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La Reunion, Wednesday 26th January 2022

**SC- CIRCULAR n° 2022-04**

**SUBJECT: PAEWG4 Revised Provisional Agenda**

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,  
Dear Colleagues

According to the rules of procedure 10 para 4, the Executive Secretary will circulate a revised provisional agenda to all Official Contacts and observers referred to in rule 18 at least 40 days before the opening of the ordinary meeting.

The Protected Area and Ecosystem Working Group starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Please find below the PAEWG 04 revised provisional agenda

Don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat for any clarification.

Sincerely yours,

The SIOFA Executive Secretary



Thierry Clot

**Revised Provisional Agenda**  
**The 4th Meeting of the Protected Area and Ecosystem Working Group (PAEWG4)**

By videoconference  
07 March 2022 – 11 March 2022  
06:00 UTC to 10:00 UTC

Chairs: Mr Patrice Pruvost

**1. Opening**

- 1.1 Opening statement from the Chair
- 1.2 Introduction of participants
- 1.3 PAEWG Chair

**2. Administrative arrangements**

- 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2.2 Confirmation of meeting documents
- 2.3 Appointment of rapporteurs

**3. Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME)**

- 3.1 VME taxa list (proposals for taxa revision/inclusion)
- 3.2 VME encounter thresholds
- 3.3 VME mapping (Final consultant report, project PAE2020-02)

**4. Bio-regionalisation and VME's project (Draft report from consultant, project PAE2021-01)**

- 4.1 Holistic framework for VMEs
- 4.2 Benthic Bio-regionalisation

**5. Management of other system components (Seabird and mammals)**

- 5.1 Presentation of Project PAE2021-02

**6. Bottom Fishing Impact Assessments (BFIA)**

- 6.1 Saya de Malha bank study (Project SER2021-03, ToR2).
- 6.2 Final report BIFA (Project PAE2020-01, Mormede 2021)

**7. Advice on management and/or research plans in the proposed and/or validated protected areas**

- 6.1 Review of the validated protected areas and protocols
- 6.2 Proposal for new protected areas

**8. SIOFA Fishing footprint update**

- 8.1 Update for consideration of MoP8 recommendations (ref report para 110)
- 8.2 Recommendations for Scientific Committee

## **9. Consideration of PAEWG work plan and resource requirements**

- 9.1 Development of fishery and ecosystem reports (Project SEC2021-07)
- 9.2 Future workplan update (2022-2024)
- 9.3 Consideration of the EU-grant and other funding allocation
- 9.4 The Scientific Committee workplan and budget

## **10. Other business**

- 10.1 Appointment a new Co-chair/Vice-Chair of the PAEWG
- 10.2 Future meeting arrangements

## **11. Adoption of the meeting report**

## **12. Close of meeting**