



La Réunion, Thursday 22 February 2024

SIOFA SC CIRCULAR 2024-04

SUBJECT: Final logistics of the 9th Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee

Dear Heads of Delegation of the SIOFA Scientific Committee,

Dear Colleagues,

The preparations for the 9th Annual Meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC9), to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from the 18th to the 27th of March 2024, are in full swing.

Please note that all the working papers submitted to the meeting are available online on the meeting page (<https://siofa.org/meetings/sc9>). Information papers are due to the Secretariat by the 4th of March 2024, and will be available online by the 8th of March 2024.

Many delegations are already registered, and I would encourage those that haven't yet registered to do so as soon as possible by completing the form provided as document [SC-09-ADM-01](#) and emailing it to the SIOFA Secretariat (Science Officer, marco.milardi@siofa.org).

I would like to confirm that we were able to establish facilities to allow the virtual streaming of the meeting for those delegation members that are unable to reach the meeting venue. However, please note that following the direction of the SIOFA MoP, this facility will not be available for delegates to address or intervene during the meeting. Also note that the facility will not be continuously monitored by the Secretariat and will show only a camera feed of the main table and meeting audio during the plenary sessions only. While the Secretariat will use every effort to maintain a reliable and stable connection, it is possible that technical difficulties may not allow the feed to operate at all times. Please consider this information when planning your participation.

I will provide a provisional schedule of the agenda and the papers to be taken in plenary at the beginning of the meeting, however, if you have any constraints or requests for when a specific item should be held, please let me know and I will endeavour to arrange the schedule to allow this to happen.

I am pleased to announce that the Thailand Department of Fisheries will provide lunch and coffee breaks through the meeting and has kindly offered to host an official dinner for the meeting at the Berkeley Hotel Pratunam (meeting venue) on the evening of Friday 22 March.

Meeting participants are also invited to an excursion to the Grand Palace on the day of Saturday 23 March. The Grand Palace is a complex of buildings at the heart of Bangkok, and the official residence of the Kings of Thailand since 1782. While the excursion itself is kindly offered by the Thailand Department of Fisheries, the lunch during the excursion (at the Bangkok market) will be self-catered. There are various restaurants and street food stalls to enjoy nearby. Please note that the dress code is casual, but shoulders and knees must be covered. Please RSVP by filling out the form at <https://forms.gle/5jnDUxpACxCyqspcA> by Friday the 1st of March.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn - SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair