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SIOFA SC Workshop to progress the Precautionary Approach and Management Projects (WS2025-PAM3)

Virtual, 7 October 2025

WS2025-PAM3-ADM-03

Arrangements and Timetable for the third SIOFA SC Workshop to progress the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management Projects (WS2025-PAM3)

Meeting time: 08.00 UTC to 11.30 UTC

Held by video conference using the ZOOM platform

Convener: Mr Alistair Dunn (SIOFA SC Chair)

Introduction

The SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management (SIOFA-PAM) program will further enhance the scientific advice of the SIOFA Scientific Committee (SC) for the SIOFA Meeting of the Parties (MoP), in particular, towards ensuring the sustainable management of fish stocks and the environmental impacts associated with fishing.

The SIOFA-PAM program has three main projects that focus on the development of a framework to ensure sustainable management of fish stocks and managing the environmental impacts associated with fishing activities within the SIOFA Area. The projects aim to guide, inform, and enhance resource protection and to improve sustainable resource management measures, especially in the context of information-limited fisheries. A fourth project provides for expert review and advice across the three main projects.

These projects are due to complete their work and present their findings to the 2026 meeting of the Scientific Committee. The Terms of Reference for the projects (available at https://siofa.org/science/sc-works) and summary presentations for each three main projects will be circulated prior to the workshop.

The projects for SIOFA-PAM are:

PAM-2024-01: Develop the SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework. This project involves establishing a framework for high, medium, and lower information stocks to apply the precautionary approach within the SIOFA Area. This framework will provide guidelines and principles to help ensure that

fisheries management decisions are made in a precautionary manner using the best scientific evidence available, consistent with the Objectives (Article 2) and General Principles (Article 4) of the SIOFA Agreement (SIOFA, 2006).

PAM-2024-02: Determine Biological Reference Points (BRPs) for key SIOFA fish stocks. This project focuses on developing and scientifically evaluating BRPs for the key fish stocks within the SIOFA Area, based on the best available scientific data and methods.

PAM-2024-03: Develop harvest strategies for key SIOFA fish stocks. Building upon previous workshops and ongoing efforts by the SC and MoP, this project aims to develop formal harvest strategies for key fish stocks.

PAM-2024-04: Expert Review Panel for the Development of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management. Provide external expert review and advice to the project teams and SIOFA for the work and outcomes of the three main projects.

Workshop Arrangements

The workshop arrangements are:

1. The workshop is open to all representatives of the Scientific Committee and SIOFA Scientific Committee Observers.
2. The workshop will be convened by Mr Alistair Dunn – SIOFA SC Chair.
3. The workshop will meet online via video conference (Zoom) **Tuesday 7 October from 08.00 UTC to 11.00 UTC**.
4. A Convener's report of the workshop will be compiled by the Workshop Convener, circulated for comment to the Workshop participants, and then presented to the 2026 meeting of the Scientific Committee.

Timetable

Wednesday 1 October 2025
Deadline for submission of any information or working papers to the workshop.

Wednesday 1 October 2025
Deadline for registration of participants to the workshop.

Tuesday 7 October 2025
Workshop meetings take place virtually between 0800 and 1100 UTC. A short break will be scheduled at about 0930 UTC.

Friday 17 October 2025
Distribution of draft Workshop Conveners Report for comments by participants.

Friday 31 October 2025
Deadline for comments on the draft Workshop Conveners Report

Saturday 21 February 2026
Final Workshop Conveners Report submitted to SC11.