

Addendum 1 to COC-310/2017

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Re: Grenada's 2017 responds to ICCAT - Reference to ICCAT's correspondence to the Honourable Minister date 30th August 2017: Subject Letter of indentification

Dear ICCAT Secretariat.

Grenada affirms to ICCAT's Secretariat, that it recognizes that compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures is critical to the success of the Commission and its commitment to the Caribbean Common Community Fisheries Policy.

Grenada is honored to become a contracting party to the ICCAT as of 2017, confirming via the instrument of adherence.

Grenada received the confrimation from UNFAO London on the record of Grenada' Note Verbale Ref. No.032/17 Adherence to the International Convention on the Conservation of on the 5th of October (see attached). Grenada would like to seek a confirmation of the receipt of Letter of adherence by ICCAT Legal Counsel. Grenada noticed that currently it is not listed as a contracting member in the ICCAT website. <http://www.iccat.es/en/contracting.htm> and seeks reassurance on the receipt of the instrument of adherence.

Recalling from the August 2017 letter of indentification, Grenada notes the concerns expressed by ICCAT with regard to contracting party data compliance with ICCAT's rulings and management measures. Grenada kindly would like like to inform ICCAT, for such undertaking by a Small Island Developing States with small and vulnerable economies it requires ICCAT's understanding on the demands being put forward for it to meet its international obligation.

Noting that Grenada has only become a contracting party in 2017 under its reform fisheries sector, it request ICCAT for more time in meeting all of it compliance requirements with its new team. After August 2017 Grenada nationally priorities got extended to assist with diaster risk and management support for its neighbouring member states affected by hurricane Maria. In addition Grenada Fisheries sector is in its human resource reform process and faces severe deficiencies which has led to delays and deficiencies that has resulted in Grenada not attending the 2017 Commission Meeting. Grenada sends it sincerest regrets for this and plans to be present in the next meeting.

Further recognizing that not all non- compliance is of the same level of severity and impact on the effectiveness of ICCAT's conservation and management measures or the work of the Commission; Grenada would like to advise ICCAT on some of the in-country efforts that Grenada Fisheries sector has been undertaking with its development partners.

The following are measures that Grenada has instituted with respect to working towards fulfilling compliance with ICCAT's requirements as of 2017. The primary focus areas are :

Category A: Conservation and/or Management:

- Grenada fisheries sector is in the process of revising its 2012 fisheries policy and legislation to meet modern fisheries management and international obligations. Initial review work has been completed in partnership with UNFAO.
- Commencement of implementation of circular hook trials for billfish management with the longliners.

Category B: Reporting requirements, including:

- As of November is working with UNFAO data experts to review Grenada fisheries statistical data preparation for reporting to ICCAT in the required format (i.e. Task I and Task II). This included clarifying catch and effort data, and boat classification and formatting data accordingly for ICCAT reporting. Grenada plans to further work on this with ICCAT compliance manager.

Category C: Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS) measures, including:

- Is a signatory to Port States Measures Agreement as of 2017.
- Piloted test runs for logbooks and will be reviewing the feedback early next year to take the task of providing logbooks to all boats engaged in the pelagic fishery by mid- 2018

Grenada will continue to work with UNFAO/World Bank Caribbean Billfish Management and Conservation Project and other partners to further the above developments to different phases and meet its ICCAT Compliance.

The above illustrates the initial steps to the pathway to ensure that Grenada achieves full compliance with ICCAT's requirements . Again please rest assured that all ICCAT's concerns with respect to Grenada are being aggressively tackled at the national level.

With this letter to ICCAT Secretariat Grenada fisheries sector establishes the line of communication with ICCAT and compliance unit and we kindly request in future that communication be directed to Chief Fisheries officer, Mr. Crafton Isaac, Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Alvin DaBreo, and Mr. Junior Mahon, Senior Trade officer.

Please be assured of our highest consideration.

Respectfully yours



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