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The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Grenada
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Grenada
Ministerial Complex
Botanical Gardens
St. George's W.I.
GRENADA

SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Dear Hon. Minister,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at its 21st Special meeting (12-19 November 2018, Dubrovnik, Croatia), the Commission noted certain reporting and implementation deficiencies for Grenada regarding ICCAT requirements, which are listed below and attached in the response template.

Specifically, based on Compliance Committee (COC) review of the Secretariat Report on Statistics and Coordination of Research, the 2018 Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee, and other available information, the Committee noted the following:

- No annual report was submitted.
- No statistical data were submitted, including for zero catches.
- Rec. 16-13: No shark implementation check sheet was submitted.
- Rec. 17-08: No response to requirement to submit N-SMA catch data.
- Rec. 01-21: No validation seals or signatures were submitted for statistical document programs.
- Rec. 12-07: No list of designated ports was submitted.
- Rec. 11-11: The compliance tables were not submitted.

Furthermore, the Commission decided to implement the provisions of Rec. 11-15 to Grenada which entails that Grenada is prohibited from retaining any ICCAT species from 11 January 2019 which is the date of the letter of the ICCAT Secretariat communicating to Grenada the prohibition [ICCAT Salida nº 198 of 11 January 2019].

In addition, the Committee noted that Grenada did not reply to its letter of concern of 2017, to which a response at least 30 days before the Commission meeting was requested.

Lack of full implementation of ICCAT requirements can undermine the work of the Commission in fulfilling the Convention's objectives. Late or incomplete reporting causes difficulties for the Secretariat in preparing documents for the Commission and reduces the effectiveness and efficiency of the COC and other ICCAT bodies. The lists of reporting requirements, the relevant reporting forms (such as ST09 or the Guidelines for Annual Reports), and ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions are published annually on the ICCAT web site at:

https://www.iccat.int/en/SubmitCOMP.html
https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html
https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp

The Commission would like to remind you that Grenada can request assistance in data collection and reporting from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), from other ICCAT CPCs and from the ICCAT Secretariat, including a request for financial assistance from the Data Funds established by the *Resolution by ICCAT on Improvements in Data Collection and Quality Assurance* [Res. 03-21], and from other available funds.

The Commission requests Grenada to reply to this letter no later than **18 October 2019,** and that the attached template be included (preferably submitted as an MS Word document) to indicate the actions taken by Grenada to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

If you have any questions about the issues raised in this letter, including a request for a more detailed explanation of the issues, please do not hesitate to contact me and the Secretariat at info@iccat.int.

I would also like to express my regret that due to serious health issues, I was unable to send this letter sooner. However, my recovery is going well and I remain fully committed, and am now fully available, to help ensure that the COC continues to build on its recent progress at this year's annual meeting.

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell
Compliance Committee Chair

cc: M. Delgado, *Commission Chair*

COMPLIANCE LETTER RESPONSE TEMPLATE

2018 Commission Meeting			
CPC: GRENADA			
AREA OF DEFICIENCY	**SPECIFIC ELEMENT**	**REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN**	**DATE MISSING DATA/INFORMATION SENT (if applicable)**
Response to COC Chair letter from previous year: **did not reply**			
Annual Report	No annual report submitted.		
Statistical data reporting	No statistical data submitted.		
MCS Measures	Rec. 16-13: No shark implementation check sheet submitted.		
	Rec. 17-08: No response to request for SMA catches.		
	Rec. 01-21: No validation seals or signatures submitted.		
	Rec. 12-07: No list of designated ports.		
Catch limits/quotas	Rec 11-11: Compliance tables not submitted.		