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# Letter from India to renew its status as CNCP

India

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This document is the letter sent by India to the Executive Secretary on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for the renewal of its CNCP status.</p>

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Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Meeting of the Parties to consider the application from India.</li></ul>

**F. No. 27035/8/2020-Fy(IC)-part 4**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**  
**Department of Fisheries**

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Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

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**Subject: Application to renew the membership of India in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party at the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the email dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 from SIOFA Secretariat regarding the above mentioned subject and to state that India would like to submit its application for renewal of the membership at Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party.

2. While submitting this application for renewal of the membership as stated above, it is to state that as per the Article 17 of SIOFA's Agreement, India is committed to:

- (i) carry out the objectives of the Agreement, which consist of ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Area through cooperation with the Contracting Parties and to promote the sustainable development of the fisheries in the Area, taking into account developing coastal States in the Area that are Contracting Parties to the Agreement, in particular the least developed among them and small island developing States,
- (ii) abide by the conservation and management measures and all other decisions and resolutions adopted in accordance with the Agreement,
- (iii) take appropriate action to ensure that our fishing activities do not diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures and all other decisions adopted in accordance with the Agreement, and
- (iv) consult with the Meeting of the Parties to develop any other criteria for its admission in the capacity of a cooperating non-Contracting Party in the SIOFA.

3. I am hopeful that this application would be considered favourably and India may be allowed in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA scheduled in June, 2025.

Yours sincerely,



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