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**APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS  
BELIZE**

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Dear Mr. Angannuzi:

Thank you for your message of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007. We wish to confirm that since our departure from the last IOTC meeting which was held in GOA our government have set in motion the procedure for the ratification of the IOTC Convention and both our Cabinet and Prime Minister have actually approved the ratification of the Convention and the matter now rest with our Senate and it will be approved by them at their next meeting.

However, as a precaution, we would like to make an intermediate application for the renewal of our Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status in time for the next meeting in the event that the administrative process is not completed by that time. We hope that it would be unnecessary and that the procedure would be completed by that time, if not, we would like to submit our application for renewal. Therefore, as mentioned earlier please advise if there are any procedures for the submission of a renewal of our application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status or should we follow the same format as our last submission?

Awaiting your earliest response to this matter.

Regards,

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Dear Mr. Anaganuzzi,

Further to our correspondence of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007, we wish to attach herewith our Application dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007 for Renewal of Belize's Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status together with the following supporting documents.

1. Attachment 1 – List of vessels which operated in the IOTC area in 2006
2. Attachment 2 – Catch and Effort Statistics for 2006
3. Attachment 3 – List of Fishing Vessels Currently Licensed to operate in the IOTC Area.
4. Attachment 4 – Belize's Confirmation of Commitment in respect of the Commissions conservation and management measures.

Please confirm safe receipt of the above.

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## APPLICATION DATED 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 FOR RENEWAL OF BELIZE'S COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS

Notwithstanding the fact that we have already commenced the procedure for the acceptance of the IOTC Agreement which should be forthcoming before the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of IOTC, we submit hereunder our application for renewal of our Cooperating non-Contracting Party status in the event that the administrative process is not completed by that time.

### Request Letter

Paragraph 2 of the resolution

*Any non-Contracting party requesting the status of Co-operating non-Contracting Party shall apply to the Secretary. A request 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 the meeting.*

At the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOTC in Goa 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> May 2006 Belize was granted the Status of Co-operating non-Contracting Party Status valid for one year. We now wish to officially apply for the renewal of the aforementioned status.

### Information provided to support the application

Paragraph 3 of the resolution

*Non-Contracting Parties requesting the status of Co-operating 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, names 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 programs it may have conducted in the IOTC area and the results of this research.*

#### (a) Data on Historical Fisheries in the IOTC Area

The responsibility for reporting of catch, effort, size frequency and vessel record data lies with the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE).

Catch and Effort Data for tuna and tuna-like species have been reported by us as follows:

Year	No. of Vessels	Catch (es)	Comments
2000	55 exclusively in the IOTC Area 60 partly in the IOTC Area	Data not conclusive	
2001	38	9242 m/t	Catches of tuna only reported
2002	24 exclusively in the IOTC Area	23660 m/t	Catches included tuna and tuna-like species
2003	8	1375 m/t	Catches of tuna and tuna-like species

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2004	20 exclusively in the IOTC Area and 7 vessels partly in the IOTC Area	1207m/t	Only 14 of the 20 vessels targeted tuna and tuna-like species. Vessel sizes are smaller than in previous years.
2005	11 exclusively in the IOTC Area	1143 m/t	Catches include tuna, tuna-like species and sharks
2006	7 vessels exclusively in the IOTC Area 1 vessel partly in the IOTC area	948 m/t 37 m/t	Catch total for tuna & tuna-like species. Catch total for sharks.

*Nominal Catches* Industrial purse seiners and long liners under our flag have been operating in the Indian Ocean since 1993. However, many of the fishing vessels registered at IMMARBE from 1993 onwards which have/are operating in the IOTC area had already been operating there for many years prior their registration with us.

