

**RESPONSES TO COC CHAIR LETTERS  
RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

**RÉPONSES AUX LETTRES DU PRÉSIDENT DU COC REÇUES HORS DÉLAI**

**RESPUESTAS A LAS CARTAS DEL PRESIDENTE DEL COC  
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This addendum contains the responses, in original language only, received after 15 October 2017 from:

Cet addendum contient les réponses reçues après le 15 octobre 2017 dans la langue originale uniquement de :

Este addendum incluye las respuestas, sólo en su idioma original, recibidas después del 15 de octubre 2017 de:

- Grenada, Guinea Equatorial, St.Vincent and the Grenadines

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Re: Grenada's 2017 responds to ICCAT - Reference to ICCAT's correspondence to the Honourable Minister date 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 recipt 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 asist 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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Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
Government of Grenada.

Cc: Dr. Susan Singh-Renton, Deputy Director, CRFM

\_\_\_\_ Ms Jenny Cheatle, Compliance Manager  
Mr. Raymon VanAnrooy, FAO Regional Fisheries Officer

*De: La Delegación de la República de Guinea Ecuatorial*

*Al: Señor Derek Campbell, Presidente del Comité de Cumplimiento*

Marrakech, 16 de noviembre de 2017

**Señor Presidente:**

Antes de entrar en el tema, la Delegación de Guinea Ecuatorial, felicita al Reino de Maruecos por su hospitalidad y acogida en esta bella Ciudad de Marrakech.

Considerando la instrucción del Presidente del COC en la reunión de esta mañana sobre el cumplimiento de los datos estadísticos y las tablas de cumplimiento CPC, cabe informarle Señor Presidente que la República de Guinea Ecuatorial ha tenido un problema en el seno del Ministerio de Pesca y Recursos Hídricos, y el problema fue que, sufrimos algunos cambios, algo que afectó también a la Célula de ICCA, situación que nos ha permitido enviar los datos con retraso.

En este sentido, nuestro País pedimos disculpas por dicha situación y pensamos que para el próximo año enviaremos los datos a tiempo como venimos haciendo en los años anteriores.

Sin otro particular, reciban nuestros cordiales saludos y gracias por vuestra comprensión.



**GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHERIES**  
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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

Mr. Derek Campbell  
Compliance Committee Chair  
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas ICCAT

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour expresses its sincerest apologies for the late submission of annual report, Northern Swordfish management plan and compliance tables as identified in the Letter Regarding Reporting Deficiencies in 2016.

Due to the requirement for Cabinet approval and prior to that, stakeholder consultation, the Ministry was unable to provide the information as stated according to ICCAT recommendations. Furthermore, the overharvest noted in 2015 for Northern Albacore did not take into account the 100 mt which were allocated to St. Vincent and the Grenadines by Chinese Taipei. This error in calculation has subsequently been clarified in later compliance tables.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines recognizes the importance of the data and information requested by the Commission and it is acknowledged that late or incomplete reporting raises difficulties for the Commission, its Panels and Committees.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in no way wishes to reduce the effectiveness of the Compliance Committee and asks for the Commission's indulgence as the matters are rectified and reporting issues are stamped out.

Kindly accept the Ministry's assurances of the highest regard.

Raymond Ryan (Mr.)  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries,  
Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour