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Review of the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCPS)

The SIOFA Secretariat

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Abstract	
<p>The paper presents the applications received from Comoros and India for the renewal of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCPS) status in 2026, for consideration and decision by MoP13. Pursuant to Rule 17.6 of SIOFA Rules of Procedure, the MoP is to determine, at each ordinary meeting, whether CNCPS qualify to retain their status.</p>	

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Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The MoP to acknowledge that Comoros and India submitted requests to the Secretariat to retain their CNCP status in 2026.• The MoP to decide whether Comoros and India qualify to retain their CNCP status in 2026.

F. No. 27035/8/2020-Fy(IC)-Pt.4 (E. 25917)
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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 24th April, 2026

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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 Letter with reference No. 2026-04-03_ES-002 dated 3rd April, 2026 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 enable India to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA scheduled in July, 2026 in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party.



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Object: Renewal of status

Mr. Executive Secretary

In accordance with the rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure, concerning the participation of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to SIOFA, Union of Comoros wishes to ask for the renewal in 2026 of its status as cooperating party to SIOFA.

The Union of Comoros undertakes to achieve the objectives of the Agreement, comply with the conservation and management measures and all other decisions and resolutions adopted pursuant to the Agreement, take appropriate measures to ensure that its fishing activities do not undermine the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures and all other decisions and resolutions adopted pursuant to the Agreement, and consult with the Meeting of the Parties to develop any other criteria for admission as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Participating Fishing Entity specific to its situation.

This declaration is submitted to the Executive Secretary of SIOFA to be used and enforced as appropriate

