

APPLICATION FOR COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS BELIZE

In compliance with IOTC Resolution 03/02, we hereby, once again, re-confirm our existing application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party status to the IOTC.

Request Letter

Paragraph 2 of the resolution

Any non-Contracting party requesting the status of Co-operating non-Contracting Party shall apply to the Secretary. A request must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than ninety (90) days in advance of an Annual Session of the Commission, to be considered at the meeting.

On 13th October 2004, we submitted a letter of application (Attachment 1) for the status of Co-operating non-Contracting party of the IOTC.

Information provided to support the application

Paragraph 3 of the resolution

Non-Contracting Parties requesting the status of Co-operating Party shall provide the following information in order to have this status considered by the commission:

- where available, data on its historical fisheries in the IOTC Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, names of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas.*
- All the data that Contracting Parties have to submit to IOTC based on the resolutions adopted by IOTC.*
- Details on current fishing presence in the IOTC Area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics and*
- Information on any research programs it may have conducted in the IOTC area and the results of this research.*

(a) Data on Historical Fisheries in the IOTC Area

The responsibility of reporting of catch, effort, size frequency and vessel record data lies with the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE)

Catch and Effort Data for tuna and tuna-like species have been reported by us as follows:

Year	No. of Vessels	Catch (es)	Comments
2000	55 exclusively in the IOTC Area 60 partly in the IOTC Area	Dat not conclusive	
2001	38	9242 m/t	Catches of tuna only reported
2002	24 exclusively in the IOTC Area	23660 m/t	Catches included tuna and tuna-like species
2003	8	1375 m/t	Catches of tuna and tuna-like species
2004	20 exclusively in the IOTC Area and 7 vessels partly in the IOTC Area	1207m/t	Only 14 of the 20 vessels targeted tuna and tuna-like species. Vessel sizes are smaller than in previous years.
2005	11 exclusively in the IOTC Area	1143 m/t	Catches include tuna, tuna-like species and sharks

Nominal Catches Industrial purse seiners and long liners under our flag have been operating in the Indian Ocean since 1993. However, many of the fishing vessels registered at IMMARBE from 1993 onwards which have/are operating in the IOTC area had already been operating there for many years prior their registration with us.

Name and Characteristics of fishing vessels

Information on identification and characteristics of long liner and purse seine vessels has been reported to IOTC as follows:

- 2000 and 2001: names of vessels, type, gear, area, capacity
- 2002, 2003, 2004: complete information on identification and characteristics.
- 2005: complete information on identification and characteristics for vessels which operated in the IOTC area in 2005 (Attachment 2)

(b) Data reported pertaining to IOTC resolutions and recommendations

Apart from catch and effort data, in accordance with Resolution 98/04 we have submitted list of our long line vessels (all sizes) operating in the Indian Ocean including their identification and characteristics during the years 2002, 2003, 2004. Our catch and effort data for 2005 is attached (Attachment 3).

(c) Evidence of current fishing presence in the IOTC Area.

Please see Attachment 4 on details of our current fishing presence in the IOTC Area.

(d) Research programs conducted in the IOTC area and the results of the research.

We have not conducted any such research hitherto.

Confirmation of commitment in respect of the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures.

Paragraph 4 of the resolution

An applicant for Co-operating non-Contracting Party shall also:

- a) Confirm its commitment to respect the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures and,*
- b) Inform IOTC of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures*

We attach our Statement of Commitment as well as details of the measures which we have taken to ensure compliance with our vessels – Attachment 5

We look forward to your organization's support by granting Belize Co-operating non-Contracting Party Status.

With kind regards,

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Director General

Valerie Savery
Fishing Vessels Manager

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Cc:	Ms. Beverly Wade – Fisheries Administrator Ministry of Fisheries, Cooperatives, Commerce and Industry		
Fax:	248-22-43-64	Date:	13 th October 2004
Re			

Dear Mr. Anganuzzi:

Further to our recent correspondence, we wish to formalize our existing cooperation with you by applying for Cooperating non-Contracting Party status of your commission. We note from your e-mail of 31st August 2004 that this does not entail “any financial obligations”.

Kindly confirm receipt of this application.

With kind regards,

Angelo Mouzouropoulos
Director-General

Valerie Savery
Fishing Vessels Manager

Attachment 2: LIST OF BELIZE FLAGGED FISHING VESSELS WHICH OPERATED IN THE IOTC ARAE IN 2005

No.	Vessel Name	IMO No.	Reg. No.	Call Sign	Flag	GRT	Length	Previous Flag	Vessel Type	Capacity	HP	Hull	Area of Operation	Year Built
1	Long The		289910028	V3GA2	Belize	242.00	37.70	Cambodia	Long Line	160 m3	650	Steel	South Indian Ocean	1972
2	Yung Chan 1	9016557	280410163	V3ZH2	Belize	449.00	43.32	Japan	Long Line	283 m3	950	Steel	East Indian Ocean	1990
3	Meng Wen Fa No.666	9229518	280010045	V3GB3	Belize	493.00	49.68	New Construction	Long Line	252 m3	1400	Steel	North & South Indian Ocean	1999
4	Meng Fa No. 368	9216884	289910027	V3FZ2	Belize	493.00	49.68	New Construction	Long Line	252 m3	1400	Steel	North & South Indian Ocean	1999
5	Chen Ming No.1		280110099	V3TK7	Belize	98.00	25.50	New Construction	Long Line	80 m/t	1000 ps	FRP	North Indian Ocean	2001
6	Samudra Gilontas 230		280210135	V3Y16	Belize	78.00	22.50	New Construction	Long Line	96 m/t	500 ps	Steel	Indian Ocean	2002
7	Samudra Gilontas 232		280210136	V3GZ3	Belize	78.00	22.50	New Construction	Long Line	96 m/t	500 ps	Steel	Indian Ocean	2002
8	Hsin Chi Tsai		280110074	V3OQ5	Belize	82.00	22.00	New Construction	Long Line	50 m3	1000 ps	FRP	Indian Ocean	2001
9	Ruey I Shyang No.9		280110090	V3MQ9	Belize	80.00	23.90	New Construction	Long Line	70 m3	640 ps	FRP	Indian Ocean	2001
10	Shin Fa		280210104	V3VB4	Belize	97.00	21.00	New Construction	Long Line	80 m/t	750 ps	FRP	South Indian Ocean	2002
11	Shin Chyun		280510166	V3YG8	Belize	88.00	23.09	Indonesia	Long Line	52 m/t	UKN	FRP	Indian Ocean	1996

