requested data and information. Dominica is also encouraged to attend the 2018 ICCAT meeting (in November, in Croatia) as an observer.

On behalf of the Commission, I also encourage Dominica to consider becoming a Contracting Party to ICCAT given your continued interest in the harvest of ICCAT species or, at a minimum, to seek the status of Cooperating Party, Entity, or Fishing Entity in line with ICCAT Recommendation 03-20 (reference below under attachment). Should you require any further information in this regard, or assistance with completing any forms for submission of statistical data, please do not hesitate to contact the ICCAT Secretariat at [info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int). ICCAT recognizes that Dominica was significantly affected by the natural disasters of 2017 and can therefore understand any delays in reporting. If you require any assistance in completing the relevant submissions, please contact the Secretariat.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and please accept assurances of my highest consideration.

  
D. Campbell  
COC Chairman



cc: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair  
Ms. S. Singh-Renton, Caricom

**Attachment:**

Letters to Dominica S-E16-01080 of 18 February 2016; S- E17-06307 of 30 August 2017 and pdf reference to Rec. 03-20: <http://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2003-20-e.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE  
CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS



COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA  
CONSERVATION DES THONIDES DE L'ATLANTIQUE

COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA  
CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

Madrid, 30 August 2017

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**SUBJECT: LETTER OF IDENTIFICATION**

Honorable Minister,

Further to my letter of 17 July 2017 concerning the request for statistical data and further cooperation with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing on behalf of the Commission to clarify that, at its 20<sup>th</sup> Special meeting (14-21 November 2016, Vilamoura, Portugal), the Commission identified Dominica pursuant to the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures* [Rec. 06-13] for diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT conservation and management measures.

Each year, ICCAT reviews the fishery related activities of Contracting Parties as well as Non-Contracting Parties with respect to tuna and tuna-like species. A review of this information in 2016 found the following deficiencies for Dominica:

- Reported catch of blue marlin in 2013 with no accompanying statistical data submitted.
- Catch data were not submitted for 2014 or 2015.

Furthermore, ICCAT noted that Dominica did not respond to letters sent by the Commission after its 2014 and 2015 annual meetings urging Dominica to cooperate with ICCAT, including by submitting complete catch statistics for its tuna and tuna-like species fisheries. Such data are essential to support robust stock assessments and adoption of effective conservation and management measures. Failure to cooperate with ICCAT in the conservation and management of the species under its competence undermines the effectiveness of those measures.

ICCAT will hold its 2017 annual meeting November 14-22, in Marrakech, Morocco. In accordance with the terms of its trade measures recommendation, therefore, the Commission requests Dominica to respond to this identification decision in writing at least 30 days before that meeting (i.e., by October 13) and provide information on steps taken to rectify the matters that led to identification. In that regard, Dominica should provide complete statistical data for tuna and tuna-like species, as well as for pelagic shark species, using the forms available at <https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.htm>.

Additionally, the Commission requests that Dominica provide information to ICCAT about its conservation and management regime for ICCAT species. A complete list of ICCAT conservation and management measures is available at:  
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Dominica is also encouraged to attend the 2017 ICCAT annual meeting as an observer.

On behalf of the Commission, I also encourage Dominica to consider becoming a Contracting Party to ICCAT given your continued interest in the harvest of ICCAT species or, at a minimum, to seek the status of Cooperating Party, Entity, or Fishing Entity in line with ICCAT Recommendation 03-20. Should you require any further information in this regard, or assistance with completing any forms for submission of statistical data, please do not hesitate to contact the ICCAT Secretariat at [info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int).

Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and please accept assurances of my highest consideration.

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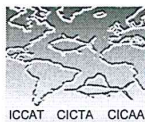
M. Tsamenyi  
*Commission Chairman*

cc: Mr. D. Campbell; COC Chairman  
Ms. S. Singh-Renton, Caricom

**Attachment:** Letter to Dominica S- E17-5042 of 17 July 2017.  
Letter to Dominica S-E16-1080 of 18 February 2016.  
Letter to Dominica S-E14-7644 of 19 December 2014.



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Madrid, 18 February 2016

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND FURTHER COOPERATION WITH ICCAT**

Honourable Minister,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 24<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of ICCAT (10-17 November 2015, St. Julian's, Malta), the Commission expressed its concerns that no reply had been received to the letter sent by the ICCAT Secretariat of 26 June 2014 (copy attached) requesting statistical data in ICCAT format for species under the mandate of the Commission and inviting Dominica to more fully cooperate with ICCAT by becoming a Contracting Party or applying for cooperating non-party status. The Commission also expressed concern about Dominica's reported catches for 2013, which included 29.39 mt of blue marlin, coupled with the lack of submission of any data to ICCAT for 2014 catches (in the past, Caricom has submitted this data on behalf of certain member nations).

