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Agenda of the 7th Compliance Committee Meeting

1. Opening of the session

- 1.1. Opening statements
- 1.2. Admission of observers

2. Administrative arrangements

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

3. SIOFA Compliance Monitoring Scheme

- 3.1. Consideration of the Draft SIOFA Compliance Report (dSCR) and adoption of the Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR)

Standing agenda Item. In accordance with CMM 2020/11 Compliance Monitoring Scheme, the CC will shall consider the Draft SIOFA Compliance Report (dSCR) and adopt a Provisional Compliance Report (pSCR) which shall be forwarded to the Meeting of the Parties for consideration at its ordinary meeting.

- 3.2 Discussion on the CCR template update process

The secretariat shall present progress it has made with regards to the updating of the CCR template, as requested by the CC06.

4. New or Amended Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs)

Standing agenda item to allow the development of recommendations to the MoP on new or amended CMMs

- 4.1. Proposals for amendments to Conservation and Management Measures
- 4.2. Proposals for new Conservation and Management Measures
- 4.3. Discussion on the application of current CMMs

- 4.3.1 High Seas Boarding and Inspection Scheme (CMM 2021/14) (HBSI)

- 4.3.1.1. Update on boarding questionnaire translations

- Secretariat to provide update on progress of Translation of Boarding Questionnaire*

5. Listing of IUU Vessels

- 5.1. Draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List

Standing agenda item. In accordance with CMM 2022/06 paras 12 (a) and 13, the CC shall consider the draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List and adopt a provisional SIOFA IUU Vessel List for MoP consideration. In accordance with CC06 report, para 59, and MoP09 report, para 59, three vessels are already included in the draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List.

5.1.1. CC06 and MoP09 draft IUU Vessel List

5.1.2. New draft IUU vessels

5.2. Current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and intersessional IUU vessels cross listing

Standing agenda item. In accordance with CMM 2022/06 paras 12 (b) and 14, the CC shall consider the current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and recommend to the MoP which, if any, vessels should be removed from the current IUU Vessel List. In accordance with paras 24 and 25 and following to the submission of other organizations' IUU vessel lists, the SIOFA IUU Vessel List has been updated by intersessional decisions.

5.3 Adoption of provisional SIOFA IUU Vessel List

6. Sightings of vessels reported to the Secretariat

6.1. Sighting of Vessels without Nationality (CMM 2016/04 Vessels without Nationality)

Standing agenda item. Secretariat report on any sightings of vessels suspected of, or confirmed as being, without nationality, operating in the Agreement Area communicated to the Secretariat by CCPs. Sightings and report provided in accordance with Paragraph 5 of CMM 2016/04 on Vessels without Nationality.

6.2. Sighting of fishing by vessels flagged to Non-CCPs (CMM 2022/09 Control)

New agenda item. Secretariat report on any sightings of fishing by vessels of non-CCPs operating in the Agreement Area, that has been communicated to the Secretariat by CCPs pursuant to paragraph 12 of CMM 2022/09 on Control. In accordance with paragraph 13, the Secretariat shall forward this information to all CCPs for information and for consideration of further action as required by Article 17 of the Agreement at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties.

7. Monitoring, Control and Surveillance

7.1. Port inspection reports (CMM 2020/08 Port Inspection)

Status on inspection reports received by the Secretariat (paras 24 and 25)

7.2. Entry/Exit reports (CMM 2019/10 Monitoring)

Status on entry-exit notifications received at the Secretariat

7.3. At sea Transfer and Transhipment reports (CMM 2019/10 Monitoring)

Summary report on at sea transhipment and transfer notifications received at the Secretariat

7.4. Vessel authorisation information (CMM 2022/07 Vessel Authorisation)

Summary report on completeness of information received at the Secretariat for vessels included in the Record, in accordance with paragraph 3 of CMM 2022/07.

8. Outcome of the Performance Review on Matters Related to Compliance and the Compliance Committee

9. Consideration of Matters discussed at the Scientific Committee

9.1. Definition of the temporal scope of paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15 as recommended by the 8th Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC08 report, paragraph 203)

9.2. Amendment to CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards) proposed by the SC

10. Review of the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCs)

Standing agenda item. The Compliance Committee will provide technical/compliance advice to inform the MoP decision on renewing/granting CNCP status (in accordance with Rule 17.8 of the Rules of Procedure).

11. Election of a future Chair and Vice Chair for the Compliance Committee

Recalling that the Vice-Chair of the Compliance Committee is acting as Chair of the Compliance Committee, after the resignation of the previous Chair (Mr. Johnny Louys) in December 2022 the Chair of the Compliance Committee needs to be elected at the next ordinary meeting (in accordance with Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Procedure).

The Compliance Committee may also consider the election of a Vice Chair of the Compliance Committee. CCPs are invited to nominate candidates.

12. Any other business

13. Adoption of the Compliance Committee report

Review and adoption of the report.

