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SPRFMO currently has three active Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs):

- Curaçao, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- The Republic of Liberia, and
- The Republic of Panama.

In October 2021, the Secretariat contacted those three CNCPs with an invitation to become full Members of the SPRFMO Commission or to renew their current CNCP status (Ref: DC78-2021, DC79-2021, and DC80-2021).

In addition to the three above mentioned States, pursuant to Decision 2-2018 (Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Parties) Paragraph 1, in October 2021, the Secretariat received a CNCP status application from the Republic of Belize.

The Secretariat therefore received three CNCP status renewal requests and one new CNCP status application, all of which are contained in the annexes to this document as follows:

- Annex 1. Curaçao, CNCP status renewal application received on 08 September 2021
- Annex 2. Liberia, CNCP status renewal application received on 30 October 2021
- Annex 3. Panama, CNCP status renewal application received on 19 November 2021
- Annex 4. Belize, CNCP status application received on 29 October 2021

As per paragraph 4 of Decision 02-2018 (Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Parties), CTC9 is requested to:

- Assess the three (3) renewal applications for CNCP status, and one (1) new CNCP status application, and provide recommendations and technical advice to the Commission which considers inter alia:
  a) whether the CNCP application includes all information required under paragraph 3;
  b) in the case of renewal, the record of compliance of the applicant with the provisions of the Convention and the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;
  c) the applicant’s record of responding to any IUU activities by vessels flying its flag that have been brought to its attention, in accordance with Article 27 of the Convention;
  d) as appropriate, the record of compliance of the applicant with conservation and management measures of other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs);
  e) in the case of applications for renewal of CNCP status, whether the applicant is meeting all paragraph 12 requirements for CNCP.
Dear Mr. Loveridge,

The Ministry of Economic Development of Curacao would like to express to the distinguished membership of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) its interest in renewing our status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCOP) of your Organization.

Curacao takes pride in its partnerships with regional fisheries management organizations and the contribution they make to the preservation of the long-term health of our oceans. We approach these partnerships transparently: always willing to engage, always striving to improve our performance.

In keeping with Decision 2-2018 regarding the participation of CNPC’s we are therefore committed to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. And we also ensure that carrier vessels flying our flag in the Convention Area comply with all pertinent SPRFMO provisions and measures. As such, we also accept high seas boarding and inspections.

Our main interest for the year 2022 is to continue as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party and operate our carrier vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area. Given the continuing challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we prefer to postpone any decision about a possible full membership to next year.

In the meantime, we will gladly continue to submit all required data and information in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission. We will provide all the required information and statements should any compliance issues arise. And we will also make another voluntary financial contribution, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission and corresponding to the amount applicable should we become a Member to SPRFMO.

In closing, Dear Sir, please accept the assurances of our high esteem and consideration. We look forward to our continued engagement and therefore hope to receive a favorable response to this request.

Sincerely,

Xavier E. Pina
Chairman of the International Fishery Commission of Curacao
Secretary General of the Ministry of Economic Development
RL/NaFAA/DG/L-386/’21

October 25, 2022

Southern Pacific Regional Management Fisheries Organization (SPRFMO)
Attn.: Mr. Craig Loveridge, Acting Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 3797
Wellington 6140, New Zealand

RE: LIBERIA - COOPERATING PARTY STATUS

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia’s continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of the SPRFMO. Liberia remains committed to its obligation as a CNCP and the implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) adopted by SPRFMO.

In accordance with provisions set out in Decision 2-2018 (Rules for Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties), Liberia is submitting the following information in support of its request:

1. **Reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status:**

Liberia’s seeks continued status as a CNCP because Liberia has a number of carrier vessels that are participating in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

2. **Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission:**

Liberia commits to fully cooperate in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and will continue to ensure that its vessels comply with CMMs including, but not limited to:

- 01-2021 Trachurus murphyi
- 02-2021 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data
- 04-2020 Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out IUU Fishing Activities...
- 05-2021 Establishment of the Commission Record of Vessels Authorized...
- 06-2020 Establishment of Vessel Monitoring System in the Convention Area
- 07-2021 Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port
10-2020 Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme...

11-2015 Boarding and Inspection Procedures in the SPRFMO Convention Area

12-2020 Regulation of Transshipment and Other Transfer Activities

3. An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections; full data on historical fisheries in the Convention Area:

Liberia commits to accepting high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission’s procedures on boarding and inspections in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

Liberia has provided for previous years, and will continue to provide to the Secretariat full and complete data on historical transshipment information, including names of vessels, species and total quantities transshipped.