While recognising the right of small island States to develop their fisheries, failure to cooperate in the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks through the relevant international organization, in this case ICCAT, undermines the effectiveness of multilaterally adopted conservation and management measures in place to sustainably manage these shared natural resources.

ICCAT requests that Dominica provide, in a timely manner, complete statistical data for tuna and tuna-like species, as well as for pelagic shark species, which are of the utmost importance to ICCAT to ensure that accurate information is taken into account in stock assessments. I should therefore be grateful if data for species of relevance to ICCAT could be submitted to the Commission in the future, in the forms available at <https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.htm>. We should also be grateful to receive any corrections to estimated data published on <https://www.iccat.int/en/accesingdb.htm>.

Additionally, Dominica is requested to provide information to ICCAT about its conservation and management regime for tuna and tuna-like species and other species subject to ICCAT conservation and management measures.

A complete list of ICCAT conservation and management measures can be found at <https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/ACT COMP 2015 ENG.pdf>. With respect to blue marlin, in adopting its most recent management measure for this species in 2012 (Rec. 12-04), ICCAT noted that the 2011 ICCAT stock assessment indicated that the blue marlin stock was below BMSY (the stock is overfished) and that fishing mortality was above FMSY (overfishing is occurring) "and that unless the recent catch levels are substantially reduced to 2000 t or less and, that the Commission adopts measures to manage fishing mortality by non-industrial fleets, the stock will likely continue to decline."

On behalf of the Commission, I would also like to encourage Dominica to consider becoming a cooperating Party or a Contracting Party to ICCAT. Should you require any further information in this regard, or assistance with completing any forms for submission of statistical data, please do not hesitate to contact the ICCAT Secretariat (at [info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int)).

Finally, I wish to draw Dominica's attention to ICCAT Recommendation 06-13 Concerning Trade Measures, available at <http://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2006-13-e.pdf>, which requires ICCAT to identify each year non-contracting Parties "that have failed to discharge their obligations under international law to co-operate with ICCAT in the conservation and management of tuna and tuna-like species, in particular, by not taking measures or exercising effective control to ensure that their vessels or their farming facilities do not engage in any activity that undermines the effectiveness of ICCAT conservation and management measures." Nations that are identified and do not take appropriate actions to rectify issues for which they were identified may be subject to trade restrictive measures by ICCAT Parties or other actions.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.



Derek Campbell  
*Compliance Committee Chair*

cc: Mr. M. Tsamenyi, Commission Chair  
Ms. S. Singh-Renton, Caricom

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Madrid – 19 December 2014

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Ministry of Environment,  
Natural Resources, Physical Planning & Fisheries  
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DOMINICA

Honourable Minister,

I have the honour to inform you that at its 19th Special Meeting held in Genoa, Italy, 10-17 November 2014, the Commission took note of the Annual Report submitted by CARICOM, observing that Dominica's fisheries include catches of species to which ICCAT conservation and management measures currently apply. While we appreciate the information sent by CARICOM, we should like to request that catches of tuna and tuna-like species, as well as shark species, be submitted to ICCAT in the formats established by the ICCAT scientific committee, available from <http://www.iccat.int/Forms/ST01-08-TRI.rar> or on request from the Secretariat.

In accordance with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity in ICCAT [Rec. 03-20] (copy attached), I should like to take this opportunity to ask Dominica to consider becoming a Contracting Party to ICCAT, or to apply for cooperating status. Such application should reach the Secretariat by 12 August 2015, for consideration by the Commission at its 24th Regular Meeting which will be held in Malta, 9-16 November 2015.

All ICCAT conservation and management measures, which apply to tuna and tuna-like species as well as some shark species in the ICCAT Convention area, are available on the ICCAT web site <http://iccat.int/en/RecsRegs.asp>.

Should you have any questions or require any further clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration

Driss Meski  
ICCAT Executive Secretary

cc: Stefaan Depypere: Commission Chair  
Derek Campbell: Compliance Committee Chair  
Ms. S. Singh-Renton, CARICOM

Attachment: ICCAT Rec. 03-20:  
<http://www.iccat.int/Documents%5CRecs%5Ccompendiopdf-e%5C2003-20-e.pdf>

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON CRITERIA FOR ATTAINING THE STATUS  
OF COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY, ENTITY OR FISHING ENTITY IN ICCAT**

(Entered into force: June 19, 2004)

*RECALLING* the *Resolution by ICCAT on Coordination with Non-Contracting Parties* [94-6] adopted at the Commission's 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting in 1994 and the *Resolution by ICCAT on Becoming a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity* [01-17] adopted at the 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting in 2001;