14. Close of the meeting

List of CC7 Meeting Documents (29/06/2023)

Code	Document Title	Relate to agenda item	Date submitted (1 st version)	Note
<i>Administration and Meeting organisation</i>				
CC-07-ADM-01	Registration Form			
CC-07-ADM-02	Template for CC7 document			
CC-07-ADM-03	Draft Provisional Agenda and schedule			
CC-07-ADM-04	Arrangement and information for CC7 and MoP10			
CC-07-ADM-05	Revised Provisional Agenda and schedule			
CC-07-ADM-06	List of CC7 Meeting Documents Rev4			
CC-07-ADM-07	List of CC7 Registered Participants Rev3			
CC-07-ADM-08	List of Agenda items and related Documents			
<i>Proposals and working papers</i>				
CC-07-01	Report of the 1st SIOFA Performance Review	8	2023-05-02	
CC-07-02	SIOFA Draft Compliance Report Rev1 (and ANNEX A)	3.1	2023-06-12	
CC-07-03	Discussion on the CCR template update process	3.2	2023-05-29	
CC-07-04	Draft SIOFA IUU Vessels List Rev3	5.1	2023-05-29	
CC-07-05	Current SIOFA IUU Vessel List and Intersessional IUU vessel Cross listing	5.2	2023-05-29	
CC-07-06	Comoros Application to Renew its Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	10	2023-05-31	
CC-07-07	Technical edits to CMM01 (SC tasking)	4.1	2023-05-31	
CC-07-08	Technical edits to CMM15 (SC tasking)	4.1	2023-05-31	
CC-07-09	EU Proposal to amend CMM 2019/10 Monitoring Rev1	4.1	2023-05-29	
CC-07-10	SC Amendments to CMM 2022/02 Rev1	4.1	2023-05-26	
CC-07-11	EU Proposal for a SIOFA VMS CMM Rev1	4.2	2023-05-29	
CC-07-12	India Application to Renew its Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	10	2023-05-31	
CC-07-13	Australia-proposal-to-amend-CMM-2022-12-Sharks.pdf	4.1	2023-06-06	Submitted to MoP (late to CC)
CC-07-14	Australia-Proposal-to-amend-CMM-2021-15-Management-of-demersal-stocks.pdf	4.1	2023-06-06	Submitted to MoP (late to CC)
<i>Information papers</i>				
CC-07-INFO-01	Port inspection reports (CMM 2020/08 Port Inspection) Rev2	7.1	2023-06-13	
CC-07-INFO-02	Entry/Exit reports (CMM 2019/10 Monitoring) Rev1	7.2	2023-06-12	
CC-07-INFO-03	Chinese Taipei at-sea Transfer and Transhipment reports	7.3	2023-06-07	restricted

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CC-07-INFO-04	Authorized vessels information completeness (CMM 2022/07 Vessel Authorisation) Rev5	7.4	2023-06-16	
CC-07-INFO-05	Definition of the temporal scope of paragraph 18 of CMM 2021/15	9	2023-06-09	
CC-07-INFO-06	Thailand-at-sea-transfers-summary-report-2022	7.3	2023-06-13	restricted
CC-07-INFO-07	Update on HSBI Questionnaires	4.3.1	2023-06-13	

7th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC7)*Ravenala Attitude Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius**28-30 June 2023***Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report**

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Abstract	
Pursuant to the SIOFA Compliance Monitoring Scheme, the Compliance Committee has adopted a <i>Provisional</i> SIOFA Compliance Report. The report will be presented to the MoP10 for adoption.	

Recommendations
MoP10 to review the compliance status of each obligation and adopt a <i>Final</i> Compliance Report (fSCR) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include an <i>agreed</i> compliance status for each CCP in respect of each obligation assessed; • identify technical impediments or CMMs ambiguities and provide proposals to address them; • identify other barriers to implementation or compliance, including capacity issues and how these may be addressed.

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Provisional SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR) for Assessment Period January 2022-December 2022

The 2022 *Provisional* SIOFA Compliance Report (pSCR) proposes a provisional assessment of the CCPs' compliance regarding the obligations set in the SIOFA Agreement and in the SIOFA Conservation and Management Measures, to be considered by the Meeting of the Parties and to subsequently adopt a *final* SIOFA Compliance Report.

The report presents the CCPs' obligations and measures where:

- Where compliance issues have been identified (Non-Compliant, Critically Non-Compliant);
- Where clarities were provided by the Compliance Committee regarding the interpretation and implementation of obligations

The obligations are presented in section 6 in a tabular format.

Rev1 of the pSCR updates paragraph 18 of table 3 to more accurately reflect discussion related to the applicability of the aforementioned obligation.

