

International MCS Network Membership Application (or Member Update)



The International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Network is an informal arrangement of countries, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) and regional economic integration organizations, as represented by persons responsible for fisheries-related MCS. It is the only global-level forum for operational-level fisheries MCS practitioners, and it is focused on facilitating cooperation in support of global, regional and national efforts to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Participation in the International MCS Network is voluntary and free, but, to the extent possible, members are expected to participate in Network meetings and activities and to cooperate with other members. Membership is currently limited to the categories listed above: national government organizations/agencies, RFMOs and regional economic integration organizations (e.g., European Union). If your country is interested in joining, please review the membership benefits and responsibilities, complete the membership application form and email to the Network Secretariat (mcs.network@imcsnet.org).

Member benefits include:

- Access to other member governments and fellow MCS practitioners, including inspectors, investigators, and attorneys, on general matters of interest as well as incident-specific cooperation
- Invitations to participate in the Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshops and other capacity development opportunities
- Dialogue with experts and MCS analysts on IUU trends, concerns, and emerging strategies to combat your local MCS challenges
- Communications regarding Network MCS capacity building activities and other MCS activities occurring around the world

Member responsibilities include to

- Support the mission, goals, and objectives of the Network in order to strengthen the fight against IUU fishing
- Cooperate with the Network and other member governments whenever possible, e.g., by participating in information exchanges, responding to requests for information, and collaborating on work programs
- Follow Network communications and provide input, suggestions, and comments in a timely manner when requested and at any other time that the member national government deems constructive
- Designate of a Point of Contact (POC) to represent your country/organization. The POC's name and contact information will be posted on the Network website and updated regularly in order to facilitate communication between members and with the Network and other members. The POC will serve as a liaison between the national government, other members, and the Network Secretariat in order to distribute and share externally received information, such as Network newsletters and communications or requests for information from other members, to the

appropriate department or person within their national government/organization. In addition, the POC will be responsible for sharing information from their national government to the Network Secretariat or other member governments.

Please answer the following questions as fully as possible.

When complete, the application can be emailed to mcs.network@imcsnet.org, or it can be sent to the International MCS Network Secretariat, 2300 Wisconsin Ave, NW, 300B, Washington, DC, 20007, USA.

Organization/Agency Information

Country:

Organization/Agency Name:

Organization Website:

Organization Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip Code/Postal Code:

Point of Contact (POC) Information

Surname/Family Name:

Given/First Name:

Position/Title:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email(s):

Skype Name:

Preferred Language:

Give a brief description of the fisheries MCS organization/agency in your national government:

Give a brief description of your role or position:

Please include any additional points of contact from your department or another department working on fisheries-related MCS that your country or organization would like the Network to add to its Members-only distribution list as well.

Secondary point of contact/Title/Email:

Third point of contact/Title/Email: