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La Reunion, Wednesday 19th January 2022

SC- CIRCULAR n° 2022-02

SUBJECT: Invitation to the Seventh Scientific Committee of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA). Transmission of the provisional Agenda

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,
Dear Colleagues

This circular is as an invitation for the 7th Scientific Committee of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), scheduled from March 21 to March 25, 2022, which will be held by videoconference.

If you have not already done so, you are invited to register the members of your delegation on the attached form, that you can also find on the SIOFA website <http://apsoi.org/meetings/sc7/>. Please fill it at your earliest convenience.

According to the rules 10-2 of the SIOFA Rules of Procedures (RoP) the Executive Secretary has prepared, in consultation with the Scientific Committee Chairperson, the provisional agenda attached below.

CCPs may, at least 50 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting (i.e., by Sunday January 30th), request the inclusion of supplementary items in this agenda, requests shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the proposed supplementary item(s).

As usual, proposals and working documents shall be submitted to the Secretariat 30 days before the opening (by February 19th) and any other information document 14 days before (by March 7th).

Sincerely yours,



Thierry Clot

SIOFA Executive Secretary

Provisional Agenda
The 7th Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC7)

By videoconference
21– 25 March 2022
06:00 UTC to 10:00 UTC

Chair: Mr Alistair Dunn
Vice-chair: Dr Sebastian Rodriguez Alfaro

- 1. Openings**
 - 1.1 Opening statement
 - 1.2 Introduction of participants

- 2. Administrative arrangements**
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2 Confirmation of meeting documents
 - 2.3 Appointment of rapporteur

- 3. Fisheries Reports**
 - 3.1. Discussion and questions for each CCP annual national report
 - 3.2. Draft overview of SIOFA fisheries
 - 3.3. Fisheries Summaries (Project SEC2021-07)
 - 3.4. Data Access and Dissemination (Projects SEC2021-05 & SEC2021-06)
 - 3.5. Advice to the MoP and workplan

- 4. Orange roughy**
 - 4.1 Review of advice from the SERAWG
 - 4.2. Advice to MoP and Future workplan

- 5. Patagonian toothfish**
 - 5.1 Review of advice from SERAWG
 - 5.2. Review of CMM 2021/15 demersal stock
 - 5.3. Tagging procedure (project SEC2021-08)
 - 5.4. Advice to the MoP and Future workplan

- 6. Alfonsino**
 - 6.1 Review of advice from the SERAWG
 - 6.2 Advice to the MoP and Future workplan

- 7. Other species, bycatch, harvest strategies, management units**
 - 7.1 Consultant report of the harvest strategies: ToR2 Roadmap (Project SER2021-05)
 - 7.2 Consultant report of the Saya de Malha fisheries (Project SER2021-03)
 - 7.3 Consultant report on seabirds, mammals, and bycatch ERA (project PAE 2021-02)
 - 7.4 Seabird data collection and bycatch mitigation measures (Review of CMM 2019-13)
 - 7.5 Definition of main species

- 7.6 Review of the level of mortality of deep-water sharks
- 7.7 Review of advice from the SERAWG and PAEWG
- 7.8 Advice to MoP and Future work plan

- 8. SIOFA Bottom Fishing Footprint**
- 8.1 Presentation of a hybrid footprint map
- 8.2 Review of advice from the PAEWG
- 8.3 Advice to MoP

- 9. VMEs**
- 9.1 Updating of the Draft VME taxa list (Review of the CMM2020-01)
- 9.2 Review of the process to agree thresholds
- 9.3 Review of advice from the PAEWG
- 9.4 Advice to MoP and future workplan

- 10. Bottom fishing impact assessment and bottom protected areas**
- 10.1 Presentation of final report regarding the trawl and longline cumulative BFIA
- 10.2 Review of advice from the PAEWG
- 10.3 Advice to MoP and future workplan

- 11. Data Standards**
- 11.1. Annual catch and effort data submission (Secretariat)
- 11.2. E-monitoring scheme
- 11.3. Role of scientific observers and harmonization (workshop informal notes)
- 11.4. Review of CMM 2021/02 on Data Standards (Project SEC 2021-09)
- 11.5. Advice to the MoP

- 12. Cooperation with external bodies**
- 12.1. ABNJ Deep Sea Project
- 12.2. CCAMLR (including Data exchange Workshop)
- 12.3. ACAP
- 12.4. Monaco Exploration

- 13. Scientific Committee Workplan**
- 13.1. Consideration of external grants
- 13.2. Review and update of the Scientific Committee workplan and budget 2022–2024 (Project SEC2021-11)

- 14. Future meeting arrangement**

- 15. Other business**
- 15.1. Elections of SC chairperson and vice chairperson

- 16. Adoption Meeting report**

- 17. Close of Meeting**