*Name and Characteristics of fishing vessels*

Information on identification and characteristics of long liner and purse seine vessels has been reported to IOTC as follows:

- 2000 and 2001: names of vessels, type, gear, area, capacity
- 2002, 2003, 2004: complete information on identification and characteristics.
- 2005: complete information on identification and characteristics for vessels which operated in the IOTC area in 2005
- 2006: complete information on identification and characteristics for vessels which operated in the IOTC area in 2006 (Attachment 1)

**(b) Data reported pertaining to IOTC resolutions and recommendations**

Apart from catch and effort data, in accordance with Resolution 98/04 we have submitted list of our long line vessels (all sizes) operating in the Indian Ocean including their identification and characteristics during the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005. Catch and effort data for 2006 is attached (Attachment 2).

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

Please see Attachment 3 on details of our current fishing presence in the IOTC Area.

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

We have not conducted any such research hitherto.

**Confirmation of commitment in respect of the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures.**

**Paragraph 4 of the resolution**

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

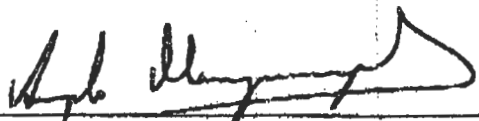
- a) *Confirm its commitment to respect the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures and,*
- b) *Inform IOTC of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures*

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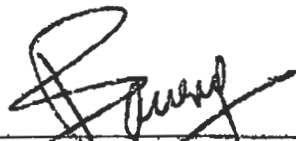
We re-attach our Statement of Commitment as well as details of the measures which we have taken to ensure compliance by our vessels -- Attachment 4

We look forward to your organization's support by granting the renewal of Belize's Co-operating non-Contracting Party Status in the unlikely event that the acceptance of the IOTC Agreement is not completed in time for the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of IOTC in May 2007.

With kind regards,



Angelo Mouzouropoulos FICS, FCI Arb  
Director General



Valerie Savery  
Fishing Vessels Manager

LIST OF VESSELS WHICH OPERATED IN THE IOTC AREA IN 2006																	
No.	Vessel Name	Reg. No.	Call Sign	Flag Country	Previous Flag	Vessel Type	(a) LOA	(b) LBP	GRT	Name and Address of Owners	Name and Address of Operator	HP	Hull	Year Built	Shipyard	Area of Operation	Carrying Capacity
1	Long The	289910028	V3GA2	Belize	Cambodia	Long Line	43.3	37.7	242	Chang Her Fishery Co., Ltd. No. 110, Shu Ren Road, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	Hung Lian Hui No.24, Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang, Pingtung Hsien, Chinese Taipei	650	Steel	1972	Fong Kuo Shipbuilding Co. Ltd	South Indian Ocean	200 m/t
2	Shin Chyun	280510166	V3YG8	Belize	Indonesia	Long Line	26.5	23.09	88	Liu, Chiu-Li No.103, Ho Chang Rd., Chien Chen Dist Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	1999	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	52 m/t
3	Yung Chan 1	280410163	V3ZH2	Belize	Japan	Long Line	46	43.32	449	Cheng Ding International Trading Co., Ltd Trustnet Chambers, P.O. Box 1225, Apia Samoa	Cheng Ding International Trading Co., Ltd Fishery Bldg., Suite 121, No. 3, Yu Kang E. 2nd Road, Chien Chen Dist, Chinese Taipei	UNK	Steel	1990	Kabushiki Kaisha Niigata Tekkosho	South Indian Ocean	100 m/t
4	Hsin Chi Tsai	280110074	V3OQ5	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	25.2	22	82	Ms. Ko Tu Su-Ching 2 Fl., No.27 Fish Port, North 1st Road, Chien Chen Dist., Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	2001	Shing Koo Building Ship & Co., Ltd	North and South Indian Ocean	50 m/t
5	Chen Ming No.1	280110099	V3TK7	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	29	25.5	98	Chen Ming Fishery Co., Ltd. No. 176 Chung Ming St., Hsiao Kang Dist., Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	2001	Shing Koo Building Ship & Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	80 M/T
6	Shin Fa	280210104	V3VB4	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	27	21	97	Chi, Su-Ching No.103, Ho Chang Rd., Chien Chen Dist Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	750	Fiberglass	2002	Lane Lung Glass Fiber Shipbuilding	South Indian Ocean	80 M/T
7	Ruey I Shyang No.9	280110090	V3MQ9	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	27.6	23.9	80	Hung Liang Hui No.24 Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang Pingtung Hsien, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	640	Fiberglass	2001	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	36 m/t
8	Jin Shyang Yih 666	280110100	V3VD	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	29.3	25.52	99	Jin Shyang Yih Fishery Co., Ltd Rm 1B 4F, No.87 Hou-Ping Road, Chien Chen Dist, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	2001	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	75 m/t
(a)	LOA = Length Overall in meters																
(b)	LBP = Length Between Perpendiculars in meters in accordance with definition of "length" as defined by Article 2 Section 8 of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1996 and Protocol of 1998 as well as Article 2 Section 8 of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships 1969 and recorded on ship registration documents.																

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**IOTC FORM 3A: CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS**  
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PAGE	REPORTING COUNTRY	BOAT SIZE (GROSS TONNAGE)	TYPE OF BOAT	NUMBER OF LOGBOOKS RECOVERED	TOTAL NUMBER OF TYPES	UNIT OF EFFORT
YEAR	FLAG COUNTRY	BOAT SIZE (GROSS TONNAGE)	BOAT SIZE (NET TONNAGE)	CATCH MONITORED	TOTAL CATCH	UNIT OF CATCH
	TYPE OF GEAR	BOAT SIZE (NET TONNAGE)	BOAT SIZE (NET TONNAGE)			

MONTH	AREA				EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)							SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)				
	DRIFT NET	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE				YFT	BET	ALB	SWD	MARLIN	SKJ	SHARK		SAI			
JANUARY	6	2	1	5	0	4	5	31	7745		10040	248						
JANUARY	6	1	0	5	0	6	3	25	2210	450				1860	3,960			
JANUARY	5	2	0	0	0	5	9	5	320	170				180	600			
JANUARY	1	2	1	5	0	5	1	22	1604	782	13576	423	184					
JANUARY	4	2	0	3	0	6	1	7	670	50	675	80	55				85	
JANUARY	5	2	0	3	0	4	1	30			13131	3139	298	272	453			
JANUARY	6	2	1	4	0	5	8	9			2547	100						
FEBRUARY	6	2	1	5	0	4	5	28	7425		8280							
FEBRUARY	5	1	0	0	0	5	9	6	390	160				180	850			
FEBRUARY	6	2	0	1	0	5	9	22	1550	460				690	2,010			
FEBRUARY	6	2	1	5	0	6	2	10	78		5166							
FEBRUARY	6	2	1	4	0	6	1	24			7872							
FEBRUARY	1	2	0	2	0	4	2	14			13470	930	613	58	538		197	
FEBRUARY	5	2	1	5	0	5	8	27			12100							



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YEAR	FLAG COUNTRY	BOAT SIZE RANGE	BOAT SIZE UNITS	UNIT OF CATCH
	TYPE OF GEAR	BOAT SIZE TYPE		

MONTH	AREA			EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)							SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)				
	SECTOR	QUADRANT	LAT-LONG-TUDE			YFT	BET	ALB	SWD	MARLIN	SKJ	SHARK					
MARCH	6	2	0 3 0 5 9	29		7191	319	7726	437								
MARCH	6	1	0 0 0 5 7	19		880	370					370	1230				
MARCH	5	2	0 0 0 5 6	10		680	60					190	580				
MARCH	5	2	3 5 0 5 2	17		219	10625										
MARCH	3	2	3 1 0 5 7	11		748											
MARCH	5	2	2 5 0 6 0	18				7756	158				297				
MARCH	5	2	1 6 0 5 8	21				5508	263				258				
APRIL	5	2	0 3 0 4 9	28		7286	120	6240	312	100							
APRIL	5	1	0 0 0 5 9	17		770	510					510	1370				
APRIL	6	2	0 0 0 5 6	15		570	120					450	670				
APRIL	5	2	3 5 0 5 3	26		569		22505	36								
APRIL	3	2	2 9 0 5 5	16		1197											
APRIL	5	2	2 5 0 6 0	30				11225	509				273				
APRIL	5	2	2 5 0 5 9	29				11025	396				327				



