

APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS: SENEGAL

In accordance with IOTC Resolution 03/02 *On criteria for attaining the status of Cooperating Non-contracting Party*, the following application was received from Senegal.

Note, this application was originally posted as document IOTC-2006-S10-CoC06, but was re-submitted in a format that responds to the criteria listed in Resolution 03/02.

Request Letter

Paragraph 2 of the resolution

Any non-Contracting Party requesting the status of a co-operating non-Contracting Party shall apply to the Secretary. Requests must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than ninety (90) days in advance of an Annual Session of the Commission, to be considered at that meeting.

The IOTC Secretariat received a letter of application dated 31 October 2005 (attached) from the Minister of State, Minister of maritime Economy of Senegal, in charge of Fisheries for status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to the IOTC.

Information provided to support the application

Paragraph 3 of the resolution

Non-Contracting Parties requesting the status of Co-operating non-Contracting Party 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 IOTC 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 IOTC based on the resolutions adopted by IOTC;*
- c) details on current fishing presence in the IOTC Area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics and;*
- d) information on any research programmes it may have conducted in the IOTC Area and the information and the results of this research.*

(a) Data on historical fisheries in the IOTC Area

We have submitted statistical data in 2003 and 2004. Please find attached a copy of the data we submitted.

(b) Data reported pertaining to IOTC resolutions and recommendations

Resolution 01/05: catches for 2003 and 2004 have been submitted to IOTC. Catch dates have been recorded by fishing trips.

Resolution 05/04: Three Senegalese longliners are registered, of which only one has operated in the Indian Ocean. The other two might be operational during 2006. The list of vessels is attached.

Resolution 05/02: Only one longliner is registered, while two more will be soon.

Resolution 01/06: Senegal joined the IOTC Statistical Document Scheme.

Resolution 05/05-01/07: Senegal adopted an Action Plan which aims at updating the Shark Species Red List and developing research on shark fisheries.

Resolution 03/05: Senegal will respect IOTC's commercial measures.

Resolutions 02/05-05/02: Senegal submitted the list of related vessels.

Resolutions 02/02: Senegalese vessels are required by law to be equipped with an operational VMS before leaving port.

(c) Evidence of current fishing presence in the IOTC Area

Senegal reported one vessel authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence including details on its identification and characteristics in accordance to Resolution 05/02.

(d) Research programs conducted in the IOTC area and results of the research

Senegal being a founding member of the International Commission of Atlantic Tuna, the CRODT can develop several research programmes, particularly on tuna and tuna-like species. The CRODT also works in collaboration with several other Research Institutes and, thus, has acquired and internationally acknowledged expertise. The stock assessments are done under the ICCAT framework, and contacts and exchanges with IRD are also in place.

International cooperation on highly migratory stocks allows CRODT to plan an evaluation of the swordfish stocks during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Senegal is participating in several activities led by fisheries cooperation bodies. This cooperation is, amongst other goals, aimed at helping the implementation of measures on

- *Cooperating on fisheries issues, particularly regarding common stock management;*
- *Harmonising and coordination of resource management systems;*
- *Defining the conditions of access to fisheries resources;*
- *Adopting coordinated monitoring and control measures for fishing vessels.*

Senegal adopted the Sharks Action Plan in 2005. Research activities will aim at elaborating sharks management and conservation programmes. Senegal is currently in the data collection phase of the plan.

CRODT and the Senegalese Big Game Fishing Federation (Fédération sénégalaise de pêche sportive) have taken part in a swordfish tagging project with a US team from July 3rd to July 7th, 2006.

Confirmation of commitment in respect the Commission's conservation and management measures

Paragraph 4 of the resolution

An applicant for Co-operating non-Contracting Party shall also:

- a) confirm its commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures and;*
- b) inform IOTC of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels of IOTC conservation and management measures*

(a) Statement of commitment

See attached.

(b) Measures taken to ensure compliance by its vessels

- Fishing licences are only valid for a year and can be cancelled in case of serious violation.
- Fishing activities cannot start before the vessel has received its fishing license, nor can they continue beyond the end of the authorised period, unless there has been an officially certified extension, or a new license has been granted.
- A fishing vessel can make several fishing trips during the authorised period, provided that all required information is submitted regarding each trip.
- Catches of Swordfish or any other species taking place in the IOTC area have to comply with IOTC recommendations and resolutions.
- During the fishing activity for each fishing trip, the vessel owner must submit to the Direction des Pêches Maritimes by telex, fax or any other mean, 72hrs in advance, the area of fishing as well as every entering and leaving port.

- No vessel can change of fishing area without having first obtained an authorisation to fish in the new area. When the vessel fishing license allows for fishing in several areas, or for moving between two or more authorised areas, the vessel owner will have to notify the Direction des Pêches Maritimes of the change of fishing area within 24hrs of the movement.
- The vessel owner shall submit, on at least a monthly basis, the area (latitude, longitude) where fishing activities have taken place in the last 30 days and the total catches in that period, broken down by species.
- The vessel owner shall notify by the same means, within 48hrs, all landings in ports of another country, along with the dates of landings.
- Landing in a foreign country: the vessel owner shall have the amounts landed registered by species and specify the country of landing.
- The vessel owners and masters shall comply with international fishing regulations, namely:
 - *Having on-board a fishing log where the master shall record all catches, as well as planned loadings and landings.*
 - *When landing catches in port, presenting the landing declaration mentioned in the paragraph above to the port authorities.*
- The vessel owner shall comply to all relevant international regulations.

Note: the following three letters are translations of the main points of documents that were submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by fax. For more details, please refer to the original documents in French.

RÉPUBLIQUE DU SÉNÉGAL
MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE MARITIME
LE MINISTRE D'ÉTAT

31 October 2005

Subject: Application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party Status from Senegal.

Dear Mr. Anganuzzi,

With regard to promoting the sustainable exploitation of the tuna and tuna-like species fisheries, and in agreement with the principles and recommendations from FAO, I wish that the Commission consider to grant my country the status of **Cooperating Non-Contracting Party** of IOTC.

Please find attached:

- a letter of commitment;
- a technical information note;
- 1 statistics submission form.

Respectfully yours,,

Djibo Leïty KA

TO:
IOTC Executive Secretary
BP 1011 Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles.

31 October 2005

Declaration of Commitment

In compliance with FAO's recommendation for responsible fisheries, the Minister of Maritime Economy of Senegal, by confirming his view that the oceans' management should be based on a shared and collective responsibility and on the respect of international obligations and agreements related to the sustainable exploitation of the sea's living resources, commits himself to:

- respect the conservation and management measures adopted by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC); and
- enforce the strict application by our vessels of IOTC's conservation and management measures.

This commitment is issued to serve and avail when and where required.

Djibo Leïty KA