4. All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission:

Liberia has consistently submitted transshipment data and other information members are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission.

5. Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:

Liberia will provide relevant information as determined by the Commission.

6. A statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate...pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention:

Liberia intends to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed and pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Hon. Emma Melihr Galleco
Director General

Motto: Sustainability, Equity & Transparency
Panama, November 15th, 2021.  
AG-809-21

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

The Aquatic Resources Authority (ARAP) on behalf of the Republic of Panama, in response to the letter Ref: DC79-2021 dated on October 21st, 2021, regarding the invitation to become a Contracting Party of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) Convention or renewing our CNCP Status in accordance to the rules for CNCPs Para. 3, informs the Organization that, on October 28th, 2021, Panama’s General Assembly approved the Law Project No. 666, which approves the SPRFMO Convention and currently, said document is under the review of the President of the Republic for its sanction and subsequent publication. Once the publication is completed we would require to comply with the international law requirements to formally adopt the Convention and in this instance we would formally apply for the Contracting Party status before the Organization and subject to your considerations.

Recognizing that the foregoing process of becoming a Contracting Party, will require the completion of a national and international formal procedure and until this ensues, Panama hereby requests the renewal of our status before the Organization as Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, in accordance with the following:

a. Our interest of remaining a CNCP and continuing with our operational fleet for supporting fishing vessels in the Convention Area;

b. Based on our commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure compliance of Panamanian fishing vessels with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;

c. The commitment of accepting high seas boarding and inspections, in accordance with the Commission’s procedures providing all historical information as needed;
d. The submission of all the data required by the Commission, in accordance with the standards adopted;

e. Cooperate with SPRFMO and other international partners in the fight against the illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) activities to prevent, deter and eliminate the IUU fishing activities, one of the most serious threats faced by the biodiversity of the world’s ocean;

f. Also Panama intents to take on voluntary financial contributions, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission;

g. Finally, provide any further relevant information as determined by SPRFMO;

Once Panama has duly completed all the corresponding steps to approve and adopt the Convention we will opportunely submit this information before the Commission, in order to promote our application as Contracting Party.

From the General Administrator with my most distinguished consideration.

FLOR TORRIJOS O.
General Administrator

Mr. CRAIG LOVERIDGE
Acting Executive Secretary
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
Wellington 6140, New Zealand
28th October 2021

Mr. Craig Loveridge
Executive Secretary
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
P.O Box 3797 Wellington 6140
New Zealand

SUBJECT: BELIZE’S APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS

Dear Mr. Loveridge,

Greetings from Belize.

The Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit, on behalf of the Government of Belize hereby officially submits its Application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party Status with the SPRFMO.

Belize wishes to have a viable and meaningful presence in the Convention area within the limits set by the Commission. We believe that our application has addressed all the issues required by Decision 2-2018 on Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Parties. Belize avails itself to providing any additional data as may be required in support of its application.

We hope that the Commission will consider our Application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status and we look forward to a favorable response at the up coming meeting of the SPRFMO in 2022.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Valarie Lanza
Director of High Seas Fisheries
Belize’s Application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO)
28th October 2021

Giving effect to the SPRFMO Decision 2-2018 on Rules for Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, Belize wishes to officially apply for the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party and hereby submits its application. In this regard, it wishes to inform of the following in compliance with paragraph 3 of Decision 2-2018.

a. Belize has a historical presence in the SPFMO having acceded to the SPRFMO Convention on 11th April 2011. Belize does not have any vessels operating in this area; however, it wishes to introduce vessels to increase the fishing opportunities for its high seas fishing fleet. Therefore, in compliance with the relevant requirements of the Commission, and to promote sustainable fishing, it hereby submits its application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status.

b. Belize confirms its commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that its flagged vessels that will fish in the Convention Area, and to the greatest extent possible, its nationals comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

In this regard, Belize advises the Commission that this commitment is part of our overall policy to comply with the requirements of all RFMOs where its vessels are present. This is evidenced by the fact that:

