

APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS
SENEGAL-10

In accordance with IOTC Resolution 03/02 (attached) Senegal wishes to renew its application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party status to the IOTC.

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 01/12/09 (attached) from the authorities of Senegal, asking 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

In 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, Senegal has submitted to IOTC statistical data including nominal catches, vessel details (name, type and number) as well as effort and fishing areas.

(b) Data reported pertaining to IOTC resolutions and recommendations

Resolution 01/05: Catches for 2003, 2004, 2005 have been submitted to IOTC, as part of the annual data submissions.

Resolution 05/04: Three Senegalese longliners are registered, of which only two have captured fish during the 2003-2005 period. The list of vessels is attached.

Resolution 05/02: The three Senegalese longliners are registered on the IOTC List of authorized vessels.

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

Resolutions 05/05/-01/07 : Senegal adopted an Action Plan which aims at updating the Shark Species Red List and developing research on shark fisheries. Senegal has passed a law regarding conservation and management measures targeted at sharks and rays.

Resolution 03/05: Senegal is enforcing commercial measures, as part of IOTC's conservation and management measures.

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

Resolution 02/02: Senegalese vessels are required by law to be equipped with an operational VMS before leaving port, and they all comply.

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

Data submitted to IOTC in 2003, 2004 and 2005 act as proof of our fishing activities in the IOTC area.

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

The Centre de Recherches Océanographiques de Dakar-Thiaroye has been conducting a number of research activities on tunas, in collaboration with various research institutions. Contacts and exchanges regularly take place with the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement. International cooperation on highly migratory species has allowed Senegal to take part in research on these species.

In July 2006, the Centre de Recherches Océanographiques de Dakar-Thiaroye participated in a tagging mission with a US team.

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

Please refer to letter n°0011851 MEMTMPP/DPM/SN, dated from December 01, 2010, attached.

(b) Measures taken to ensure compliance by its vessels

Under the authority of the Minister of Fisheries, fisheries management plans are established on an annual or multiannual basis. Said plans are revised on a regular basis, according to the evolution of the fisheries.

As a general matter, Senegal takes part in the activities of various Fisheries institutions and bodies. The aim of this participation is to enhance the application of management measures, to better manage shared stocks, to harmonize and coordinate resource management systems, as well as adopting common measures for the monitoring and control of fishing vessels.

Fishing vessels are granted renewable yearly fishing licenses. This procedure allows, should a vessel commit a serious infringement, to withdraw its license and consider appropriate sanctions.

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.

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.