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Status of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

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**Abstract**

This paper provides a statement from FAO, the Depository for this Agreement, on the current status of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement.

There are currently 11 CCPs to the Agreement and 5 signatories. The full list of Parties and signatories provided in this paper can be downloaded from the following FAO website link <http://www.fao.org/treaties/results/details/en/c/TRE-000038/>

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## STATUS OF THE SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

On 3 September 2020, the Executive Secretary of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement sent a letter to the office of the Legal Counsel of the FAO seek advice on the Status of the agreement to inform the Meeting of the Parties. He received an answer by way of e-mail on 8 September 2020.

The content of this exchange is displayed next page.



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Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement  
*Accord relatif aux Pêches dans le Sud de l'Océan Indien*

La Réunion, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

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00153 Rome, Italy

Dear Sir Tavares,

The next Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement will take place through a mix of correspondence and videoconference between 17 and 20th November 2020. As the FAO is the depositary of the Agreement I am writing to seek advice on the Status of the agreement to inform the Meeting of the Parties.

I would be grateful if the FAO could provide a written confirmation of the Status of the Agreement by 10 September 2020.

Sincerely yours,

Thierry CLOT

Executive Secretary

SIOFA/APSOI

Response received by the Executive Secretary on 8 September 2020 :

Dear Mr Clot,

Thank you for your email.

With reference to your request, we are pleased to provide herewith below the list of the 15 signatories to the South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement.

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification: RAT, Acceptance: ACP, Approval: APP, Accession: ACS, Other means: OM</b>	<b>Mode of consent when by "Other Means"</b>
<u>Australia</u>	2006-12-29	2012-03-23 RAT	
<u>China</u> <sup>1</sup>		2019-10-23 ACS	
<u>Comoros</u>	2006-07-07		
<u>Cook Islands</u>		2008-06-05 ACS	
<u>European Union</u>	2006-07-07	2008-10-15 APP	
<u>France</u>	2006-07-07	2013-01-25 RAT	
<u>Japan</u>		2014-06-17 ACS	

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<u>Kenya</u>	2006-07-07		
<u>Madagascar</u>	2006-10-04		
<u>Mauritius</u>	2007-07-05	2010-12-10 RAT	
<u>Mozambique</u>	2006-07-07		
<u>New Zealand</u>	2006-07-07		
<u>Republic of Korea</u>		2014-10-29 ACS	
<u>Seychelles</u>	2006-07-07	2007-11-05 RAT	
<u>Thailand</u>		2017-04-21 ACS	

Further information is available on the FAO Treaties Database [website](#).

We also take this opportunity to kindly inform you that Ms Donata Rugarabamu succeeded as Legal Counsel to Mr Tavares upon his retirement.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Office of the Legal Counsel

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