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## SC- CIRCULAR n° 2021-08

## SUBJECT: Overview of Monaco Explorations Indian Ocean Expedition

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

I have been informed by Monaco Exploration Director of the project of the Société des Explorations de Monaco to carry out a multidisciplinary mission in the Western Indian Ocean in 2022, of which the Saya de Malha Bank will be the priority target.

Please find attached a description of the project.

Furthermore, Monaco Explorations Indian Ocean Expedition would be interested in examining the possibilities of cooperation with the SIOFA study in this area.

On behalf the Scientific Committee Chairperson, in order to be able to prepare a response, could you please let us know your position on this project by the 31th October 2021.

Sincerely yours,

Thierry Clot

Executive Secretary SIOFA/APSOI