Attachment 2: LIST OF

No.	Vessel Name	Shipyard	Name and Address of Owners	Name and Address of Operators
1	Long The	Fong Kuo Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. Taiwan	Charng Her Fishery Co., Ltd. 35A Regent Str., Jasmine Court, Suite 101 P.O. Box 1777, Belize City, Belize C.A.	Charng Her Fishery Co., Ltd. No.16-19 Fish Harbor, North 1st Road, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Taiwan
2	Yung Chan 1	Kabushiki Kaisha Niigata Tekkosho	Cheng Ding Int'l Trading Co., Ltd Trustnet Chambers, P.O. Box 1225. Apia, Samoa	Cheng Ding Int'l Trading Co., Ltd Fishery Bldg. Suite 121 No.3, Yu-Kang E 2nd, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Taiwan
3	Meng Wen Fa No.666	San Yang Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	Meng Yoh Fishery Co., Ltd 60 Market Square, P.O. Box 364 Belize City, Belize	Meng Yoh Fishery Co., Ltd 13F-2 No.110, Sun Duo Road, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C
4	Meng Fa No. 368	San Yang Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	Meng Yoh Fishery Co., Ltd 60 Market Square, P.O. Box 364 Belize City, Belize	Meng Yoh Fishery Co., Ltd 13F-2 No.110, Sun Duo Road, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C
5	Chen Ming No.1	Shin Koo Bldg Ship & Co., Ltd	Chen Ming Fishery Co., Ltd 60 Market Square, P.O. Box 364 Belize City, Belize	Chen Ming Fishery Co., Ltd RM 218, No.3 Yu Kang East, 2nd Road Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Taiwan
6	Samudra Gilontas 230	Chien Yuan Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	Hsieng Chien Chun Co., Ltd 34A Regent Street, Jasmine Court, Suite 101 P.O. Box 1777, Belize City, Belize C.A.	Hsieng Chien Chun Co., Ltd No.18 Hsin Sheng Ist. Road, Tong Kaon Town, Pingtung Hsien, Taiwan, R.O.C.
7	Samudra Gilontas 232	Chien Yuan Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	Hsieng Chien Chun Co., Ltd 34A Regent Street, Jasmine Court, Suite 101 P.O. Box 1777, Belize City, Belize C.A.	Hsieng Chien Chun Co., Ltd No.18 Hsin Sheng Ist. Road, Tong Kaon Town, Pingtung Hsien, Taiwan, R.O.C.
8	Hsin Chi Tsai	Shin Koo Bldg Ship & Co., Ltd	Ms. Ko Tu Su-Ching 2nd Flr., No.27 Fish Port, 1st Rd., Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung, Taiwan	Same as Owners
9	Ruey I Shyang No.9	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	Hung Lian Hui No.24 Lane 3, Yen Cho Rd., Hsin Yuan Siang Pingtung Hsien, Taiwan, R.O.C.	Same as Owners
10	Shin Fa	Lane Lung Glass Fiber Shipbuilding Industrial	Chi Su Ching No.105 Ho Chang St., Chien Chen Dist. Kaohsiung Taiwan, R.O.C	Same as Owners
11	Shin Chyun	Chien Renn Shipbuilding Co., Ltd	Liu, Chiu Li No. 103 Ho Chang Street, Chien Chen Dist Kaohsiung Taiwan, R.O.C	Same as Owners



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REPORTING COUNTRY BELIZE

TYPE OF BOAT FISHING

FLAG COUNTRY BELIZE

BOAT SIZE RANGE FROM 21 TO 49

YEAR
2,005

TYPE OF GEAR LONG LINE

BOAT SIZE TYPE LOA BOAT SIZE METERS UNITS

COVERAGE	NUMBER OF LOGBOOKS RECOVERED	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS
	CATCH MONITORED	TOTAL CATCH

UNIT OF EFFORT FISHING DAYS

UNIT OF CATCH KGS

MONTH	AREA				EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)										SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)	
	SIZE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUD	LONGI-TUDE			ALB	BET	YFT	SKJ	MAR	SAI	SWD	WAH	SHARK			
JAN	5	2	3 0	0 5 3	13	1,394			1394									
JAN	5	2	1 4	0 5 7	16	9,133	8830	90	37	13	43	120						
JAN	6	2	2 0	0 6 0	30	19,524	17446	408	53		628		358	631				
JAN	1	2	2 5	0 5	28	18,979	16484	308	682	229	343	170	200	563				
JAN	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	15	3,025		1279	1446		300							
JAN	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	13	3,729		1247	1749		524		209					
JAN	1	2	0 2	0 6 5	18	22,321		12660	7295		197	1248	921					
JAN	1	2	0 3	0 4 6	10	1,830		280	880		160		280			230		
FEB	6	2	1 0	0 6 2	18	11,899	6680	1034	3467		360		358					
FEB	6	2	0 6	0 4 8	5	1,910		70	670				240			930		
FEB	5		0 5	0 6 6	28	30,030		17092	10686			1510	742					
FEB	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	13	1,934		915	1019									
FEB	6	2	2 5	0 5 5	28	19,157	16404	385	1066	214	397	173	105	413				
FEB	4	2	2 0	0 6 5	26	17,966	16016	382	29		486		397	656				



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BELIZE

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FISHING

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BELIZE

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KGS

TYPE OF GEAR
LONG LINE

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	SIZE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUD	LONGI-TUDE			ALB	BET	YFT	SKJ	MAR	SAI	SWD	WAH	SHARK		
APR	6	2	3 5	1 0 0	19	12,231	11887							150		194	
APR	3	2	3 0	1 0 0	29	21,873	21545							138		190	
APR	5	2	3 4	0 5 1	26	17,356	16888			163	12	269	24				
MAY	5	2	3 4	0 5 2	31	21,163	20649			160	69	139	146				
MAY	1	2	2 9	1 0 0	29	21,367	21112							217		38	
MAY	6	2	3 0	0 9 5	30	26,300	25905							302		93	
MAY	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	13	3,596			1263	2333							
MAY	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	8	3,563			1712	1851							
MAY	6	2	0 7	0 5 8	26	32,753			19618	11398		237		1,500			
MAY	3	2	0 1	0 7 0	8	1,965				1235		255	180	205		90	
MAY	6	2	1 1	0 4 3	22	4,190			400	1430	220	230		490		1420	
MAY	6	2	3 4	0 5 9	28	30,706	29140	868	458					240			
JUN	6	2	2 9	0 5 8	21	30,381	27160	1771	1108					342			
JUN	3	2	0 1	0 6 6	26	6,550			240	4240		835	495	270		470	



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YEAR
2,005

FLAG COUNTRY
BELIZE

BOAT SIZE RANGE FROM 21 TO 49

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KGS

TYPE OF GEAR
LONG LINE

BOAT SIZE TYPE LOA BOAT SIZE TYPE METERS

MONTH	AREA				EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)										SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)
	SIZE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUD	LONGI-TUDE			ALB	BET	YFT	SKJ	MAR	SAI	SWD	WAH	SHARK		
JUN	3	2	0 0	0 6 3	26	16,861		10714	3176		262		2,709				
JUN	5	1	1 0	1 1	13	4,398		1726	2672								
JUN	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	17	4,667		2645	2022								
JUN	6	2	3 0	0 9 5	29	24,507	23891	214				402					
JUN	6	2	3 0	0 9 5	30	22,512	22395					117					
JUN	6	2	3 4	0 5 5	30	22,463	22027	76	237	47		76					
JUN	6	2	2 8	0 5 3	7	1,499			1499								
JUL	5	2	3 1	0 5 7	16	2,041			2041								
JUL	6	2	3 4	0 6 4	28	16,225	15280	123	286	89		143	304				
JUL	5	2	3 1	0 9 6	31	22,086	21675	101	90			220					
JUL	5	2	3 2	0 9	30	26,089	25530	222	121			216					
JUL	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	12	3,762		1955	1807								
JUL	5	1	1 0	1 1 2	10	3,194		1808	1386								
JUL	3	2	0 4	0 5 5	31	12,775	10771				121	150	1,427			306	



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FLAG COUNTRY BELIZE

BOAT SIZE RANGE FROM 21 TO 49

YEAR
2,005

TYPE OF GEAR LONG LINE

BOAT SIZE TYPE LOA METERS

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UNIT OF CATCH KGS

MONTH	AREA				EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)										SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)
	SIZE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUD	LONGI-TUDE			ALB	BET	YFT	SKJ	MAR	SAI	SWD	WAH	SHARK		
JUL	6	2	0 1 0 6 4	28	9,152		585	5005		1145	590	837		990			
JUL	6	2	0 4 0 6 3	24	3,860		660	1270	140			130		1660			
JUL	5	2	1 9 0 4 4	21	5,551	1972	526	2938				115					
AUG	6	2	1 0 0 5 3	31	13,437	5805	915	6117		300		300					
AUG	1	1	0 0 0 5 2	31	4,190		520	1660	1610			400					
AUG	5	2	0 1 0 6 5	26	7,930		738	4145		1267	624	626		530			
AUG	6	2	0 4 0 5 9	31	15,690	12925				404	208	2,106		47			
AUG	5	2	3 1 0 9 5	29	23,102	22456	171	144				331					
AUG	5	2	3 1 0 9 6	31	22,507	21900	160	185				213		49			
AUG	6	2	3 3 0 6 9	31	21,673	20727	124	220		392		210					
AUG	5	2	2 8 0 5 3	16	1,065			1065									
SEPT	5	2	2 8 0 5 3	5	391			391									
SEPT	6	2	2 6 0 6 8	18	21,647	21115	72	223		73		164					
SEPT	5	2	3 0 0 9 6	22	16,428	16083	90	61				194					



