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CNM REQUESTS IN 2021

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Purpose

1. This paper presents the requests received for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2022 for the consideration and decision of TCC17.

Background

2. On 10 March 2021, the Executive Director sent letters to all 2021 CNM applicants, confirming the outcomes from WCPFC17 in relation to their CNM requests and the financial commitment expected from each successful CNM applicant for 2021. The letter also drew attention to the latest version of the electronic form to be used when requesting CNM status be granted for 2022 which is available on the WCPFC website (at <https://www.wcpfc.int/doc/commission-07b/cooperating-non-member-request-template>).

CNM requests for 2022

3. To date, the Secretariat has received eight (8) requests for granting of CNM status in 2022 (see **Table 1**). All requests were submitted using the electronic form and most were accompanied by a supporting letter.

Table 1: Date of receipt and format of CNM requests for 2022 as at 10 August 2021

Applicant	Date request for new/renewal of status was received ²	NOTES ON FORMAT OF REQUEST	
		E-form submitted and able to be directly imported	Correct template used?
Curacao	7 August 2021	Yes	Yes
Ecuador	7 August 2021	Yes	Yes
El Salvador	4 June 2021	Yes	Yes
Liberia	3 July 2021	Yes	Yes
Nicaragua	9 August 2021	Yes	Yes
Panama	10 August 2021	Yes	Yes
Thailand	28 June 2021	Yes	Yes
Viet Nam	21 July 2021	Yes	Yes

¹ Rev 1 replaces the original posted on 14 August 2021, it includes updates in Table 2

² Completed template due to be received by the Secretariat by 24 July 2021

4. The requests are from eight of the nine countries with CNM status for 2021. The ninth country, The Bahamas, sent a letter to the Executive Director on 18 July 2021 stating that, ‘owing to administrative difficulties associated with maintaining effective participation in the Commission activities it has been decided not to apply for CNM status renewal for year 2022’. For this reason, they have also indicated The Bahamas may not be able to participate in TCC17 or the 18th Regular Session of the Commission in December 2021. However, they have stated they will remain as a CNM for the remainder of this year and fulfill all associated obligations.³

CNM Financial Contributions for 2021

5. **Table 2** provides an update on payment of financial contributions for 2021 as at 20 September 2021.⁴

Table 2: Financial contributions from CNM for 2020 and 2021 as at 20 September 2021

COOPERATING NON-MEMBER	2020 assessed financial contribution	2020 payments	2021 assessed financial contribution	2021 payments
The Bahamas	N/A	N/A	22,982	22,969
Curacao	21,715	21,640	19,081	0
Ecuador	32,708	32,708	43,863	31,295.30
El Salvador	24,810	24,722	20,282	20,256
Liberia	14,458	14,458	13,001	0
Nicaragua	16,116	16,116	14,013	14,013
Panama	23,559	23,559	22,474	22,474
Thailand	21,042	21,042	19,472	19,472
Viet Nam	16,552	16,552	15,483	0

Information Relating to CNM Applications

5. The WCPFC17 Summary Report includes Commission decisions on applications for CNM status in 2021 <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/wcpfc17>.

6. Copies of letters and communications with CNM applicants on related WCPFC17 outcomes are provided on the CCM section of the WCPFC website referenced as **Attachment 1** (<https://www.wcpfc.int/2021-cooperating-non-member-applications>). Also available via this link is a copy of information submitted by CNM applicants in the .pdf form as a combined XLS format referenced as **Attachment 2** and each of the individual application forms and supporting letters, and the letter from The Bahamas, referenced as **Attachment 3**.

7. The Secretariat has prepared a draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2020 activities for the relevant eight current CNMs (Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia,

³ As at the date of this paper, The Bahamas has not listed any vessels as authorized in the WCPF Convention Area for 2021.

⁴ Please note any variation between the assessed contribution and payment relates to transfer fees.

Nicaragua, Panama, Thailand and Viet Nam)⁵. As has been the case in past years, the information for CNMs is expected to be considered alongside the draft Compliance Monitoring Reports of Members and Participating Territories, and as part of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme process (CMM 2019-06).

Recommendation

8. TCC17 is invited to consider the requests for CNM status for 2022 and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop draft recommendations for TCC17 to consider.

⁵ As 2021 is the first year The Bahamas has held CNM status, a CMR for 2020 is not relevant.