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TECHNICAL REPORT (PART B)**COVER PAGE**

Part B of the Technical Report must be downloaded from the Portal Technical Report (Part B)/Termination Report screen, completed and then assembled and re-uploaded as PDF on that screen.

PROJECT	
Project number:	101078892
Project name:	Support for Ecosystem Approaches to fisheries conservation and management in SIOFA
Project acronym:	SIOFA-SEAs


REPORTING PERIOD	
 Please note that you must report on the entire reporting period.	
RP number:	1
Duration:	from 01/08/2022 to 31/12/2024

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1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRESS

1.1 Summary of work performed and achievements, results and impacts

Work performed and main achievements

Short summary of progress towards the project objectives. Highlight significant activities and achievements. Provide clear and measurable details.

Analyse the outcome of the project (so far) and its (actual and expected) impact (on target groups, change, innovation etc.), including a description of the European dimension and added value. For the Final Report, include the conclusions of the action.

Report on objectives not fully achieved or not on schedule.

⚠ *Do not simply cut and paste the project summary (filled in online on the Summary for Publication screen). Contrary to the summary, this section is for reporting to the EU and will not be published.*

The SIOFA-SEAs project managed to subcontract and complete all the projects related to the 3 main tasks foreseen.

The projects/tasks detailed webpages, including the adopted final reports for each project, are publicly available on the SIOFA website:

[SER2022-TOP2 - Stock structure of Patagonian toothfish \(*Dissostichus eleginoides*\)](#)

[PAE2022-MPA1 - Protocols to designate and evaluate MPAs in the SIOFA Area](#)

[SEC2022-OBS1 - Establish a framework for scientific observation of SIOFA fisheries](#)

Public project pages were also made available to inform the public of the project status and scope, and these pages were updated throughout the project. The “Funded by the EU” logo features on each page.

Project reports constitute the main deliverables for this project. The key findings for the reports were:

- SER2022-TOP2: Novel knowledge on the Patagonian toothfish stock structure, including using genetic methods, that suggests there is a considerable degree of mixing of the fish population across EEZs and international convention boundaries for this species in the Southern Indian Ocean.
- PAE2022-MPA1: Options for a protocol of designation and monitoring of currently existing as well as new marine protected areas (MPAs) under SIOFA’s jurisdiction.
- SEC2022-OBS1: a set of fishery-specific Observer Logbooks in Excel workbooks and an instruction manual that describes how each field in the respective Logbook forms should be completed. A set of minimum standards for CCP observer programmes that encompass the complete observer operation and data life cycle, including templates and metrics for the review of both the structural implementation of, and the outcomes from, CCP observer programmes.

The Deliverable 3.3 ([Project factsheet](#)) was submitted on 27 March 2023 and approved on 28 March 2023.

Given the delay accumulated with the contracting of project, a variation was requested in 2023 to extend the original end date of the SIOFA-SEAs project from the 31st of January 2024 to the 1st of September 2024 (Amendment - AMD-101078892-1). A second variation was requested in April 2024, to allow for the genetic sampling of toothfish which was delayed to an unforeseen shift in the fishery season, from the 1st of September 2024 to the 31st of December 2024 (Amendment AMD-101078892-5).

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1.2 Consortium set-up

Participants

Report on changes in the consortium composition (including structural, legal or management changes, if any).

No changes in the consortium composition.

Consortium cooperation and division of roles (if applicable)

Report on changes in the way the participants work together (Beneficiaries, Affiliated Entities, Associated Partners, etc.).

Not applicable.

1.3 Project teams, staff and experts

Project teams and staff

Report and explain deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement regarding the organisation of staff or project teams. Provide CVs of key actors that had to be replaced (if required).

No deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement regarding the organisation of staff or project teams.

1.4 Consortium management and decision-making

Consortium management and decision-making (if applicable)

Report on important changes in the management or decision-making mechanisms.

No changes in the management or decision-making mechanisms

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1.5 Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Report on changes to the overall project management concept, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy (if any).

No changes to the overall project management concept, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy.

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1.6 Cost effectiveness and financial management

Cost effectiveness and financial management

Inform about significant budget overruns or important changes in the financial management (if any).

No significant budget overruns or important changes in the financial management.

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1.7 Risk management

Critical risks and risk management strategy

Report on the state of play concerning the risks and risk mitigation measures (if any).

See Technical Report (Part A).

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1.8 Impact

Impact

Report on *changes* in your impact analysis/strategy (if any) and the effects on the project/need for adaptations.