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BELIZE

TYPE OF BOAT
FISHING

FLAG COUNTRY
BELIZE

BOAT SIZE FROM TO
RANGE 21 49

YEAR
2,005

TYPE OF GEAR
LONG LINE

BOAT SIZE TYPE LOA BOAT SIZE UNITS METERS

COVERAGE	NUMBER OF LOGBOOKS RECOVERED	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS
	CATCH MONITORED	TOTAL CATCH

UNIT OF EFFORT
FISHING DAYS

UNIT OF CATCH
KGS

MONTH	AREA				EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)										SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)
	SIZE	QUA-DRANT	LATI-TUD	LONGI-TUDE			ALB	BET	YFT	SKJ	MAR	SAI	SWD	WAH	SHARK		
SEPT	5	2	3 0	0 9 5	22	17,624	17208	114	94			208					
SEPT	6	2	0 4	0 5 8	30	9,905	7378			187		2,135		205			
SEPT	5	2	0 3	0 6 5	27	7,028		635	3788	1080	565	540		420			
SEPT	6	2	1 0	0 5 3	30	13,838	7100	902	5299	200		337					
OCT	6	2	1 1	0 4 8	31	19,365	9920	835	8155	200		255					
OCT	1	2	0 0	0 5 3	20	5,850		800	2580		540		100		1830		
OCT	6	2	0 2	0 6 0	25	8,987		172	5685	1495	825	810					
OCT	6	2	0 3	0 4 9	31	14,920	8651					6,169		100			
OCT	5	2	2 4	0 5 2	4	5,378	5258	12	72	36							
OCT	6	2	2 3	0 6 0	21	1,400			1400								
NOV	6	2	2 3	0 6 0	21	1,559			1559								
NOV	6	2	1 8	0 4 9	27	26,352	24246	983	1033	90							
NOV	6	2	0 3	0 4 2	27	16,003	13064					2,808		131			
NOV	6	2	0 2	0 5 5	21	9,594		160	6155	1215	913	1,151					



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TYPE OF BOAT FISHING

COVERAGE	NUMBER OF LOGBOOKS RECOVERED	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIPS
	CATCH MONITORED	TOTAL CATCH

UNIT OF EFFORT FISHING DAYS

YEAR
2005

FLAG COUNTRY BELIZE

BOAT SIZE RANGE FROM 21 TO 49

TYPE OF GEAR LONG LINE

BOAT SIZE TYPE LOA BOAT SIZE METERS

UNIT OF CATCH KGS

MONTH	AREA				EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	CATCH BY SPECIES (Record the species three alpha code in top row)								SCHOOL TYPE (PURSE SEINERS ONLY)		
	SIZE	QUADRANT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			ALB	BET	YFT	SJK	MAR	SAI	SWD	WAH		SHARK	
NOV	6	2	0	0	5	3	27	8290		1800	3210	680				2600	
NOV	6	2	1	1	0	4	9	12	6164	2460		3704					
NOV	5	2	1	1	0	5	8	11	5920		2430		1810	1680			
DEC	5	2	1	1	0	4	8	19	10664	4540		6124					
DEC	6	2	0	0	0	5	8	24	6050	120	740	2500	260			2430	
DEC	5	2	0	3	0	6	0	8	3122		91	1490		425	552	564	
DEC	5	2	0	3	0	4	2	30	10000	6613					3126		261
DEC	6	2	1	6	0	4	9	26	25836	22924	814	1789		36	273		
DEC	6	2	2	3	0	6	0	13	900			900					
DEC	5	2	1	2	0	5	7	30	10265	3900		2465		2670		1230	
DEC	6	2	0	3	0	6	0	27	9710		289	4430		1740	1607	1644	

**Current Presence of Belize Flagged Fishing Vessels Operating in the
IOTC Area as at 16th March 2006**

Attachment 4

1	<i>Vessel Name:</i>	Long Teh	<i>Call Sign</i>	V3GA2	<i>Reg. No.</i>	289910028
	<i>Name of Owners:</i>	Charng Her Fishery Co., Ltd				
	<i>Address of Owners:</i>	35A Regent Street, Jasmine Court, Suite 101, Belize City				
	<i>Name of Operators:</i>	Hung Lian Hui				
	<i>Address of Operators:</i>	No.24 Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang, Pingtung Hsien, Taiwan				
	<i>GRT:</i>	242	<i>Length:</i>	37.7	<i>Capacity:</i>	160 m3
	<i>Previous Flag</i>	Cambodia	<i>HP:</i>	650	<i>Hull:</i>	Steel
	<i>Year Built:</i>	1972	<i>Shipyard:</i>	Fong Kuo Shipbuilding Co., Ltd		
2	<i>Vessel Name:</i>	Shin Chyun	<i>Call Sign</i>	V3YG8	<i>Reg. No.</i>	280510166
	<i>Name of Owners:</i>	Liu, Chiu-Li				
	<i>Address of Owners:</i>	No. 103 Ho Chang Street, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung Taiwan				
	<i>Name of Operators:</i>	Liu, Chiu-Li				
	<i>Address of Operators:</i>	No. 103 Ho Chang Street, Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung Taiwan				
	<i>GRT:</i>	88	<i>Length:</i>	23.09	<i>Capacity:</i>	52 m/t
	<i>Previous Flag</i>	Indonesia	<i>HP:</i>	UKN	<i>Hull:</i>	FRP
	<i>Year Built:</i>	1999	<i>Shipyard:</i>	Chien Ren Shipbuilding Co., Ltd		
3	<i>Vessel Name:</i>	Yung Chan 1	<i>Call Sign</i>	V3ZH2	<i>Reg. No.</i>	280410163
	<i>Name of Owners:</i>	Cheng Ding International Trading Co., Ltd				
	<i>Address of Owners:</i>	Trustnet Chambers, P.O. Box 1225, Apia Samoa				
	<i>Name of Operators:</i>	Cheng Ding International Trading Co., Ltd				
	<i>Address of Operators:</i>	Fishery Building Suite 121, No. 3, Yu Kang E.2nd Rd, Chien Chen Dist, Taiwan				
	<i>GRT:</i>	449	<i>Length:</i>	43.32	<i>Capacity:</i>	100 m/t
	<i>Previous Flag</i>	Japan	<i>HP:</i>		<i>Hull:</i>	Steel
	<i>Year Built:</i>	1990	<i>Shipyard:</i>	Kabushiki Kaisha Niigata Tekkosho		
4	<i>Vessel Name:</i>	Hsin Chi Tsai	<i>Call Sign</i>	V3OQ5	<i>Reg. No.</i>	280110074
	<i>Name of Owners:</i>	Ms. Ko Tu Su-Ching				
	<i>Address of Owners:</i>	2Fl., No.27 Fish Port North 1st Road, Chien Chen Dist.				
	<i>Name of Operators:</i>	Ms. Ko Tu Su-Ching				
	<i>Address of Operators:</i>	2Fl., No.27 Fish Port North 1st Road, Chien Chen Dist.				
	<i>GRT:</i>	82	<i>Length:</i>	22	<i>Capacity:</i>	50 m³
	<i>Previous Flag</i>	New Construction	<i>HP:</i>		<i>Hull:</i>	FRP
	<i>Year Built:</i>	2001	<i>Shipyard:</i>	Shing Koo Building Ship & Co., Ltd		

**Current Presence of Belize Flagged Fishing Vessels Operating in the
IOTC Area as at 16th March 2006**

5	<p><i>Vessel Name:</i> Chen Ming No.1 <i>Call Sign</i> V3TK7 <i>Reg. No.</i> 280110099</p> <p><i>Name of Owners:</i> Chen Ming Fishery Co., Ltd</p> <p><i>Address of Owners:</i> 60 Market Square, P.O. Box 364, Belize City, Belize</p> <p><i>Name of Operators:</i> Chen Ming Fishery Co., Ltd</p> <p><i>Address of Operators:</i> Rm 218, No.3 Yu Kang East 2nd Road, Chien Chen Dist. Kaohsiung Taiwan</p> <p><i>GRT:</i> 98 <i>Length:</i> 25.5 <i>Capacity:</i> 80 m/t</p> <p><i>Previous Flag</i> New Construction <i>HP:</i> <i>Hull:</i> FRP</p> <p><i>Year Built:</i> 2001 <i>Shipyard:</i> Shing Koo Building Ship & Co., Ltd</p>
6	<p><i>Vessel Name:</i> Shina Fa <i>Call Sign</i> V3VB4 <i>Reg. No.</i> 280210104</p> <p><i>Name of Owners:</i> Chi, Su-Ching</p> <p><i>Address of Owners:</i> No.105, Ho Chang St., Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung Taiwan, ROC</p> <p><i>Name of Operators:</i> Chi, Su-Ching</p> <p><i>Address of Operators:</i> No.105, Ho Chang St., Chien Chen Dist., Kaohsiung Taiwan, ROC</p> <p><i>GRT:</i> 97 <i>Length:</i> 21 <i>Capacity:</i> 80 m/t</p> <p><i>Previous Flag</i> New Construction <i>HP:</i> 750 <i>Hull:</i> FRP</p> <p><i>Year Built:</i> 2002 <i>Shipyard:</i> Lane Lung Glass Fiber Shipbuilding</p>
7	<p><i>Vessel Name:</i> Ruey I Shyang No.9 <i>Call Sign</i> V3MQ9 <i>Reg. No.</i> 280110090</p> <p><i>Name of Owners:</i> Hung, Liang-Hui</p> <p><i>Address of Owners:</i> No. 24, Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang, Pingtung Hsien, Taiwan ROC</p> <p><i>Name of Operators:</i> Hung, Liang-Hui</p> <p><i>Address of Operators:</i> No. 24, Lane 3, Yen Cho Road, Hsin Yuan Siang, Pingtung Hsien, Taiwan ROC</p> <p><i>GRT:</i> 80 <i>Length:</i> 23.9 <i>Capacity:</i> 70 m³</p> <p><i>Previous Flag</i> New Construction <i>HP:</i> 640 <i>Hull:</i> FRP</p> <p><i>Year Built:</i> 2001 <i>Shipyard:</i> Chien Renn Shipbuiding co., Ltd</p>

**Belize's Confirmation of Commitment in respect of the Commission's
conservation and management measures**

Further to our letter to you dated 13th October 2004 wherein we expressed the wish to formalize our existing cooperation with you by applying for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status of your Commission, we submit hereunder the following:

(a) **Statement of Commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures.**

We wish to confirm that Belize is committed to uphold and enforce your Commission's conservation and management measures. This is part of an overall policy to comply with the requirements of all RFMOs in whose areas we have a presence. This is evidenced by the fact that in recent years, we have not only been cooperating with IOTC but also with ICCAT, IATTC, CCAMLR, NAFO, NEAFC. Furthermore, Belize is an active member of the following organizations: FAO, CRFM (Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism), OSPESCA (Organizacion del Sector Pesquero y Acuicola del Istmo Centroamericano), OLDEPESCA (Organizacion Latinoamerica de Desarrollo Pesquero), PROARCA (Programa Ambiental Regional para Centroamerica), COPACO (Comision de Pesca para el Atlantico Centro Occidental). Also,

- IMMARBE is dedicated to providing “an efficient, cost effective quality ship registration service and to enforce national laws and international Conventions which have been ratified by Belize in the interests of safety at sea and the protection of the environment.” It is a Gold Corporate sponsor of Belize's Audubon Society which became the first Belizean member of the World Conservation Union, the world's largest environment organization, based in Switzerland.

- The Fisheries Department of our Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives is committed “to provide the country and the people of Belize with the best possible management of aquatic and fisheries resources with a view to optimize the present and future benefits through efficient and sustainable management.”

