

**RESPONSES FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES TO
COC CHAIR' LETTERS REGARDING COMPLIANCE**
(Received before 5 November 2019)

Four letters were sent to non-Contracting Parties following the 2018 Commission meeting.

<i>NCP</i>	<i>Main concern</i>	<i>Reply received</i>
Dominica	Continued ID under trade measures, lack of response in 2018.	Brief response received 23 October 2019
Gibraltar	Reiterate request information on catch data and BFT controls.	No reply received. No data received.
St. Kitts & Nevis	Reiterate request for information on fisheries management regimes.	No reply to letter, but Task I and Task II sent.
St. Lucia	Reiterate request for information on fisheries management regimes.	Reply received 24 October 2019.

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Attn D. Campbell

I seek to assist our department to set a clear path for a meaning engagement as regards ICCAT's most recent request for fisheries data.

Please accept our kind interest in that regard.

Sincerely

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Chief Fisheries Officer - Dominica

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4. Implement education and outreach programs
5. Implement marketing strategy to increase value-added capacity of relevant species

Notably, the Government has also undertaken the development of the FAD Management Plan (FAD-MP). A draft plan has been completed and is currently going through further consultation with relevant stakeholders. The FAD-MP outlines management objectives and implementation strategies so that resource management, environmental, socio-economic and technical issues are given proper consideration in the FAD programme. It provides a framework for the conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources available near FADs and the process by which the FAD fisheries is to be managed from 2018 to 2023.

Finally, the Government of Saint Lucia is cognizant of Articles 63 (2) and 64 of UNCLOS, which provides for the obligation of States to cooperate for the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks either directly or through the appropriate sub regional or regional fisheries management arrangements. Consequently, the Government continues to foster dialogue at all levels regarding Saint Lucia's consideration to becoming a cooperating Party or a Contracting Party to ICCAT. We recognize the need for adequate representation of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like Saint Lucia during the decision making process of ICCAT, taking into account the economic vulnerabilities and the heavy reliance on living natural resources for its economic development.

Please accept the assurance of my highest regard as we continue to support the long-term sustainable conservation of all marine resources.

Yours Sincerely,



Ezechiel Joseph
MINISTER

cc: Mr. R. Delgado, Commission Chair
Ms. S. Singh-Renton, CARICOM
Mr. Milton Haughton - CRFM