No changes in the impact analysis/strategy.

1.9 Communication, dissemination and visibility

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding

Report on the communication and dissemination activities undertaken (to whom, which format, how many, etc.).

Describe how the visibility of EU funding was ensured.

If you described your project on your website(s) and/or social media accounts, please provide the links.

So far, visibility of funding was ensured by adding the EU logo on the project factsheet page (<https://siofa.org/node/962>) and on each of the subcontracted projects:

[SER2022-TOP2 - Stock structure of Patagonian toothfish \(*Dissostichus eleginoides*\)](#)

[PAE2022-MPA1 - Protocols to designate and evaluate MPAs in the SIOFA Area](#)

[SEC2022-OBS1 - Establish a framework for scientific observation of SIOFA fisheries](#)

All deliverables stemming from the project have the EU logo on their cover page.

See also Technical Report (Part A).

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1.10 Sustainability and continuation

Sustainability, long-term impact and continuation

Report on *changes* in your sustainability analysis/strategy (if any).

For the Final Report, describe the follow-up of the project after the end of the EU grant. How will the results be used or further developed. Describe the strategy to ensure sustainability of results and long-term impact. Comment on possible synergies/complementarities with other (EU funded) activities (if any).

No changes in sustainability analysis/strategy

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1.11 Follow-up to EU recommendations

Follow-up to EU recommendations

Highlight corrective actions taken as a result of EU monitoring activities (including follow-up to EU project reviews, if any). List each recommendation/comment and explain how they have been followed up.

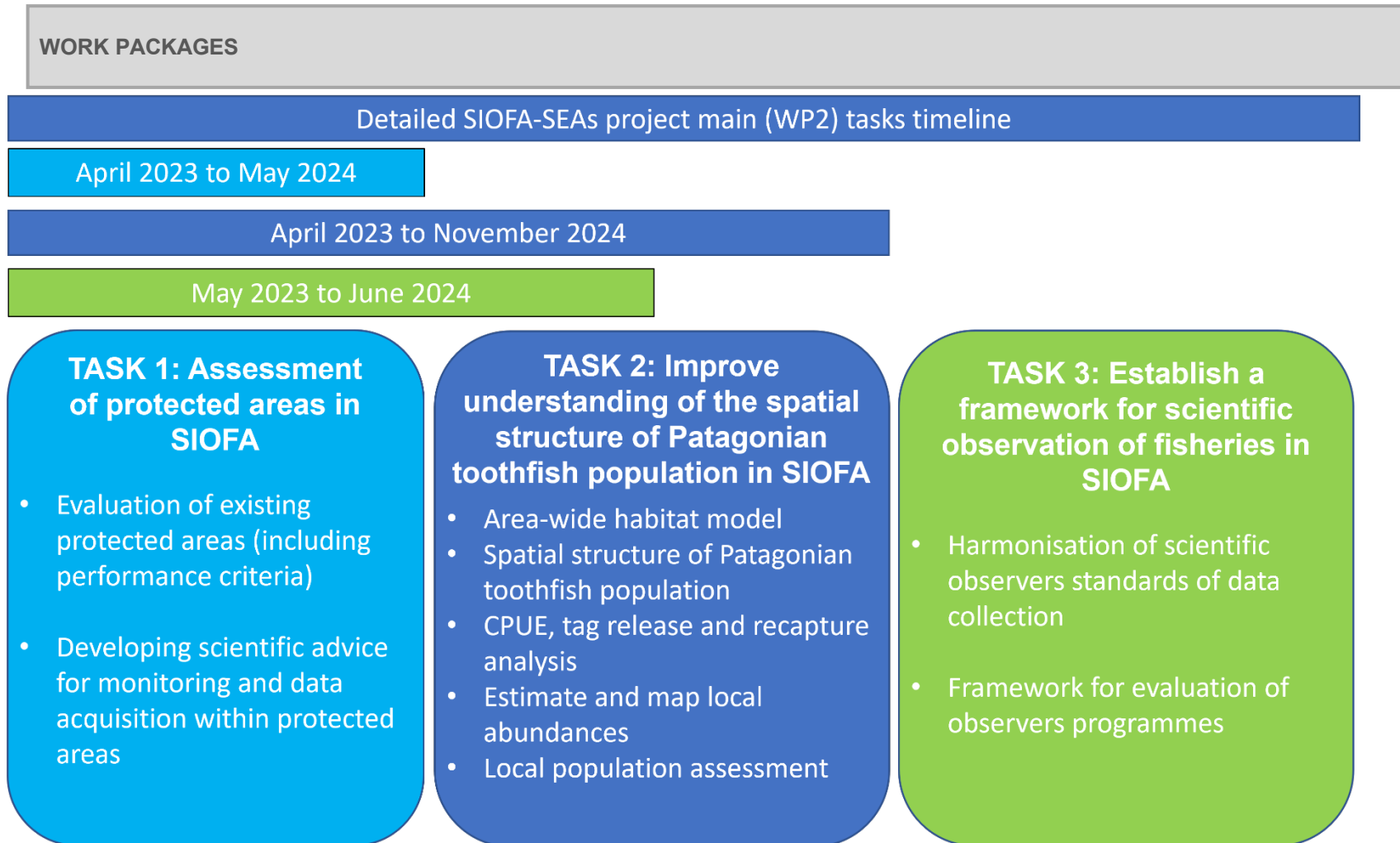
No corrective actions taken as a result of EU monitoring activities.

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2. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING

2.1 Work packages, activities, resources and timing



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WP1 - Project management and coordination
 WP2 - Project implementation

Task 1
 Task 2
 Task 3

WP3 - Project dissemination

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WP1 - Project management and coordination
 WP2 - Project implementation

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Work Package 1

Work Package 1: Project management and coordination			
Activities			
<i>Report on the implementation status of the activities that were to be implemented during the reporting period and explain <u>deviations</u> from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement. In case an activity was not implemented or a deliverable not produced, please explain why.</i>			
Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Implemented? (Yes/No/Partially)	Justification (explain what was done and by whom; explain what was not done and why not; indicate how you intend to handle the situation and new timing; indicate if it was a one-off issue or how you intend to avoid similar issues in the future)
T1.1	Project management and coordination	Yes	The SIOFA Science Officer led the development of detailed terms of reference for 3 projects to be subcontracted, together with ad-hoc formed project Advisory Panels. The call for applicants were published on the SIOFA website and a selection procedure used to award the project to the best candidate. All 3 subcontracts have been awarded, and coordination (kick-off) meetings held with each subcontractor. The SIOFA Science Officer engaged in project coordination to ensure that each consultant will deliver their work in time and with the necessary level of scientific detail. The SIOFA Science Officer and the Advisory Panel of each projects reviewed the draft reports of each project to ensure that they adequately addressed the Terms of Reference. The SIOFA Secretariat engaged in the compilation of the final SIOFA-SEAs report to the funding agency.
Other issues <i>Mention and explain unexpected events and adjustments that had to be made. Explain impact on other tasks, available resources and planning/timing.</i>		No issues	
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)			
See Technical Report (Part A).			

<p>Budget implementation — Use of resources (deviations) <i>(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)</i></p> <p><i>Explain <u>deviations</u> from the budget planning (i.e. differences between actual and planned use of resources, especially for personnel). Include explanations on transfers of cost categories in the estimated budget (if applicable). Don't forget to attach the detailed cost reporting table (if any).</i></p>	
<p>No deviations from the planned budget.</p>	
Other issues	No budget issues

Work Package 2

<p>Work Package 2: Project implementation activities</p>			
<p>Activities</p> <p><i>Report on the implementation status of the activities that were to be implemented during the reporting period and explain <u>deviations</u> from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement. In case an activity was not implemented or a deliverable not produced, please explain why.</i></p>			
Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Implemented? (Yes/No/Partially)	Justification (explain what was done and by whom; explain what was not done and why not; indicate how you intend to handle the situation and new timing; indicate if it was a one-off issue or how you intend to avoid similar issues in the future)
T2.1	Project implementation	Yes	<p>The SIOFA-SEAs project implementation is linked to the subcontracting of 3 projects to technical consultants: SER2022-TOP2 - Stock structure of Patagonian toothfish (<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>) PAE2022-MPA1 - Protocols to designate and evaluate MPAs in the SIOFA Area SEC2022-OBS1 - Establish a framework for scientific observation of SIOFA fisheries</p> <p>These projects have all delivered final results/reports.</p>

Other issues <i>Mention and explain unexpected events and adjustments that had to be made. Explain impact on other tasks, available resources and planning/timing.</i>	No issues
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)	
See Technical Report (Part A).	
Budget implementation — Use of resources (deviations) <i>(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)</i> <i>Explain <u>deviations</u> from the budget planning (i.e. differences between actual and planned use of resources, especially for personnel). Include explanations on transfers of cost categories in the estimated budget (if applicable). Don't forget to attach the detailed cost reporting table (if any).</i>	
No deviations from the planned budget.	
Other issues	No budget issues

Work Package 3

Work Package 3: Project communication and dissemination activities			
Activities			
<i>Report on the implementation status of the activities that were to be implemented during the reporting period and explain <u>deviations</u> from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement. In case an activity was not implemented or a deliverable not produced, please explain why.</i>			
Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Implemented? (Yes/No/Partially)	Justification (explain what was done and by whom; explain what was not done and why not; indicate how you intend to handle the situation and new timing; indicate if it was a one-off issue or how you intend to avoid similar issues in the future)
T3.1	Project factsheet	Yes	The SIOFA Secretariat developed a factsheet for this project, and published it on its website in 2022. A Deliverable 3.3 (Project factsheet) was officially submitted on 27 March 2023 and approved on 28 March 2023.

<p>Other issues</p> <p><i>Mention and explain unexpected events and adjustments that had to be made. Explain impact on other tasks, available resources and planning/timing.</i></p>	<p>No issues</p>
<p>Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)</p>	
<p>See Technical Report (Part A).</p>	

<p>Budget implementation — Use of resources (deviations) <i>(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)</i></p> <p><i>Explain deviations from the budget planning (i.e. differences between actual and planned use of resources, especially for personnel). Include explanations on transfers of cost categories in the estimated budget (if applicable) Don't forget to attach the detailed cost reporting table (if any).</i></p>	
<p>No deviations from the planned budget.</p>	
Other issues	No budget issues

Subcontracting

<p>Subcontracting (new subcontracts) <i>(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)</i></p> <p><i>Report on new subcontracts. Explain the specific circumstances that caused the need for a subcontract Include only subcontracts that are best-value-for-money and for which there is no conflict of interest. Keep in mind that subcontracting is not possible for key coordinator tasks and may normally not cover a major part of the action.</i></p>					
Subcontract number (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Subcontract name (subcontracted action tasks)	Description (including task number to which it is linked)	Costs (EUR)	Justification (why did subcontracting become necessary?)	Best-value-for-money (how did you ensure it?)
S2.1	Protocols to designate and evaluate MPAs in the SIOFA Area PAE2022-MPA1	(Developing Area specific management plans) T1.1 (Evaluation of existing Protected Areas) T1.2	18 000 EUR	Lack of expertise in the SIOFA Secretariat	Project Team assessment of proposals avoiding any conflict of interest.
S2.2	Stock structure of Patagonian toothfish (Dissostichus eleginoides) SER2022-TOP2	(Area wide habitat model) T2.1 (Spatial structure of Patagonian toothfish population) T2.2 (Temporal analysis) T2.3	34 000 EUR	Lack of expertise in the SIOFA Secretariat	Project Team assessment of proposals avoiding any conflict of interest.

		(Estimate and map local abundancies) T2.4			
		(Local population assessment)T2.5			
S2.3	Establish a framework for scientific observation of SIOFA fisheries SEC2022-OBS1	(Harmonisation of Observer Data templates) T3.1 (Framework for Evaluation of Observer Programmes) T3.2	48 000 EUR	Lack of expertise in the SIOFA Secretariat	Project Team assessment of proposals avoiding any conflict of interest.
Other issues <i>If subcontracting for the project rises above 30% of the total eligible costs during the project implementation, give specific reasons. Mention and explain other issues, if needed.</i>		The SIOFA Secretariat lacks the technical expertise needed for a proper project implementation. The areas of knowledge are very specific hence the need for outsourcing.			

Timetable

No deviations from the (amended) Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

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3. OTHER

3.1 Ethics

Ethics
<i>Report on any <u>changes</u> to ethics issues identified in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement (if any).</i>
No changes to ethics issues identified in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.


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3.2 Security

Security
<i>If your Application Form contains a section on security, report on any <u>changes</u> to security issues identified in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement (if any).</i>
No changes to security issues identified in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

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4. DECLARATIONS

Double funding	
Information concerning other EU grants for this project	YES/NO
 <i>Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).</i>	
We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it benefit/have benefitted from any other EU grant (<i>including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies (e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc).</i> If NO, explain and provide details	YES
We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (<i>including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies (e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc).</i> If NO, explain and provide details.	YES

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ANNEXES

LIST OF ANNEXES

Standard

Detailed cost reporting table (annex 1 to Part B) (*template* available on [Portal Reference Documents](#)) — *mandatory*

- Table 3 – Detailed table
- Table 4 – Consolidated table

Special

Staff costs report table

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).