- On 8th July 2005 Belize issued Instruments of Adherence/Acceptance of the following.
 - The ICCAT Convention
 - The 1993 FAO Compliance Agreement
 - The 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement
 - The International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

The above emphasizes Belize's commitment not only to IOTC's conservation and management measures but to those of all RFMOs worldwide. We are a Contracting Party to ICCAT

(b) Measures taken to ensure compliance by our vessels

In recent years, we have briefly informed you of the measures which we have taken to ensure compliance by our vessels. However, for the sake of good order, we would like to inform you in greater detail about the latest measures which we are currently enforcing:

- As we have already informed you in earlier correspondence, our High Seas Fishing Act 2003 came into force on 1st August 2003. This Act embodies the requirements of the 1993 FAO Compliance Agreement, the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, the Fish Stocks Agreement insofar as these relate to the Flag State in relation to its High Seas Fleet and Co-operation with other States in this regard. Briefly, the Act provides for:
 - Part III Section 4: the mandatory licensing of all high seas vessels in compliance with the abovementioned Agreements
 - Section 3(2): the “monitoring, control and surveillance of the operations of fishing vessels of Belize pursuant to Articles V and VII of the Compliance Agreement.”
 - Part IV: International Co-operation which includes the provision of information to international organizations as well as the exchange of information with other States in compliance with Articles V and VI of the Compliance Agreement, Sections 28-32 of the IPOA as well as Articles 20 and 21 of the Fish Stocks Agreement.

- Part V: Enforcement of the Act which incorporates the provisions of the Merchant Ships (Disciplinary Regulations 1999) S.I. Number 56 of 1999. This enables us to impose fines and other penalties in cases of any breach of this Act or other applicable national or international Conventions/Agreements.
- Part IV: Prohibition and Offences which, inter alia, prohibits activities which undermine the effectiveness of international conservation and management measures.
- **Fishing Vessel Licensing**
 In addition to compliance with the requirements of the Registration of Merchant Ships Act as amended in 1996, the Registration of Merchant Ships (Fishing Vessels of 24 meters in length and above) Safety Regulations, all new registrations as well as fishing vessels which are already registered are required to apply for a High Seas Fishing License by completing the relevant Application Form detailing, inter alia, a description of the vessel, its fishing gear, area of fishing, the species targeted, method of processing etc. Vessels which wish to fish in breach of conservation measures or for species for which Belize has no catch quotas in areas where quotas apply are not registered or licensed. Furthermore, the High Seas Fishing License itself specifies as a condition that “Vessel has not and shall not engage in any activities which may undermine the effectiveness of International Conservation and Management Measures applicable to the authorized area of fishing.” All licenses are valid for one year. Renewal is dependent upon the license holder having adhered to all conditions of this license.
- **Vessel Monitoring (VMS)**
 We have successfully implemented VMS Reporting on our fishing vessels. It is based on Inmarsat, utilizing Inmarsat C, Inmarsat Mini-C and Inmarsat D+ equipment. Our provider is Pole Star Space Applications Limited who utilize an automatic, real time, internet based service called Purple Finder Vessel Management Solutions. This reporting system complies with the recommendations of conservation organizations such as ICCAT.
- **Catch and Effort Reporting**

Fishing vessel Owners/operators are required to submit data of their fishing operations based on our format for such reporting which includes a detailed Fishing Log showing information regarding positions, time/dates, catches, discards etc. as well as a Fishing Vessel Voyage Report showing dates, quantities and species unloaded, names of ports or details of transshipment.

- **Inspection Schemes and Compliance**

For purpose of ensuring compliance, we have a system of surveillance conducted by random inspections or as a result of an investigation by: boarding at sea or in port, plant checks, observer teams, requesting the assistance of other Governments/ organizations as necessary.

We believe that by the actions which we have taken and the results thereof, we have fully demonstrated not only our commitment to but also our effective implementation of conservation and management measures.

In our view, the interests of conservation are best served by encouraging the participation and compliance of as many fishing nations as possible. As you are aware from the information which we have submitted to you, we have expended much time, effort and resources in order to properly regulate our fishing activity. **At the same time, we wish to emphasize that the funds derived from our fishing vessel activity are an important source of income/ foreign exchange for our small, developing nation. We therefore look to your organization to support us by granting Belize Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status.**