*RECOGNIZING* the continuing need to encourage non-Contracting Parties, Entities, or Fishing Entities with vessels fishing for ICCAT species in the Convention area to implement ICCAT conservation measures;

*RECOGNIZING* the need for clear criteria to enable non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities whose vessels fish for ICCAT species in the ICCAT Convention area to attain the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. Each year, the Executive Secretary of ICCAT shall contact all non-Contracting Parties, Entities, or Fishing Entities known to be fishing in the Convention area for species under ICCAT competence to urge them to become a Contracting Party to ICCAT or to attain the status of a Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity. In doing so, the Executive Secretary shall provide a copy of all relevant Recommendations and Resolutions adopted by the Commission.
2. Any non-Contracting Party, Entity, or Fishing Entity that seeks to be accorded the status of a Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity shall apply to the Executive Secretary. Requests must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than ninety (90) days in advance of an ICCAT annual meeting, to be considered at that meeting.
3. Non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities requesting the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity shall provide the following information in order to have this status considered by the Commission:
  - a) where available, 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;
  - b) all the data that Contracting Parties have to submit to ICCAT based on the Recommendations adopted by ICCAT;
  - c) details on current fishing presence in the Convention area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics and;
  - d) information on any research programs it may have conducted in the Convention area and the information and the results of this research.
4. An applicant for Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity Status shall also:
  - a) confirm its commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures and;
  - b) inform ICCAT of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels with ICCAT conservation and management measures .
5. The Commission's Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (hereinafter PWG) shall be responsible for reviewing requests for Cooperating Status and for recommending to the Commission whether or not an applicant should receive Cooperating Status. In this review, the PWG shall also consider information regarding the applicant available from other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) as well as data submission of the applicant to the Commission. Caution shall be used so as not to introduce into the Convention area the excessive fishing capacity of other regions or IUU fishing activities in granting Cooperating Status to the applicant.
6. Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entity status shall be annually reviewed and renewed unless revoked by the Commission due to non-compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures.
7. The *Resolution by ICCAT on Becoming a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity* [01-17], adopted at the 2001 Commission meeting, is substituted by this Recommendation.



COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA  
CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

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21 February 2018

The Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson, M.P.  
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**SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT AND CATCHES OF BLUEFIN TUNA IN GIBRALTAR**

Honourable Minister,

As Chairman of the Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I should like to bring to your attention the request expressed by our Commission at its 25<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting for additional information on the fishing activities relating to tuna and tuna like species taking place in Gibraltar.

ICCAT has the mandate to ensure sustainable conservation and management of the Atlantic bluefin tuna (*Thynnus thunnus thunnus*) and tuna-like species in the ICCAT Convention area, and it has previously been brought to our attention that fishing for this species has been taking place in Gibraltar.

As offered in the attached letter of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, ICCAT would welcome receiving catch data of Atlantic bluefin tuna and information on specific management measures adopted for Gibraltar to control fisheries taking bluefin tuna. The forms for submitting statistical data to ICCAT can be found on our web site [www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.htm](http://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.htm).

I thank you in advance for your cooperation with ICCAT and look forward to receiving any information which will help to ensure the sustainable management of these marine resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me through [info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int) if you require any additional information about ICCAT conservation and management measures.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Raúl Delgado  
Commission Chair

**Attachment:** Letter received at ICCAT from Prof. J. Cortes

**cc:** Mr. D. Campbell, Compliance Committee Chair  
Mr. S. Ota (Head Delegate Japan), Panel 2 Chair



HM Government  
of Gibraltar

Office of the Minister for Education,  
Heritage, Environment, Energy  
and Climate Change

Your Ref:  
Our Ref:

17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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Dear Commission Chair

Thank you for your letter of 17 July, which follows your earlier letter of 2 February 2016 and my reply to you, dated 19 April 2016. In that letter, I explained that the legislative steps we had taken in Gibraltar went a good way towards controlling what had previously been a totally unregulated activity. I also offered to share all our data and to visit your offices with my team, in order to look at possibilities for the future. In that respect, and although I do not appear to have received a reply at the time, I very much welcome your final paragraph which looks at working together to ensure sustainable management of stocks of tuna and tuna-like species. This, I assure you, is our absolute aim. At the time, I also forwarded to you a copy of our legislation, and can confirm that there is virtually no fishing of any tuna species other than *Thynnus thunnus thunnus*.

If I may refer to the points specifically made in your most recent letter, let me assure you that there is no continuous fishing and that Gibraltar enforces a closed season identical to ICCAT's. The season is closed if and when our TAC is reached, as has occurred this year. We enforce this closure.

I fully acknowledge ICCAT's international authority in the ICCAT Convention area. As you are aware, British Gibraltar Territorial Waters (BGTW) are not part of that area. It is for this reason that we have had to introduce our own protection measures, as I was not willing to allow tuna fishing in BGTW to continue unregulated.

Because ICCAT has no current jurisdiction in BGTW, and the recreational fishing of Atlantic Blue-finned Tuna is permitted by Gibraltar Law, but only under licence, the activity is by definition not illegal. It is not unreported either. Our Department of the Environment and Climate Change keeps careful records of all fish caught. As I offered in my letter of 19 April 2016, we will most happily share the data with you, should you wish to receive it. As I have stated above, the activity is also regulated, and so therefore cannot accept the description of this as IUU activity.



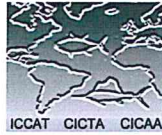
It is indeed unfortunate that the previous administration in Gibraltar did not pursue the possibility of entering the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean fishery. As you are aware, in 2012, shortly after I came into office, we reached out to ICCAT, by way of a letter from my Environment Officer, dated 4 September 2012, to the ICCAT/GBYP Coordinator Mr A D Di Natalie. This was followed by email exchanges in which a meeting was denied to us. At that time it was our intention to apply for ICCAT membership, and we raised this also with Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Lack of response from ICCAT meant that we had to introduce our own regulatory system, which largely mirrors yours.

I assure you once again that our intention is to sustainably regulate recreational tuna fishing within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters, and I look forward to your confirming that you are able to engage with us constructively to that end.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Cortes', written in a cursive style.

Hon Prof John Cortes  
Minister for Education, Heritage, Environment, Energy and Climate Change



Madrid, 6 June 2018

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cc: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair  
Ms. S. Singh-Renton, Caricom  
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*Ministerio de Defensa*

La Paz, 11 de septiembre de 2018  
**DGIMFLMM-UBPM. N° 0103/18**

Señor

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

**SECRETARIO EJECUTIVO DE LA COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL  
PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO (I.C.C.A.T.)**

España-Madrid

Señor Secretario:

En cumplimiento a Normas de la Comisión Internacional para la Conservación del Atún Atlántico "ICCAT", la Dirección General de Intereses Marítimos, Fluviales, Lacustres y de Marina Mercante del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia, como Autoridad Marítima **solicita renovar su calidad de: NO PARTE CONTRATANTE (NPC)**, de la ICCAT.

Al mismo tiempo, aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar nuestro compromiso de respetar las medidas de conservación, a la provisión de datos y la participación de reuniones de la ICCAT.

Con este motivo saludo al señor Secretario, con la seguridad de mi atenta y distinguida consideración.



*Iván Antonio Honor Ferrufino*  
Almte. Iván Antonio Honor Ferrufino

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27 de agosto de 2018  
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Señor  
Camille Jean Pierre Manel  
Secretario Ejecutivo  
Comisión Internacional para la Conservación del Atún Atlántico (CICAA)  
Madrid, España

Estimado Señor:

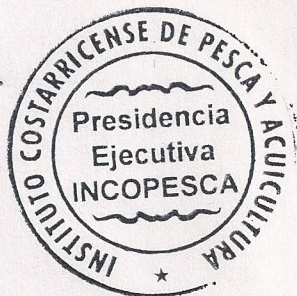
Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a Usted con ocasión saludarle y por su medio a las demás CPC de esta Comisión y la vez reiterar el interés de la República de Costa Rica por conjugar esfuerzos con las Partes y No Partes que trabajan continua y decididamente en el logro de las metas establecidas por la Comisión Internacional para la Conservación de los Atunes del Atlántico.

Habiendo sido honrado nuestro país con el Status concedido por la Comisión en el año 2016 de No Parte Colaboradora, hemos procurado satisfacer los requisitos y dar cumplimiento en lo pertinente a los compromisos derivados de las resoluciones y recomendaciones de la Comisión, razón por la cual deseamos se cursen los procedimientos necesarios para que conforme los dispone la Recomendación de ICCAT sobre Criterios para Acceder al Estatus de Parte, Entidad o Entidad Pesquera No Contratante Colaboradora en ICCAT [03-20], en la próxima 21ª Reunión Extraordinaria de la Comisión se mantenga el mencionado status a nuestro país.

Debido a razones presupuestarias la representación por parte de nuestra institución no será posible este año 2018, sin embargo, se está trabajando en lograr una coordinación con Cancillería para designar a algún representante del cuerpo diplomático que nos pueda representar, lo cual se estará confirmando oportunamente.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle mi más alta estima y consideración,

MSc. Moisés Mug Villanueva  
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