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1. Compliance Assessment Period

January 2022-December 2022

2. CMMs assessed in accordance with this CMM

All CMMs in force during the Compliance Assessment Period

3. Proposals to amend or improve existing CMMs

(Raised during the draft compliance report assessment)

CMM	Proposals
2019/10	Review of paragraphs 4 and 5 to be amended so that it is explicit that it applies to vessel on the SIOFA Record of Authorized Vessels (RAV)

4. Priority obligations to be monitored and reviewed

None Identified

5. Additional obligations to be included within the scope of the CMS

(list if applicable):

None Identified

6. Compliance Committee Assessment

Table 1 Implementation of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Mauritius	11.3 (c) Each Contracting Party shall in conformity with the rules determined by the Meeting of the Parties, make available to each annual Meeting of the Parties a report on its fishing activities in the Area	Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	Assessment for this requirements concerns submissions made in 2022, with respect to activities conducted in 2021. Submission was made on the 27th of May and not 30 days prior to 21st March 2022 i.e. 19 Feb 2022.	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved during May 2022 and no historical rights were further claimed by Mauritius. Subsequently, the report was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No responsive actions required, as Mauritius confirms all future documents will be submitted on time.

Table 3 Implementation of CMM 2022/02 and CMM 2021/02 (Data Standards)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Australia	6. CCPs shall report to the Secretariat, by 31 May each year, the data collected under paragraphs 4 and 5 for the previous calendar year, in accordance with the format prescribed in the corresponding annexes.	Compliant	Non-Compliant	Data was submitted after the 31 May 2022	Australia has provided both logbook and observer data to the SIOFA Secretariat. However, the 2022 data submission (2021 data) was late due to database issues. Australia has now resolved the database issues and the 2023 data submission (2022 data) has been completed on time. We accept the assessment of non-compliant.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action has already been taken.
Australia	7. CCPs shall provide to the Secretariat, by 31 May each year, annual catch summaries for all species/groups caught in the Agreement Area during the previous calendar year. The catch summaries shall include the following information: a. Calendar year (e.g. 2015), b. FAO statistical area (e.g. FAO87), c. Species/group name (common name and scientific name), d. Species/group code (FAO3-alpha code 19, EG ORY) (if available), e. Annual catch total - tonnes raised to 'live' weight	Compliant	Non-Compliant	Data was submitted after the 31 May 2022	Australia has provided both logbook and observer data to the SIOFA Secretariat. However, the 2022 data submission (2021 data) was late due to database issues. Australia has now resolved the database issues and the 2023 data submission (2022 data) has been completed on time. We accept the assessment of non-compliant.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action has already been taken.

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CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Mauritius	9. Following the entry into force of this CMM, CCPs shall provide to the Scientific Committee, at least 30 days prior to the commencement of each ordinary meeting, an annual National Report of their fishing, research and management activities in accordance with the following: b. For all reports thereafter: the National Report shall include details of activities of the previous calendar year; and c. In either case, the National Report shall take into account the guidelines prepared by the Scientific Committee for the preparation of such reports	Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	The National Report was submitted after the compliance committee	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved on May 2022 and no historical rights were further claimed by Mauritius. Subsequently, the CCR was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No responsive actions required, as Mauritius confirms all future documents will be submitted ontime.
Mauritius	12. All CCPs shall implement national scientific observer programs to collect from activities undertaken by vessels flying their flag:	Critically Non-Compliant		No preliminary compliant status provided. Statement implies technical impediment to implement CMM. Mauritius to Confirm and if so substantiate statement	No observer program is at present being implemented due to shortage of staff and existing observers being promoted or retired. However, a new observer program is being envisaged and the recruitment of a pool of observers is ongoing.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No follow up action required as CCP confirms remedial actions are being implemented.
Mauritius	14. CCPs shall, through their National Report, provide to the Scientific Committee an annual observer programme implementation report which should include summary sections covering: observer training, program design and coverage, type of data collected, and any problems encountered during the previous calendar year.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		No observer program is at present being implemented due to shortage of staff and existing observers being promoted or retired. However, a new observer program is being envisaged and the recruitment of a pool of observers is ongoing.	Critically Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up action required as CCP confirms remedial actions are being implemented.

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Australia	15. CCPs shall, for all observed trips, collect observer data in accordance with the relevant sections of Annex B. All observer data collected by CCPs shall be reported to the Secretariat by 31 May each year for the previous calendar year.	Compliant	Compliant	Data was submitted after the 31 May 2022	Australia has provided both logbook and observer data to the SIOFA Secretariat. However, the 2022 data submission (2021 data) was late due to database issues. Australia has now resolved the database issues and the 2023 data submission (2022 data) has been completed on time. We accept the assessment of non-compliant.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action has already been taken.
Cook Islands	18. CCPs shall: a. ensure that fishery data are verified through an appropriate system of data verification mechanisms; b. develop, implement, and improve data verification mechanisms	Compliant	Compliant	2022 data submission for 2021 tow data had many consistency issues (colliding tows, tows over 100Km long, etc.), the data verification mechanisms did not capture these issues.	The Cook Islands are currently working with industry to correct these inconsistencies and note the overlapping gaps.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	No follow up or corrective action required as CCP confirms corrective action in being taken.
Comoros		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.	Comoros do not have a proper data verification system.	Non-Compliant	Not Applicable	CC agrees that provision 18b is only applicable to CCPs with vessel on the SIOFA RAV.
China	18. (c) CCPs shall provide to the Scientific Committee, through their National Report, an annual data verification report which should provide information regarding their development and implementation of data verification mechanisms.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Applicability of this provision extends to all CCPs, irrespective if flagged vessels are fishing in SIOFA area or not. As such, Annual Verification Report should be included in the Annual National Report (Ref: Para 1 of CMM 2022/02). China provided to the SC07, through their National Report, an annual data verification report which should provide information regarding their development and implementation of data verification mechanisms. CC to advise on Applicability	In "Application", Article 2, CMM 2022/02, it states that the CMM " prescribes the standards for the collection, reporting, verification, and exchange of data related to fishing activities by vessels fishing in the SIOFA Area of Application (the Agreement Area) that are flying the flag of a CCP". As such verification mechanism for data not collected in the Competence Area shall not be included.	Compliant	Not Applicable	CC agrees that this provision is only applicable to CCPs with vessel on the SIOFA RAV. CC requests that CCPs should submit the report if they have vessels on the SIOFA RAV, only if there were fishing during the assessment period.

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Korea (Republic of)			Not Applicable	Obligation does not limit reporting related to data verification report to CCPs that are actively fishing in the Agreement Area. As such, reporting of observer program, from the Secretariats view should be mandatory for all CCPs. <i>No Data Verification Report included in Annual report to SC07. CC to advise on Applicability</i>	Korea is of the view that this paragraph is not applicable to CCPs with no fishing activities as they have no data collected previous year to verify. If the Secretariat's view is that all CCPs should provide the mechanism mentioned in this particular paragraph, Korea can provide its data verification mechanism as follows: "The revision of the Act on Fisheries Information and Data Reporting was put into effect in December 2012. Such revision includes requirements for data collection and reporting which was recently adopted by the RFMOs regarding especially ecologically important species, discards/release and bycatch mitigation, etc. Since September 2014, the Act on Fisheries Information and Data Reporting has obliged fishers to report the catch statistics to NIFS every week, and again revised on 1st September 2015, that fishers make a daily reporting through an electronic reporting system (ERS) in order to manage and/or cross-check the data in real time. Catch statistics of Korean fishing vessels are obtained from two sources of data reporting. Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (KOSFA) collects monthly catch by species and vessels from fishery industries, and NIFS collects haul by haul data from vessels which are filled out by the captain onboard. Korea also established Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) in March 2014 to monitor and/or manage the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data so that the data are cross-checked with fishing position from the logbook. Catch data are cross-checked between those of NIFS (which originate from the logbook) and those of National Fishery Products Quality Management Service (NFQS), prior to issuing Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) as well.	Non-Compliant	Not Applicable	CC agrees that this provision is only applicable to CCPs with vessel on the SIOFA RAV. CC requests that CCPs should submit the report if they have vessels on the SIOFA RAV, only if there were fishing during the assessment period.
Mauritius		Non-Compliant	Compliant	Assessment for this requirements concerns submissions made in 2022, with respect to	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved on May 2022 as no historical rights were further claimed by	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No further actions required.

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				activities conducted in 2021. Secretariat could not confirm if submission was made 30 days prior to the commencement of SC07 (30 days prior to 21st March 2022 i.e. 19 Feb 2022).	Mauritius. Subsequently, the CCR was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.			
Seychelles		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Obligation does not limit reporting related to data verification to CCPs that are actively fishing in the Agreement Area. As such, reporting of observer program, from the Secretariats view should be mandatory for all CCPs.		Non-Compliant	Not Applicable	
Comoros		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Obligation does not limit reporting of data verification to CCPs that are actively fishing in the Agreement Area. As such, reporting of data verification, from the Secretariats view should be mandatory for all CCPs. CC to provide guidance on same.	our observer program depends on the OCCUP program <i>Secretariat: Obligation relates to data verification mechanism, and oberver program, contrary to provided feedback.</i>		Not Applicable	
India			Compliant	No Scientific report submitted to SC07		Non-Compliant	Not Applicable	

Table 5 Implementation of CMM 2016/05 (Pelagic Driftnets and Deepwater Gillnets)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
China	1. The use of all large-scale pelagic driftnets in the Agreement Area is prohibited for any vessel flying the flag of a Contracting Party, cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCP) or participating fishing entity (PFE).	Compliant	Compliant	China answer to the assessment is stated as "No". However, the explanation provided explains that the use of large-scale driftnet is banned by "NO. (1990) NONG (YU ZHENG) 18", which would qualify as a measure in place. CC to advise	The kind comment and reminding from the Secretariat are appreciated. The large-scale pelagic driftnets have already been banned and no chinese-flagged are authorized to operate this kind of fishing. As such "yes" shall be the answer to the question.	Compliant	Compliant	CC agrees that applicability is for all CCPs.

Table 6 Implementation of CMM 2022/06 and 2018/06 (IUU Vessel List)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
European Union	3. Prior to, or at the same time as, transmitting the information referred to in paragraph 2 to the Secretariat, the notifying Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall provide, either directly or through the Executive Secretary, to the relevant flag State a copy of the pertinent suitably documented information and notification of its relevance to the Draft SIOFA IUU Vessel List. The notifying Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall request that the flag State promptly acknowledge receipt of this notification.	Not Applicable	Not Assessed	Provision overlaps with Para 8 of CMM 07, that places no obligation for the notifying party to notify the flag state when there are evidences of Non-Authorized Vessels fishing in the Agreement Area. Compliance Committee to provide guidance on implementation of this provision, noting these conflicting provisions. Secretariat is of the view that the notification to the flag state was done through the Secretariat, therefore satisfying obligation under this paragraph. CC to provide necessary guidance on these overlapping provisions	The EU agrees with the comments of the SIOFA Secretariat.	Compliant	Compliant	
India	31. Relevant agencies of Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs shall designate a contact point through which information on reported activities described in sub-paragraphs 30 (a) and (b)			No Preliminary Self Assessment provided. No Contact designated pursuant to this obligation		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
Japan	32. To assist with the implementation of this CMM, Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs shall include in their annual implementation reports of the actions and measures taken in accordance with this CMM.	Compliant		No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.				Not pertinent to be included in CCR Template and not to be assessed by CC
Comoros		Compliant		No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.				Not pertinent to be included in CCR Template and not to be assessed by CC
India				No Preliminary Self Assessment provided.				Not pertinent to be included in CCR Template and not to be assessed by CC

Table 7 Implementation of CMM 2022/07 and 2019/07 (Vessel Authorisation)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Australia	4.(Para 3 of CMM 2019/07) CCPs shall inform the Executive Secretary of any modification regarding the vessel data, including authorisation status of current fishing vessels and any new vessels, within 15 days after such modification.	Not Applicable	Non-Compliant		One Australian fishing vessel, the <i>Atlas Cove</i> , was sold to a French company in December 2022, however, owing to an administrative oversight the SIOFA secretariat was notified in April, 2023.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

Table 8 Implementation of CMM 2020/08 (Port Inspection)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Seychelles	5. Each Contracting Party, CNCP and PFE shall, before granting entry to a foreign vessel to its port, as a minimum standard, require the information set out in Annex I to be provided at least 48 hours before the estimated time of arrival. A Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE may prescribe for another notification period, taking into account, inter alia, the distance between the fishing grounds and its ports. In such a case the Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE concerned shall without delay inform the Secretariat, who shall put this information on the SIOFA website. Any other subsequent changes to the requirements shall be notified to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the changes becomes effective.	Compliant	Non-Compliant	Current notification provided by Seychelles indicates that there are 2 applicable notification Periods, i.e. 24hrs and 48hrs for licensed and non licensed vessels respectively. https://siofa.org/sites/default/files/files/SIOFA-Designated-Ports-updated-2022-08-17.pdf . Seychelles to confirm if there has been any changes in those notification periods, as implied in CCR.		Non-Compliant	Compliant	Seychelles confirms there were no changes in the reporting requirement. Self-Assessment was an oversight.
European Union	25. The inspection report shall be forwarded to the competent authority of the inspected vessel and to the Secretariat within 30 days following the date of completion of the inspection or as soon as possible where potential compliance issues have arisen or if there are issues which warrant the attention of the competent authority of the inspected vessel. If the inspection report cannot be transmitted within that time period, the port State shall notify the Secretariat within that same time period of the reasons for the delay and when the report will be submitted.	Compliant	Non Compliant			Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Inspection services identified solution how to resolve this issue. No follow up action required.
Mauritius		Compliant	Non-Compliant	Several fishing trips ended in Mauritius in 2022 (some with Dissostichus catch), but no PIRs were submitted to the SIOFA Secretariat as required by this obligation. All 2022 Inspection reports were submitted on the 26th May 2023.	All port inspection reports have already been submitted to the SIOFA Secretariat	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
India	26. Each Contracting Party, CNCP and PFE shall require its vessels to cooperate with the port State in inspections carried out pursuant to this CMM.		Compliant	India has indicated that this obligation is not applicable to them, while providing a "Compliant" Self Assessment. However, the secretariat is of the view that this obligation is mandatory for all flag state CPP, for all vessels flying its flag.		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

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Seychelles	27. When a Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE has clear grounds to believe that one of its vessels has engaged in IUU fishing and is seeking entry to or is in the port of another Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE, it shall, as appropriate, request that the Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE inspects the vessel or takes other adequate measures.	Compliant	Compliant	Seychelles repoded "No" to this obligation, while suggesting a "Compliance Status" as Preliminary Self Assessment. Suggest to review as failure to implement this obligation may indicate a Non-Compliance Assessment		Non-Compliant	Non Applicable	