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<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FLAG COUNTRY</b>	<b>BOAT SIZE RANGE</b>	<b>CATCH MONITORED</b>	<b>UNIT OF CATCH</b>
	<b>TYPE OF GEAR</b>	<b>BOAT SIZE UNITS</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS</b>	<b>TOTAL CATCH</b>

MONTH	AREA			EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)							SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)					
	DRIFT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			YFT	BET	ALB	SWD	MARLIN	SKJ	SHARK						
MAY	5	2 0 4 0 5 1		29		7093	575	8820										
MAY	1	2 0 0 0 5 5		31		1499	690					1200	1720					
MAY	6	2 3 4 0 6 7		25		525		21587										
MAY	3	2 2 8 0 5 3		17		1536												
MAY	5	2 2 6 0 5 8		31				9380	303	188	490							
MAY	6	2 2 5 0 5 9		31				11490	936	653		620						
JUNE	5	2 0 0 0 5 0		29		7527	232	8330	189									
JUNE	1	2 0 0 0 5 7		30		1610	1190					1030	1360					
JUNE	6	2 3 4 0 6 7		25		339		19723	154									
JUNE	5	2 2 0 5 7		18		1358												
JUNE	1	2 2 8 0 5 8		34				12300	253	184			495					
JUNE	6	2 2 8 0 6 0		30				17750	715	251			536					
JULY	5	2 0 0 0 4 7		26		5971		10620	290									
JULY	1	2 0 0 0 4 9		29		2340	770	460		1230			2790					

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01	BELIZE	FISHING	221	FISHING DAYS
YEAR	FLAG COUNTRY	BOAT SIZE RANGE	CATCH MONITORED	UNIT OF CATCH
2006	BELIZE	30-40	455	TON
	TYPE OF GEAR	BOAT SIZE TYPE	COVERAG	
	LONG LINE	30 METERS		

MONTH	AREA			EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)							SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)						
	SE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUDE			LONG-TUDE	YFT	BET	ALB	SWD	MARLIN	SKJ		SHARK	SAI				
JULY	6	2	3	4	0	6	7	27	1907	692	113	17900	80	221					
JULY	1	2	1	9	0	5	9	18	1419										
JULY	6	2	3	2	0	6	0	22	1940	1285	27183								
JULY	6	2	3	1	0	6	2	29	3635	1276	24854	1540	710		455				
JULY	6	2	3	0	0	5	8	25	632	403	2597	307	219			557			
AUGUST	1	2	0	0	0	5	2	27	1550	1030	510		310		2,940				
AUGUST	6	2	2	9	0	6	8	27	673	97	13680	251	156						
AUGUST	2	2	3	1	0	5	7	22	2574						2,549				
AUGUST	6	2	3	0	0	6	1	24	1819		17051	930		471					
AUGUST	5	2	3	1	0	6	2	22	1910		15235	940		575					
AUGUST	1	2	2	8	0	5	9	26	453	344	7899	504	207			379			
SEPTEMBER	5	2	1	8	0	4	4	16	1416		2726	536							
SEPTEMBER	1	2	0	0	0	5	7	28	1425	330	210								
SEPTEMBER	6	2	2	8	0	6	1	19	334	68	7406	140	271						

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	TYPE OF GEAR	BOAT SIZE UNITS	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS	FISHING DAYS
		BOAT SIZE METERS	TOTAL CATCH	

MONTH	AREA			EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)							SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)					
	QUADRANT	LATI-TUD	LONG-TUDE			YFT	BET	ALB	SWD	MARLIN	SKJ	SHARK		SAI				
SEPTEMBER	5	2 2 9 0 5 7		4		413												
SEPTEMBER	6	2 2 4 0 6 4		6			190	1600	100									
SEPTEMBER	6	2 2 8 0 5 4		26		285	273	6191	186									391
OCTOBER	6	2 1 0 0 5 3		29		5681		5375	225									
OCTOBER	5	2 2 0 0 7 0		13		73		7565										
OCTOBER	5	2 2 0 0 5 7		20		732												704
OCTOBER	6	2 2 2 0 6 6		31		3775	1060	33260	2210									929
OCTOBER	6	2 2 4 0 6 6		31		720	1095	8880										
OCTOBER	6	2 2 4 0 5 2		31		722	482	6042	477	509								400
NOVEMBER	6	2 1 2 0 5 3		30		7350		5320	277									
NOVEMBER	1	2 2 0 0 5 7		24		410		1005										9430
NOVEMBER	5	2 2 1 0 7 0		26		152		19079	112									103
NOVEMBER	6	2 2 1 0 5 7		18		981												1,234
NOVEMBER	6	2 17 0 6 8		15		985	257	15327	163									320

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	TYPE OF GEAR	BOAT SIZE TYPE	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS	
			TOTAL CATCH	
			COVERAGE	

CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)

MONTH	AREA			TOTAL CATCH	EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	YFT	BET	ALB	SWD	MARLIN	SKJ	SHARK	SAI	SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)
	SIZE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUDE												
NOVEMBER	6	2	1 9 0 6 8		30			1240	15930	1560					
NOVEMBER	6	2	2 1 0 5 1		29		1001	704	14779	471	685			218	
DECEMBER	6	2	1 0 0 5 3		30		8977		5800	358					
DECEMBER	6	2	1 9 0 6 8		9		280					3840			
DECEMBER	5	2	2 1 0 7 0		12		70	16	8595						
DECEMBER	6	2	2 1 0 5 7		11		604						712		
DECEMBER	1	2	1 8 0 6 9		29		94	457	25438	244			260		
DECEMBER	5	2	1 8 0 7 0		31		295	385	24846	198					
DECEMBER	5	2	2 1 0 5 9		31		635	622	10621	629	586			219	

**LIST OF FISHING VESSELS CURRENTLY LICENSED TO OPERATE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN  
AS AT 9TH FEBRUARY 2007**

No.	Vessel Name	Reg. No.	Call Sign	Flag Country	Previous Flag	Vessel Type	(a) LOA	(b) LBP	GRT	Name and Address of Owners	Name and Address of Operator	HP	Hull	Year Built	Shipyard	Area of Operation	Carrying Capacity
1	Long The	289910028	V3GA2	Belize	Cambodia	Long Line	43.32	37.7	242	Charng Her Fishery Co., Ltd. No. 110, Shu Ren Road, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	Hung Lian Hui No.24, Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang, Pingtung Hsien, Chinese Taipei	650	Steel	1972	Fong Kuo Shipbuilding Co. Ltd	South Indian Ocean	200 m/t
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4	Chen Ming No.1	280110099	V3TK7	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	29	25.5	98	Chen Ming Fishery Co., Ltd. No. 176 Chung Ming St., Hsiao Kang Dist., Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	2001	Shing Koo Building Ship & Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	80 M/T
5	Shin Fa	280210104	V3VB4	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	27	21	97	Chi, Su-Ching No.103, Ho Chang Rd., Chien Chen Dist Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	750	Fiberglass	2002	Lane Lung Glass Fiber Shipbuilding	South Indian Ocean	80 M/T
6	Ruey I Shyang No.9	280110090	V3MQ9	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	27.6	23.9	80	Hung Liang Hui No.24 Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang Pingtung Hsien, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	640	Fiberglass	2001	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	36 m/t
7	Jin Shyang Yih 666	280110100	V3VD	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	29.3	25.52	99	Jin Shyang Yih Fishery Co., Ltd Rm 1B 4F, No.87 Hou-Ping Road, Chien Chen Dist, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	2001	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	75 m/t

**LIST OF VESSELS CURRENTLY LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AS WELL AS THE PACIFIC OCEAN**

No.	Vessel Name	Reg. No.	Call Sign	Flag Country	Previous Flag	Vessel Type	LOA	LBP	GRT	Name and Address of Owners	Name and Address of Operator	HP	Hull	Year Built	Shipyard	Area of Operation	Carrying Capacity
1	Der Wei No.686	280010055	V3HJ	Belize	China	Long Line	47.66	43.26	472	Der Weil Fishery Co., Ltd. No. 95, Tsuey Her Street, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei.	SAME AS OWNERS	1000	Steel	1974	Kabushiki Kaisha Ichikawa Zosensho, Japan	South Indian Ocean	250 m/t
2	Wan Jia Men 99	280110087	V3LV	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	32.12	28.2	140	Captura Todo de Belize Co., Ltd Av. 3, 13 Street, Puntarenas, Costa Rica	SAME AS OWNERS	1100	Fiberglass	2001	Jin Jiahn Lih Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	150 m/t
3	Wang Jia Men No.88	280010052	V3GI3	Belize	New Construction	Long Line	29.3	25.52	99	Captura Todo de Belize Co., Ltd Av. 3, 13 Street, Puntarenas, Costa Rica	SAME AS OWNERS	823	Fiberglass	2000	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	90 m/t
4	Chin Jui Yng No.11	280410162	V3YO8	Belize	Georgia	Long Line	32.06		276	Macalluns S.A. No. 176 Chung Ming St., Hsiao Kang Dist Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei	SAME AS OWNERS	UNK	Fiberglass	1984	Higashikyusu Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	South Indian Ocean	120 m/t

(a) LOA = Length Overall in meters

(b) LBP = Length Between Perpendiculars in meters in accordance with definition of "length" as defined  
by Article 2 Section 8 of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1996 and Protocol of 1998 as well as  
Article 2 Section 8 of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships 1969 and recorded on  
ship registration documents.

## **Belize's Confirmation of Commitment in respect of the Commission's conservation and management measures**

We wish to re-apply for the status of Co-operating non-Contracting Party Status and submit hereunder the following:

(a) **Statement of Commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures.**

**We wish to confirm that Belize is committed to uphold and enforce your Commission's conservation and management measures.** This is part of an overall policy to comply with the requirements of all RFMOs in whose areas we have a presence. This is evidenced by the fact that in recent years, we have not only been cooperating with IOTC but also with ICCAT, IATTC, CCAMLR, NAFO, NEAFC. Furthermore, Belize is an active member of the following organizations: FAO, CRFM (Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism), OSPESCA (Organizacion del Sector Pesquero y Acuicola del Istmo Centroamericano), OLDEPESCA (Organizacion Latinoamerica de Desarrollo Pesquero), PROARCA (Programa Ambiental Regional para Centroamerica), COPACO (Comision de Pesca para el Atlantico Centro Occidental). Also,

- IMMARBE is dedicated to providing "an efficient, cost effective quality ship registration service and to enforce national laws and international Conventions which have been ratified by Belize in the interests of safety at sea and the protection of the environment." It is a Gold Corporate sponsor of Belize's Audubon Society which became the first Belizean member of the World Conservation Union, the world's largest environment organization, based in Switzerland.
  
- The Fisheries Department of our Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives is committed "to provide the country and the people of Belize with the best possible management of aquatic and fisheries resources with a view to optimize the present and future benefits through efficient and sustainable management."
  
- On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2005 Belize issued Instruments of Adherence/Acceptance of the following.
  - The ICCAT Convention
  - The 1993 FAO Compliance Agreement
  - The 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement
  - The International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

The above emphasizes Belize's commitment not only to IOTC's conservation and management measures but to those of all RFMOs worldwide. We are a Contracting Party to ICCAT, Co-operating non-Contracting Party of IATTC and NEAFC and our application to become Cooperating non-Contracting Party of WCPFC has already been submitted. For your guidance, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of WCPFC which was held in Apia, Samoa in December 2006, all Belize's fishing vessels which are operating in their Convention area were placed on their Authorized Vessel List.

(b) **Measures taken to ensure compliance by our vessels**

In recent years, we have briefly informed you of the measures which we have taken to ensure compliance by our vessels. However, for the sake of good order, we would like to inform you in greater detail about the latest measures which we are currently enforcing:

- As we have already informed you in earlier correspondence, our High Seas Fishing Act 2003 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003. This Act embodies the requirements of the 1993 FAO Compliance Agreement, the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, the Fish Stocks Agreement insofar as these relate to the Flag State in relation to its High Seas Fleet and Co-operation with other States in this regard. Briefly, the Act provides for:
  - Part III Section 4: the mandatory licensing of all high seas vessels in compliance with the abovementioned Agreements
  - Section 3(2): the “monitoring, control and surveillance of the operations of fishing vessels of Belize pursuant to Articles V and VII of the Compliance Agreement.”
  - Part IV: International Co-operation which includes the provision of information to international organizations as well as the exchange of information with other States in compliance with Articles V and VI of the Compliance Agreement, Sections 28-32 of the IPOA as well as Articles 20 and 21 of the Fish Stocks Agreement.
  - Part V: Enforcement of the Act which incorporates the provisions of the Merchant Ships (Disciplinary Regulations 1999) S.I. Number 56 of 1999. This enables us to impose fines and other penalties in cases of any breach of this Act or other applicable national or international Conventions/Agreements.
  - Part IV: Prohibition and Offences which, inter alia, prohibits activities which undermine the effectiveness of international conservation and management measures.
- **Fishing Vessel Licensing**

In addition to compliance with the requirements of the Registration of Merchant Ships Act as amended in 1996, the Registration of Merchant Ships (Fishing Vessels of 24 meters in length and above) Safety Regulations, all new registrations as well as fishing vessels which are already registered are required to apply for a High Seas Fishing License by completing the relevant Application Form detailing, inter alia, a description of the vessel, its fishing gear, area of fishing, the species targeted, method of processing etc. Vessels which wish to fish in breach of conservation measures or for species for which Belize has no catch quotas in areas where quotas apply are not registered or licensed. Furthermore, the High Seas Fishing License itself specifies as a condition that “Vessel has not and shall not engage in any activities which may undermine the effectiveness of International Conservation and Management Measures

applicable to the authorized area of fishing.” All licenses are valid for one year. Renewal is dependent upon the license holder having adhered to all conditions of this license.

- **Vessel Monitoring (VMS)**

We have successfully implemented VMS Reporting on our fishing vessels. It is based on Inmarsat, utilizing Inmarsat C, Inmarsat Mini-C and Inmarsat D+ equipment. Our provider is Pole Star Space Applications Limited who utilize an automatic, real time, internet based service called Purple Finder Vessel Management Solutions. This reporting system complies with the recommendations of conservation organizations such as ICCAT.

- **Catch and Effort Reporting**

Fishing vessel Owners/operators are required to submit data of their fishing operations based on our format for such reporting which includes a detailed Fishing Log showing information regarding positions, time/dates, catches, discards etc. as well as a Fishing Vessel Voyage Report showing dates, quantities and species unloaded, names of ports or details of transshipment.

- **Inspection Schemes and Compliance**

For purpose of ensuring compliance, we have a system of surveillance conducted by random inspections or as a result of an investigation by: boarding at sea or in port, plant checks, observer teams, requesting the assistance of other Governments/ organizations as necessary.

- **Overseas offices/Inspectors**

In the exercise of our regulatory and enforcement functions, the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) Head Office in Belize is supported by its 32 offices overseas as well as a team of 147 inspectors worldwide.

**We believe that by the actions which we have taken and the results thereof, we have fully demonstrated not only our commitment to but also our effective implementation of conservation and management measures.**

In our view, the interests of conservation are best served by encouraging the participation and compliance of as many fishing nations as possible. As you are aware from the information which we have submitted to you, we have expended much time, effort and resources in order to properly regulate our fishing activity. **At the same time, we wish to emphasize that the funds derived from our fishing vessel activity are an important source of income/ foreign exchange for our small, developing nation. We therefore look to your organization to support us by granting Belize renewal of our Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status.**