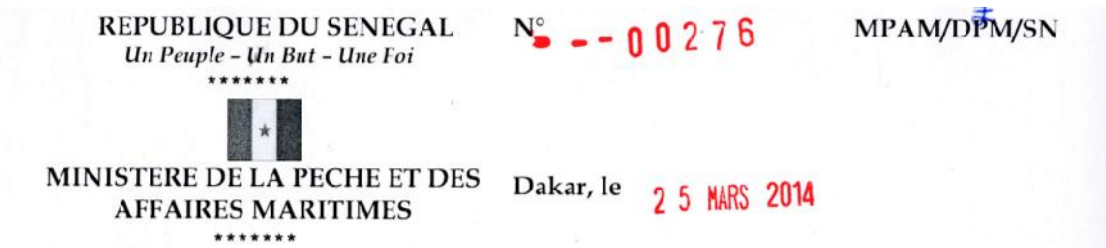


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The Minister,

**Subject: Application for renewal of Senegal's status as a Cooperating Non Contracting Party of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission**

Mister Executive Secretary,

In line with existing IOTC rules regarding the status of Cooperating Non Contracting Party, Senegal is asking for the renewal of its status as a Cooperating Non Contracting Party of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission for 2014.

In this regard, I would like you to note that Senegal renews its commitment to fully cooperate in the implementation of, and compliance with, all Management and Conservation Measures adopted by the Commission. Senegal has a long history of high-seas fishing, is participating in several Regional Fisheries Organisations and is a signatory to all Fisheries-related Conventions.

For the last few years, the Marine Fisheries technical institutions in Senegal, including the Directorate for Marine Fisheries, have filed, through our Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a request to be granted the Contracting Party Status, but it turns out that the process takes longer than expected, mainly due to administrative and financial procedures.

We note this delay with great regret and offer to the Commission our apologies for the delay in the completion of Senegal's procedure for accession to the IOTC. Our technical services work continuously to the rapid advancement of issues related to tuna fishing. Effective resuming of our fishing activities in the Indian Ocean, interrupted in recent years, largely depends on our becoming Members of the IOTC and formally presenting a Fleet development plan for the Senegalese fleet, a first draft of which will be presented in our response to comments on Application issues regarding Senegal.

Senegal thus would kindly ask IOTC Members to favourably review its application and renew for 2014 our country's status of Cooperating Non Contracting Party

Sincerely yours,



Attn: Mr Rondolph Payet

Executive Secretary of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Mahe, Seychelles



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

DIRECTORATE FOR MARINE FISHERIES

### SENEGAL FISHING PLAN

#### 1. Fishing Crafts

The Directorate for Marine Fisheries has to this day received 4 requests for High Seas Fishing Licenses (thus 4 new vessels). The verification procedures are being conducted by the National Agency for Maritime Affairs which is in charge of vessel identification and seaworthiness control before their registration.

Requests for High Seas Fishing Licenses are instructed at the Directorate for Marine Fisheries which, based on a technical report, will present these requests to the Minister of Fisheries who has the authority to grant Fishing Licenses.

#### 2. Fishing Period

The resuming of fishing activities depends on the conclusion of the process of Senegal accessing to the status of Contracting Party to the IOTC. It could be planned for sometime during 2015.

#### 3. Implementation

Fishing Logbooks will be implemented and on-board observers will be considered, according to IOTC rules. The Senegalese fleet is equipped with a VMS and all vessels are mandated to have their device active and functional at all times.

#### 4. Target species

They are, in particular, skipjack tuna, swordfish, bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna. The Senegalese cannery is mostly processing skipjack tuna. Forecasts for skipjack tuna processing during the first year are estimated at 4000 metric tonnes.

#### 5. Management Plan

During the first year, it is our intention to only introduce three vessels, of which two longliners, according to the requirements of fishing capacity management [sic].

**Senegal's Fleet Development Plan/IOTC**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Type of fishing</b>	Bottom longliners Pole-and-line and/or purse seiner	Bottom longliners Pole-and-line and/or purse seiner
<b>Number of vessels</b>	3	5
<b>Target species</b>	Swordfish, tuna, sharks	Swordfish, tuna, sharks