



## TEMPLATE FOR COOPERATING NON-MEMBER REQUESTS

The attached template has been prepared by the WCPFC Secretariat, following a suggestion from TCC9, that a standard format would assist the Commission in reviewing and considering applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status in accordance with [CMM 2019-01](#) Conservation and Management Measure on Cooperating Non-Members.

Requests for Cooperating Non-Member status must be completed annually and are due 60 days prior to the annual TCC session of the WCPFC Commission (typically held in late September-early October).

Completed requests should be submitted by email to the WCPFC Secretariat, attention: Fisheries Management and Compliance Adviser, Hilary Ayrton ([hilary.ayrton@wcpfc.int](mailto:hilary.ayrton@wcpfc.int)) , with a copy to [wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int).

As agreed at WCPFC13, this version of the template includes Section 4 for applicants to indicate their interest in becoming a WCPFC member.

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<b>a. Name of requesting country</b>	Viet Nam
<b>b. Date of request (should be sent at least 60 days before TCC) (CMM 2019-01 paragraph 1) dd-mm-yyyy</b>	<b>20 June 2025</b>
<b>c. Is this the first time to request CNM status? Yes/No</b>	No
<b>d. If this is an application for renewal, specify the year that CNM status was first granted by WCPFC? yyyy</b>	2010
<b>SECTION 1: MINIMUM REQUIRED COMMITMENTS TO BE STATED IN THE REQUEST</b>	
<b>1.1 What is the reason for this request for CNM status?</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 2(a))	Viet Nam hopes to cooperate with the WCPFC and contribute further to WCPFC's efforts in conserving and managing migratory fish stocks in the West and Central Pacific Ocean
<b>1.2 Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission</b> (CMM 2019-11 Para 2(b))	The Government of Viet Nam agrees to cooperate fully in the implementation of the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures (CNMs) and will ensure that Vietnamese fishing vessels and to the greatest extent possible. Vietnamese national that fish in the Convention Area comply with the provisions of the Convention and the Commission's CMMs.
<b>1.3 Commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspection</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 2(c))	The Government of Viet Nam accepts high seas boarding and inspection of Vietnamese fishing vessels in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection

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<p><b>1.4 Explicit commitment to make a financial commitment commensurate with financial contribution if Contracting Party of Commission</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 2(g) )</p> <p><i>The Commission has assessed the financial commitment expected from all CNMs at 50% of the contribution that a CNM would have to make if it was a member. (WCPFC7 Summary Report paragraph 64)</i></p>	<p>The Government of Viet Nam support the decision taken at WCPFC 7 which requests all CNMs make an annual contribution that is 50% of the amount would be payable if the CNM would be a member</p>
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## SECTION 2: MINIMUM REQUIRED DATA AND REPORTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST Yes/No

<p><b>2.1 Have full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas been submitted to WCPFC?</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 2(d)) Yes/No</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
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<p><b>2.2 Have all the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Commission; details of its current fishing presence in the Convention Area, including the number of its vessels and their characteristics; results from research programmes it has conducted in the Convention Area, been submitted to WCPFC?</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 2(e))</p> <p><b>And did applicant provide all data members of the Commission are required to submit, in a timely manner, in accordance with the format and standards adopted by the Commission?</b> (CMM 2019-11 para 11(b)) Yes/No</p> <p><i>In addition to the rules on scientific data to be provided to the Commission (due April 30 for the previous calendar year), the Annual Report Part 1 (due 60 days before the SC) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on fishing activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>2.3 Have any further relevant information as determined by the Commission been submitted to WCPFC?</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 2(f)) Yes/No</p>	<p>YES</p>



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SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO RENEW COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS (CMM 2019-01 para 3(e))	
<p><b>3.1 Did applicant comply with all conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission?</b> Yes/No</p> <p><b>Provide comments on your compliance record in WCPFC and fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States?</b> (CMM 2019-01 Para 3(b) and para 11 (a))</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>3.2 If a flag State, did applicant respond in a timely manner to alleged violations of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and any IUU activities of vessels flying its flag, as requested by a member of the Commission or determined by the appropriate subsidiary bodies of the Commission and communicate to the member making the request and to the Commission, the actions it has taken against the vessels in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Convention?</b> Yes/No/N/A</p> <p><b>Provide comments on your record of compliance of responding to IUU activities by your flag vessels that have been brought to the Flag State's attention in accordance with Article 25 of the Convention?</b></p>	<p>YES</p>

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<p>(CMM 2019-01 para 3(c) and 11(d))</p>	
<p><b>3.3 As appropriate, provide comments on your record of compliance in other tuna RFMOs?</b> (CMM 2019-01 para 3(d))</p>	<p><i>in Report Part 1, Viet Nam reported the statistic on BET, YFT, SKJ, ALB, LOT, KAW, FRI, BLT, DOT, BIP and fishing gears</i></p>
<p><b>3.4 Did applicant inform the Commission annually of the measures it takes to ensure compliance by its vessels with the Commission's conservation and management measures?</b> (CMM 2019-01 para 11(c)) Yes/No</p> <p><i>Annual Report Part 2 (due 15 June of each year) is the mechanism that WCPFC presently uses for CCMs to provide information on these activities during the previous calendar year.</i></p>	<p>YES</p>

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<p><b>3.5 Did applicant accept boardings in accordance with Commission high seas boarding and inspection procedures?</b> (CMM 2019-01 para 11(e)) Yes/No/N/A</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>ANY OTHER COMMENTS</b></p>	
<p>SECTION 4: Is the applicant interested in becoming a WCPFC member?</p>	<p>V</p>