Table 9 Implementation of CMM 2022/09 (Control)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
India	2. Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs shall designate the competent authority or authorities which shall act as the Contact Point for the purposes of receiving reports and notifications and issuing authorisations in accordance with the relevant SIOFA CMMs. Each Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall send to the Secretariat the name, telephone number, e-mail address and fax number of at least two designated contact points before 30 days have passed following the adoption of this CMM. Any subsequent changes to the list shall be notified to the Secretariat without delay. The Secretariat shall put the details of the Contact Points and any changes thereto on the SIOFA website without delay.		Compliant	The Secretariat does not have any designated competent authority or authorities which shall act as the Contact Point for the purposes of receiving reports and notifications and issuing authorisations in accordance with the relevant SIOFA CMMs, as required by this obligation for India.		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
China	8. The discharge into the sea of all plastics , including but not limited to synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets, plastic garbage bags and incinerator ashes from plastic products by vessels flying the flag of Contracting Parties, CNCPs or PFEs shall be prohibited.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Secretariat is of the view that this obligation is applicable to all vessels flagged to CCPs. China answered "No" to assessment, while stating that "There have been no authorized Chinese fishing vessels by Chinese fisheries authorities in SIOFA Area to harvest SIOFA species since China joined SIOFA in 2019. But China required the authorized vessels not to discard any garbage into the sea." CC to advise on applicability	The kind comment and reminding from the Secretariat are appreciated. As there have been no authorized Chinese-flagged vessels to operate in the Competence Area, "Not Applicable" is more suitable to describe the status.	Compliant	Compliant	Applicable to all flagged state CCPs

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Mauritius	13. Each Contracting Party, CNCP or PFE shall submit this information to the Secretariat as soon as practical. The Secretariat shall forward this information to all Contracting Parties, CNCPs and PFEs for information and for consideration of further action as required by Article 17 of the Agreement at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties.		No Compliance Status Assigned	This compliance rating may be used for cases of emergency relating to the safety of a ship and those on board, or safety of life at sea, which resulted in the a compliance issue. As there were no csuch indication in the supporting statement for this obligation, Mauritius may wish to reconsider status for preliminary self assessment.	It is to be noted that Mauritius is compliant under this CMM, as measures for inspection of vessels at sea are undertaken to combat illegal fishing Secretariat: <i>Obligation does not relate to inspections of vessels at sea.</i>		Not Applicable	

Table 10 Implementation of CMM 2019/10 (Monitoring)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
China	4. & 5. Each CCP shall ensure that all fishing vessels flying its flag that are operating in the Agreement Area are fitted with an operational automatic location communicator (ALC) unit reporting back to its competent authority and that ALC units on vessels flying their flag remain operational at all times while in the Agreement Area.	Not Applicable	Compliant	<i>China has indicated that the obligation is not applicable to them. Secretariat is of view that this obligation applies to all vessels flying the flag of a CCP. Irrespective if they are authorized or not, as there are no such limitations in the scope of application for this obligation (applies to all vessels operating in the area). CC to Advise</i>	All the authorized Chinese-flagged overseas vessels are required to install MTUs or ALCs onboard when they operate on the high seas. Since there have been no authorized Chinese-flagged vessels to operate in the Competence Area, "Not Applicable" is more suitable to describe the status.	Compliant	Not Applicable	CC agrees that the obligation should apply to vessels on the SIOFA RAV only. Proposal to amend the CMM to provide this clarity.
Mauritius	14. CCPs shall require their vessels or relevant authorities to notify the Secretariat, by email or other means, within 24 hours, in the format provided in Annex I, of each entry to or exit from the Agreement Area of vessels authorised to fish for species managed by SIOFA flying its flag, in accordance with CMM 2022/07.	Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	<i>Some reports were received much after the 24hrs prescribed by this obligation.</i>	Some outstanding reports were transmitted after the required time as Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. Subsequently, the entry/exits reports were prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No Follow action required.
Chinese Taipei	16. Each CCP shall ensure, for each vessel flying its flag undertaking an at sea transshipment operation in accordance to Para 16	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	<i>Competent Authority has failed to submit the observer data on the Transshipment Logsheet referred to in sub-paragraph f. to the Secretariat, no later than 15 days from debarkation of the observer.</i>		Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	

Table 11 Implementation of CMM 2020/11 (Compliance Monitoring Scheme)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
Cook Islands	12. Each CCP shall prepare a CCP Compliance Report on the basis of the template referred to in paragraph 10 which shall include a preliminary self-assessment of its compliance status for each assessed obligation, using Annex I as a reference, and return it to the Secretariat no later than 60 days before the commencement of the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties. Each CCP shall ensure their CCR includes information relevant to the implementation of each obligation assessed for compliance.	Compliant		No preliminary self assessment provided. CCR was submitted after the deadline of the 5th May 2022, i.e. the 6th of May 2022. (Received by the Secretariat on the 7th May 2022)	Compliant. Initially CCR was submitted on the date of deadline (4th May) however, it was submitted on the wrong template. We re-submitted with the updated template on the 13th May noting changes could be made prior to 3rd June 2023.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
Mauritius		Critically Non-Compliant	Compliant	CCR was submitted after deadline of the 5th May 2022, on the 16th of May 2022	Mauritius was claiming historical rights on the Saya de Malha Bank. However, this matter was resolved during May 2022 and no historical rights were further claimed by Mauritius. Subsequently, the CCR was prepared and submitted to the secretariat after the deadline.	Critically Non-Compliant	Critically Non-Compliant	No follow up action required
Seychelles		Compliant	Compliant	CCR was submitted after the deadline of the 5th May 2022, on the 6th May 2022		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