- Belize is a Contracting party to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).
- Belize is an active member of the following organizations: The United Nations (U.N), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), Organizacion del Sector Pequero y Atlanticocentero Occidental (OSPESCA).
- Belize has issued instruments of adherence/acceptance to:
  - The 1993 FAO “Compliance Agreement”
  - The 1995 U.N. Fish Stocks Agreement
  - The International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing.
- Belize adopted a revised and modern High Seas Fisheries Act in 2013 which allows for the full implementation of all conservation and management measures through legally binding
c. Belize confirms its commitment to accept the high seas boarding and inspection scheme, in accordance with the Commission’s procedures on high seas boarding and inspection.
d. Belize commits to comply with the requirements for the submission of all data and information in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission for all its Members and Cooperating Non-Members.
e. Belize has no compliance issues with the Commission as this is its first application for Cooperating Non-Member status. Notwithstanding, we wish to highlight that whilst Belize was a Contracting Party, it was always compliant with the conservation and management measures of the SPRFMO, except for its outstanding membership dues. The non-payment of these dues was a result of Belize’s economic situation at the time which has since improved. The Authority responsible for high seas fishing was also under-going the process of Belize’s government reassuming control from its private concession. Belize has made significant changes to its corporate structure and is now prepared to settle all outstanding dues with the Commission.
f. Belize avails itself to provide any other relevant information as may be required by the Commission in consideration of this application.
g. Belize hereby confirms its commitment to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with the level that would be assessed as a member, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission.
Belize further confirms its commitment to the following in accordance with Paragraph 12 of Decision 2-2018

a. To comply with all conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission; submit all data that is required by Members of the Commission in a timely manner and in accordance with the format and standards adopted by the Commission.

b. To inform the Commission annually of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels with the Commission’s conservation and management measures.

c. To 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 required by a member of the Commission, or determined by the appropriate subsidiary bodies of the Commission and communicate to the member(s) making the request and to the Commission, the actions it has taken against the vessel(s) in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the Convention.

The above compliance and commitments are part of Belize’s policy to comply with the requirements of all RFMOs where it has a presence.

As a small developing coastal State, Belize is seeking to have a meaningful fishing presence in the Southern Pacific Ocean region within the limits set for each species managed by the SPRFMO. Belize is satisfied that this comprehensive submission has addressed all the issues required in support of its application for Cooperating Non-Member status in the SPRFMO; Notwithstanding, Belize avails itself to the Secretariat and/or the Commission if any further information is required.
SPRFMO currently has three active Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs):

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- The Republic of Liberia

In November 2022, the Secretariat contacted two out of the current three SPRFMO CNCPs, with an invitation to become full Members of the SPRFMO Commission or to renew their current CNCP status (Ref: DC93-2022 and DC94-2022). Belize was not contacted, given they had already submitted a CNCP status renewal application.

The Secretariat therefore received three CNCP status renewal requests and one new CNCP status application, all of which are contained in the annexes to this document as follows:

- Annex 1. Belize, CNCP status application received on 25 October 2022
- Annex 2. Liberia, CNCP status renewal application received on 28 November 2022
- Annex 3. Curaçao, CNCP status renewal application received on 16 December 2022

As per paragraph 4 of Decision 02-2018 (Rules for CNCPs), the CTC10 is requested to:

- Assess the three (3) renewal applications for CNCP status.
- Provide recommendations and technical advice to the Commission which considers inter alia:
  a) whether the CNCP application includes all information required under paragraph 3;
  b) in the case of renewal, the record of compliance of the applicant with the provisions of the Convention and the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;
  c) the applicant’s record of responding to any IUU activities by vessels flying its flag that have been brought to its attention, in accordance with Article 27 of the Convention;
  d) as appropriate, the record of compliance of the applicant with conservation and management measures of other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs);
  e) in the case of applications for renewal of CNCP status, whether the applicant is meeting all paragraph 12 requirements for CNCP.
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SPRFMO Secretariat
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Date: 25th October 2022 Contact Person: Valerie Lanza Email: Valerie.lanza@bhsfu.gov.bz

Re: RENEWAL OF COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS OF SPRFMO FOR 2023

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

The Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit, under the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Belize would like to express to the SPRFMO Commission its interest in renewing its Cooperating non-Contracting Party status.

In accordance with Decision 2-2018 (Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status), Belize is submitting the following in support of its request.

1. **Reason for requesting renewal of CNCP status**

Belize has a historical presence in the SPFMO having acceded to the SPRFMO Convention on 11th April 2011. Belize does not have any vessels operating in this area; however, it wishes to introduce vessels to increase the fishing opportunities for its high seas fishing fleet. Therefore, in compliance with the relevant requirements of the Commission, and to promote sustainable fishing, it hereby submits its application for the renewal of its Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status.

2. **Commitment to cooperate in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission**

Belize confirms its commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that its flagged vessels that will fish in the Convention Area, and to the greatest extent possible, its nationals comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

3. **Commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections**

Belize commits to accepting high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission’s procedures on high seas boarding and inspection.
4. **Commitment to providing all data and information**

Belize also commits to comply with the requirements for the submission of all data and information in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission for all its Members and Cooperating Non-Members.

5. **Commitment to make voluntary contribution**

Belize hereby confirms its commitment to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with the level that would be assessed as a member, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission.

6. **Commitment to provide any further information**

Belize avails itself to provide any other relevant information as may be required by the Commission in consideration of this application and any other information as required under para.12 of Decision 2-2018.

In conclusion, Belize also wishes to notify to the Commission of its intention to accede to the Convention and have already commenced this process with its government. Once the process to approve and accede to the Convention has been finalized, we will submit this information to the Commission to promote our application for Contracting Party.

We look forward to favorable response to our application. Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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RL/NaFAA/DG/L-0161/’22

November 23, 2022

Southern Pacific Regional Management Fisheries Organization (SPRFMO)
Attn.: Mr. Craig Loveridge, Acting Executive Secretary
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Wellington 6140, New Zealand

RE: LIBERIA - COOPERATING PARTY STATUS

Dear Mr. Loveridge:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia’s continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of the SPRFMO. Liberia remains committed to its obligation as a CNCP and the implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) adopted by SPRFMO.

In accordance with provisions set out in Decision 2-2018 (Rules for Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties), Liberia is submitting the following information in support of its request:

1. Reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status:

Liberia’s seeks continued status as a CNCP because Liberia has a number of carrier vessels that are participating in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

2. Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission:

Liberia commits to fully cooperate in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and will continue to ensure that its vessels comply with CMMs including, but not limited to:

01-2021 Trachurus murphyi
02-2021 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data
04-2020 Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out IUU Fishing Activities...
05-2021 Establishment of the Commission Record of Vessels Authorized...
06-2020 Establishment of Vessel Monitoring System in the Convention Area
3. An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections; full data on historical fisheries in the Convention Area:

Liberia commits to accepting high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on boarding and inspections in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

Liberia has provided for previous years, and will continue to provide to the Secretariat full and complete data on historical transshipment information, including names of vessels, species and total quantities transshipped.

4. All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission:

Liberia has consistently submitted transshipment data and other information members are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission.

5. Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:

Liberia will provide relevant information as determined by the Commission.

6. A statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate...pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention:

Liberia intends to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed and pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Emma Metieh Glassco
DIRECTOR GENERAL
Dear Mr. Loveridge,

First of all, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to your request for Curacao to become a Contracting Party to the SPRFMO Convention, or to renew its status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP).

Yes, indeed Curacao does have an interest in the fisheries in the SPRFMO Convention Area. Based on the last mentioned we moreover appreciate your encouragement to become a full member of the Commission.

After careful evaluation of your recommendation, based, among others, on the needed preparation to be done, considering our constitutional status and requirements to comply with, forming part of the Dutch Kingdom, and also the accession and entry into force procedures of the Convention, we have opted for the present day to request a prolongation of our CNCP Status. Notwithstanding the last mentioned, we will initiate with the necessary groundworks and arrangements in order to apply for a full membership of the Commission next year to enter into force per 2024.

Thus, the Ministry of Economic Development of Curacao would like to express to the distinguished membership of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) its interest in renewing Curacao’s status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of the Commission. Curacao takes pride in its partnerships with regional fisheries management organizations and the contribution they make to the preservation of the long-term health of our oceans. We approach these partnerships transparently: always willing to engage, and always striving to improve our performance.

In keeping with the SPRFMO Decision 2-2018 regarding the participation of CNPC's we are therefore committed to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. And we also ensure that carrier vessels flying our flag in the Convention
Area comply with all the pertinent SPRFMO provisions and measures. As such, we also accept high seas boarding and inspections.

In the meantime, we will gladly continue to submit all required data and information in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission. We will provide all the required information and statements should any compliance issues arise. And we will also make another voluntary financial contribution, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission, and corresponding to the amount applicable should we become a Member to SPRFMO.

In closing, we look forward to our continued engagement and therefore we hope to receive a favorable response to this request. If you need any additional information from us, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ramon Chong MURP, MPIA
Chairman International Fisheries Commission

CC:
- Minister of Economic Development;
- Members of the International Fisheries Commission