Table 14 Implementation of CMM 2021/14 (High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures)

CCP	Obligation (include paragraph number, summary description)	2021 Compliance Status	2022 CCP Preliminary Self Assessment	Secretariat Comments (including any Potential Compliance Issue)	Feedback from CCP	2022 Proposed Provisional Compliance Status	2022 Provisional Compliance Status	Follow up responsive or corrective action proposed to be undertaken
European Union	8. Each CCP shall provide this measure or a translation of it to vessels flying its flag and ensure that vessels flying its flag accept boarding and inspection by Authorised Inspectors in accordance with these procedures.	Compliant	Compliant	Statement related to this obligation indicates that these measures are translated to all official EU languages, but does not clearly indicate if these measures are provided to vessels flying the flag of an EU member state. EU to provide further clarity on same.	The EU has reviewed its implementation of this obligation again following receipt of the dSCR. Although the fishing licence issued to the EU (Spain) vessel that operated in the SIOFA Area in 2022 requires it to comply by all SIOFA CMMs and all EU Member States are notified of all SIOFA CMMs after their adoption, the measure was not provided to the vessel by the competent authorities. Corrective action has been taken and the measure was provided to the EU vessel operating in the SIOFA Area in 2023. The EU accepts a status of 'not compliant' in relation to its implementation of this obligation in 2022.	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	
India	10. Each CCP shall, by 1 September 2019 (or, for CCPs that acquire their status after that date, within 60 days of acquiring their status), notify the Executive Secretary of two contact points (including name, telephone, fax number and e-mail address) for the purposes of receiving and sending notifications and reports to and from its Authorities of the Fishing Vessel pursuant to this CMM. Each Contracting Party intending to carry out boarding and inspection pursuant to this measure shall provide the same information for the purposes of receiving and sending notifications and reports to its Authorities of the Inspection Vessel pursuant to this CMM.		Compliant	India has indicated that this obligation is not applicable to them. Obligation mandatory for all CCPs. Secretariat has not been notified of two contact points for the purposes of received and sending notifications and reports to and from its of the fishing vessel pursuant to this CMM.		Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	

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SIOFA Provisional IUU vessel list

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Abstract	
<p>According to SIOFA CMM 2022/06, the draft IUU-Vessel list has been considered by the Compliance Committee and the Compliance agreed to place 2 vessels on the Provisional IUU-Vessel list for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p>The Compliance Committee do not propose any change about the 2 vessels that are already listed on the SIOFA IUU-vessel list.</p>	

Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meeting of the Parties to consider the provisional IUU-vessel list and adopt a Final IUU-vessel list.

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Vessels listed on the provisional IUU vessel list:

- **IMULA 1655 MTR**
- **IMULA 1783 MTR**

Exchanges and information pertaining to these vessels are available in document CC-07-04-rev2 (SIOFA Draft IUU vessel list) and in document MoP-10-INFO-09 (Exchange with Sri Lanka concerning IUU-Vessel List).

Table 1 below summarizes the information about these vessels.

For information, 2 vessels are currently maintained on the SIOFA IUU vessel list:

- **ABISHAK PUTHA 3**
- **EL SHADDAI**

Table 1: Summary information on the vessels proposed on the provisional IUU-vessel list

Name and previous names, if any	Flag and previous flags, if any	Owner and previous owners, including beneficial owners, if any	Operator and previous operators, if any	Call sign and previous call signs, if any	IMO number, if any	Summary of activities which justify inclusion of the vessel on the IUU Vessel List
IMULA 1655 MTR	SRI LANKA	D.H.J.P. Chaminda Thushara	Unknown	MMSI 417165541	Unknown	- Engaged in fishing for fishery resources in the Agreement Area and are not on the SIOFA Record of Authorized Vessels; - engaged in fishing activities contrary to any other SIOFA CMMS
IMULA 1783 MTR	SRI LANKA	THARAKA PGD	Unknown	MMSI 417178341	Unknown	Engaged in fishing for fishery resources in the Agreement Area and are not on the SIOFA Record of Authorized Vessels; engaged in fishing activities contrary to any other SIOFA CMMS

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Amendments to CMM 2022/02

SIOFA Scientific Committee

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Abstract	
At its 8 th Meeting, the Scientific Committee proposed several changes to CMM 2022/02 to improve VME bycatch information and recording by the crew in Annex A and by the observers in Annex B.	

Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CC to consider the proposed amendments and advise the MoP.

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Amendments to CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards)

The Scientific Committee proposed several changes to CMM 2022/02 in regard to VME bycatch and recording and at its 8th meeting.

The changes that are proposed are in Annex A, vessels catch and efforts, bycatch section and in Annex B, observers' data, VME Taxa and Other benthos taxa section.

Only the sections relevant to these changes are displayed here, they are highlighted below in tracked changes:

Annex A: Vessel Catch and Effort Data

Incidental bycatch of marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles and 'other species of concern'

Presence: Yes / No

For each species caught

- Taxa name
- Number alive
- Number dead or injured

Incidental bycatch of VME indicator taxa

Presence: Yes / No

For each species caught

- Taxa name

Annex B: Observer Data

VME Taxa

Presence: Yes/No

a) Species (identified taxonomically as far as possible or accompanied by a photograph where identification is difficult).

b) An estimate of the quantity (weight (kg) or volume (m³)) of each listed benthic species caught in the tow (and the unit of measurement).

c) An overall estimate of the total quantity (weight (kg) or volume (m³)) of all invertebrate benthic species caught in the tow (and the unit of measurement).

d) Where possible, provide the live or dead status for corals

e) Where possible, and particularly for new or scarce benthic species which do not appear in ID guides, whole samples should be collected and suitably preserved for identification on shore.

e) Collect representative biological samples from the entire VME catch. (Biological samples shall be collected and frozen when requested by the scientific authority in a Contracting Party). For some coral species that are under the CITES list photographs should be taken.

Other sessile benthos taxa

Presence: Yes/No

For each catch of ~~benthic organisms' species~~ taxa

Scientific names (identified ~~at the lowest~~ to the finest taxon level possible)

FAO code (if available)

Estimation of the amount caught

ANNEX G



7th Compliance Committee Meeting (CC7)

Ravenala Attitude Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius

28-30 June 2023

CC-07-06

Comoros Application to renew CNCP Status

Delegation of Comoros

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Abstract	
This document provides the request from Comoros for renewing its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to SIOFA. The letter has been provided in French.	

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CC-07-06

Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

- The CC to consider the application from Comoros to renew its CNCP status and advise the MoP.

UNION DES COMORES

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DU TOURISME ET DE L'ARTISANAT

DIRECTION GENERALE
DES RESSOURCES HALIEUTIQUES

LE DIRECTEUR GENERAL

N°23/ 008/MAPETA / DGRH

Moroni, le 28 Avril 2023

A
Monsieur CLOT THIERRY
Secrétaire Exécutif.

S/C
DAAF-Parc de la Providence
B.P. 97439 SAINT-DENIS Cedex
Réunion.

Objet : Demande de renouvellement du Statut.

Monsieur Secrétaire Exécutif,

Conformément à la règle 17 du règlement intérieur, concernant la participation des parties non contractantes coopérantes au SIOFA, l'Union des Comores souhaite demander le renouvellement en 2023 de son statut de partie coopérante non contractante au SIOFA.

L'union des Comores s'engage à atteindre les objectifs de l'Accord, à se conformer aux mesures de conservation et de gestion et à toutes les autres décisions et résolutions adoptées en vertu de l'Accord, à prendre les mesures appropriées pour s'assurer que ses activités de pêche ne compromettent pas l'efficacité des mesures de conservation et de gestion et de toutes les autres décisions et résolutions adoptées en vertu de l'Accord, et à consulter la Réunion des Parties pour développer tout autre critère d'admission en tant que partie non contractante coopérante ou entité de pêche non participante coopérante spécifique à sa situation.

Cette déclaration est soumise au secrétaire exécutif du SIOFA pour être utilisée et appliquée de manière appropriée.

P/O
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ANNEX H



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Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
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CC-07-12

7th Compliance Committee Meeting (CC7)

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India Application to renew CNCP Status

Delegation of India

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Abstract	This document provides the application from India for renewing its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to SIOFA.

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CC-07-12

Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

- The CC to consider the application from India to renew its CNCP status and advise the MoP.

F.No.27035/8/2020-Fy(IC)
Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 24th April, 2022

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Subject: Application to Renew Status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Paragraph 5, Rule 17, of the SIOFA Rules of Procedure, and to state that India would like to attend the 10th Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party.

2. While submitting this application to the Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA for renewal in the capacity of a cooperating non- Contracting Party, it is to state that India is committed to:

- a) carry out the objectives of the Agreement;
- b) abide by conservation and management measures and all other decisions and resolutions adopted in accordance with the Agreement;
- c) take appropriate action to ensure that its fishing activities do not diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures and all other decisions adopted in accordance with the Agreement; and
- d) consult with the Meeting of the Parties to develop any other criteria for its admission in the capacity of a cooperating non-Contracting Party or cooperating non-participating fishing entity specific to its situation.

3. I am hopeful that this application would be considered favourably and the Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA would consider renewal of status of India as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA scheduled in July, 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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