



European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)

Final Report

Technical Report (Part A)

Technical Report (Part B)

Financial Report

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

What is the Periodic Report?

The Periodic Report/Final Report is the pre-condition for receiving payments; it must be submitted through the EU Funding & Tenders Portal Grant Management System by the Coordinator within 60 days after the end of the reporting period.

The Report is divided into a technical and financial report.

The Technical Report consists of 2 parts:

- Part A contains structured tables with project information
- Part B is a narrative description of the work carried out during the reporting period.

Part A is generated by the IT system. It is based on the information which you enter into the Portal Continuous and Periodic Reporting modules.

Part B (+ annexes) must be uploaded on the Technical Report (Part B) screen. The templates to use are available there.

The Financial Report normally consists of:

- the individual financial statements (Annex 4 to the GA) for each Beneficiary
- a summary financial statement
- a detailed cost reporting table
- a certificate on the financial statements (CFS) (if threshold reached).

The Financial Report is generated by the IT system on the basis of the financial information entered into the Periodic Reporting module (and any other documents uploaded, e.g. CFS and detailed cost reporting table).

How to prepare and submit it?

The Periodic Report must be prepared by the consortium in the Continuous and Periodic Reporting modules and then be submitted by the Coordinator.

The Continuous Reporting module is always open and can be updated at any moment during the project (submit deliverables, report on milestones, etc.). It automatically feeds Part A of the Periodic Report.

The Periodic Reporting module is opened after the end of the reporting period. It allows you to:

- download and upload the Part B of the Technical Report (upload only by the Coordinator)
- complete their financial statements on-line (each Beneficiary for themselves and their Affiliated Entities)
- consolidate the individual financial statements into a summary financial statement (Coordinator)
- upload the detailed cost reporting table (each Beneficiary)
- submit the Periodic Report (Coordinator).

 Make sure that all the information in the Continuous Reporting module is updated *before* 'locking the periodic report for review'. Updates entered after this step will be included in the Periodic Report of the following period (if any).

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

Part A of the Technical Report must be completed directly on the Portal Continuous Reporting screens.

PROJECT	
Project number:	101182531
Project acronym:	SIOFA-PAM
Project name:	SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management
Call:	EMFAF-2024-VC-SIOFA1-IBA
Topic:	Support to science-based decision-making in the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)
Type of action:	EMFAF-PJG
Service:	CINEA/D/03
Project starting date:	31/05/2024
Project duration:	24 months

REPORTING PERIOD	
Period covered:	from 31/05/2024 to 31/05/2026
Reporting period number:	1
Periodic report date and version:	30/05/2026, 1.0

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

Continuous Reporting (Summary for publication screen) — Provide an overall description of your project.

This summary should give readers a clear idea of what the project is about.

It should be written as a stand-alone text to promote the project. It should be structured but descriptive and easy to read. Diagrams or photographs illustrating the work of the project can be included (but only as images).

Note: We may publish this summary for publication/dissemination purposes. Use only diagrams and photographs for which you have the rights, avoid any references to information that is not publicly accessible and do not include any confidential information or personal data (e.g. names and addresses).

Context and overall objectives

Describe the context and overall objectives of your project.

The Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA, <https://www.siofa.org>) is an inter-governmental organisation that was established in 2012. The agreement has ten contracting parties, one participating fishing entity (Chinese Taipei), and two cooperating non-contracting party (Comoros, India) and is serviced by the SIOFA Secretariat based in La Réunion. SIOFA's objectives are to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources and to promote the sustainable development of fisheries in the Area, taking into account the needs of developing States bordering the Agreement Area that are Contracting Parties to this Agreement, and in particular the least developed among them and small island developing States.

The EU is a major fishing and maritime actor and the largest single market for fisheries products in the world. With this comes an opportunity and a responsibility for the EU. A responsibility to keep the world's oceans and seas healthy, clean, safe and secure and to advance EU standards internationally; to address global challenges, and at the same time to secure a level playing field for EU operators. As challenges and opportunities at sea are shared and transboundary in nature, EU leadership is crucial to preserve and strengthen a multilateral rules-based order. The Commission is therefore acting at all levels — EU, regional, and international — to best advance the interests of our societies. The EUs work with Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs), Regional fisheries bodies (RFB) and Arrangements is an important component, along with multilateral and bilateral agreements, international trade policy and policy to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and ensuring consistent standards to achieve conservation and sustainable fisheries outcomes.

The EU has supported the work of the SIOFA Scientific Committee with four previous grants: the SIOFA VME Mapping (2020), the Support to SIOFA Scientific Work (comprising of multiple projects 2020-2022), the SIOFA-SEAs project (2022-2024) and the SIOFA SC8 project (2022-2023).

The SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management (SIOFA-PAM) project aimed to enhance the scientific advice of the SIOFA Scientific Committee to the SIOFA CCPs, in particular towards ensuring the sustainable management of fish stocks and management of the environmental impacts associated with fishing.

The General Objective of this project was to enhance science-based decision-making in SIOFA with a precautionary approach framework and scientifically evaluated harvest strategies, helping ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources and the sustainable development of fisheries in the southern Indian Ocean.

The development and effective implementation of management strategies, based on the application of an agreed SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework (PAF) including management and rebuilding strategies, was designed to strengthen the scientific advice provided by the SIOFA Scientific Committee to the Meeting of the Parties of SIOFA.

The three Specific Objectives of SIOFA-PAM were to:

1. Develop the SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework (PAF)

Under the SIOFA Agreement, Contracting Parties should apply the Precautionary Approach as a general principle (SIOFA Agreement Article 4 (b)), in accordance with the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the 1995 United Nations Fish Stock Agreement. This framework will provide guidelines and principles to ensure that fisheries management decisions are made in a precautionary and science-based manner. This framework could be applied both to the management of stocks (see Specific Objective 3) as well as to the management of fisheries ecosystem impacts.

2. Determine Biological Reference Points (BRPs) for key SIOFA fish stocks

BRPs are critical indicators for the status of fish stocks and are essential for effective fisheries management. While interim BRPs for orange roughy and alfonsino have been agreed, they may not fully suffice for effective management. SIOFA CMM 15(2023) (Management of Demersal Stocks) aims to

"establish collaborative and complementary frameworks for *Dissostichus eleginoides* (Patagonian toothfish) between SIOFA and the CCAMLR", and the interim reference points for toothfish in SIOFA align with those endorsed by CCAMLR.

This objective focused on developing and scientifically evaluate BRPs for the key fish stocks within the SIOFA region, based on the best available scientific data and methods.

3. Develop harvest strategies for key SIOFA fish stocks

Harvest strategies are an important tool that informs sustainable fisheries management decisions. They typically include the following elements (i) Management objectives that set the outcomes for the fish population and fishery; (ii) A monitoring program to collect data; and (iii) Performance indicators of the fishery's status and population health, with associated reference points.

This objective aimed to develop formal harvest strategies for key fish stocks by building upon previous workshops and the current work of the SIOFA Scientific Committee and Meeting of the Parties. The harvest strategies will prescribe management measures and actions to achieve sustainable exploitation rates and include management objectives that consider socio-economic factors and ecosystem impacts. The formal harvest strategies developed under this objective should also be consistent with the Precautionary Approach Framework for the key SIOFA fish stocks.

Work performed and main achievements

Describe the activities performed and the main achievements. For the Final Report, include the outcomes of the action.

Deliverable 3.1 ([SIOFA-PAM Project factsheet](#)) was submitted on 19 July 2024 and approved by CINEA on the same day.

The project published terms of reference, ran a selection among the received applications, and subcontracted all the 3 main tasks foreseen in this project during its first year. Work commenced right after subcontracting was completed.

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All meeting reports are available on the respective webpages, and have also been collated into Deliverable 2.3.

Results and impacts

Describe the results of the project (so far) and (actual and expected) impacts (on target groups, change, procedures, capacities, innovation, etc.). For the Final Report, include an overview of the results.

Short-term results

- Provision of scientifically evaluated and robust standards (PAF, BRPs, harvest strategies) to enable sustainable management of SIOFA fisheries and the marine environment.
- Delivery of technical advice and reports to the SIOFA Scientific Committee, which was used to formulate scientific advice to the Meeting of the Parties.
- Improved scientific basis for discussions and agreement of advice by the Scientific Committee.

Medium- and long-term results

- Potential adoption of the precautionary approach framework, biological reference points, and harvest strategies by the SIOFA Meeting of the Parties (first presentation at the 13th MoP in July 2026, with harvest strategies used for Scientific Committee advice from 2027/2028).
- Long-term sustainable utilisation of fisheries managed by SIOFA, leading to a more robust and sustainably managed extraction of living marine resources in the southern Indian Ocean.
- Long-term socio-economic security and improved utilisation of SIOFA fisheries resources, ultimately contributing to food security of SIOFA members.
- Transferability– the project outcomes could be employed by other sea basins in developing their management frameworks.

The project benefited all SIOFA CCPs (including developing States) and Indian Ocean Coastal States by providing the scientific basis for precautionary management, sustainable fisheries, and marine environmental protection. In the long term, and beyond the project life, this will lead to more sustainable extraction of marine resources, protection of the marine environment, and ultimately improved socio-economic security and food security for fishing entities.

Finally, the project contributed to the practical implementation of the precautionary approach to fisheries management for SIOFA, a significant milestone in the progress of fisheries governance in the Indian Ocean.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS

Latest Legal Data Beneficiaries screens — Overview of the consortium changes.

Partner No	Role	Short Name	Legal Name	Country	PIC	Entry date	Exit date
1	COO	SIOFA	ACCORD RELATIF AUX PECHES DANS LE SUD DE L'OCEAN INDIEN	France	888228031		

LIST OF DELIVERABLES**Deliverables**

Continuous Reporting (Deliverables screen) — Add actual delivery dates (or new due date for late deliverables, together with an explanation for the delay). In the Comments, please indicate if the deliverable was achieved as planned or not.

The labels used mean:

Public — fully open (⚠ automatically posted online)

Sensitive — limited under the conditions of the Grant Agreement

EU classified — RESTREINT-UE/EU-RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIEL-UE/EU-CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET-UE/EU-SECRET

under Decision - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32015D0444&qid=1586092489803>

For items classified under other rules (e.g. national or international organisation), please select the equivalent EU classification level.

Deliverable No	Deliverable Name	Work package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date	New Due Date (if delay)	Delivery Date (actual)	Status	Comments
D1.1	Interim project progress report	1	SIOFA	Document, report	Public	31 May 2025	No delay	23 May 2025	Approved	An interim progress report detailing the status of the project at half of its course

D2.1	Tasks 1/2/3 final reports (collated)	2	SIOFA	Document, report	Public	31 May 2026	No delay	31 May 2026	Submitted	Electronic report
D2.2	External review reports (collated)	2	SIOFA	Document, report	Public	31 May 2026	No delay	31 May 2026	Submitted	Electronic report
D2.3	Workshop-Meeting reports (collated)	2	SIOFA	Document, report	Public	31 May 2026	No delay	31 May 2026	Submitted	Electronic report

D3.1	Project factsheet	3	SIOFA	Document	Public	29 Nov 2024	No delay	19 Jul 2024	Approved	A project factsheet, complete with a background of the project, the objectives and the expected outcomes will be produced. The factsheet will list the beneficiary information and the contracted consultants, including how to contact the lead beneficiary
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LIST OF MILESTONES

Milestones

Continuous Reporting (Milestones screen) — Update the status (and add new due date for late milestones). In the Comments, please indicate if the milestone was achieved as planned or add an explanation for the delay.

No milestones were foreseen for this project.

LIST OF CRITICAL RISKS

Foreseen risks

Foreseen risks

The table shows the risks already listed in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement (read-only).

Risk No	Description	Work Package No(s)	Proposed Mitigation Measures
1	Inability to recruit or retain consultants and Expert Reviewers	1, 2	Timely publication of ToR and call for applicants will help increase the number of applications and therefore mitigate the risk of recruitment inability. Consultants will be required to identify risks and contingencies

			as a part of their proposal, including how projects will be completed if any investigator is unable to complete the contracted deliverables. If any unforeseen event causes consultants or expert reviewers to be unable to continue the work, the project will contract a suitable substitute to ensure that the outputs are delivered
2	Delays with the project timeline	1	Clear contracting timelines and detailed project coordination to ensure delivery of outputs and the commitment of experts.
3	Disruption of travel	1, 2, 3	Virtual participation at meetings will be used to avoid any potential disruption of travel, and ensure the achievement of project objective

Unforeseen risks

Unforeseen risks (no unforeseen risks were encountered)			
Risk No	Description	Work Package No(s)	Proposed Mitigation Measures
[unforeseen risk number]	[insert description]	[insert WP numbers]	[insert mitigation measure]

State of play

State of play				
Continuous Reporting (Critical Risks screen) — Give the state of play of the risks that were identified in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement (and new risks that materialised during project implementation) and add new mitigation measures, if needed.				
Risk No	Reporting Period	Did you apply risk mitigation measures?	Did your risk materialise?	Comments
1	2	YES	NO	The lessons learned from previous projects were useful to avoid and mitigate this risk.
2	2	YES	NO	There was continuous communication between the project manager, advisors and subcontractors to monitor progress and find joint solutions for any obstacle to the contract work.
3	2	YES	NO	Travel has not been disrupted, but meetings have been carried out virtually as much as possible.

COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Communication and Dissemination activities

Communication and Dissemination activities <i>Continuous Reporting (Dissemination screen) — List the communication and dissemination activities carried out in the context of the project. Include dissemination activities mentioned in the proposal and new ones.</i>					
Communication/ Dissemination Activity Name	What? Type of communication/dissemination activity	Who? Target audience	How? Communication channel	Outcome	Status
Project factsheet	Production, publication and dissemination of a Project factsheet	National authorities Regional authorities Citizens	Organisation website	Factsheet published on the SIOFA website, see SIOFA-PAM Project factsheet	Delivered

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:	101182531
Project name:	SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management
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REPORTING PERIOD	
⚠ Please note that you must report on the entire reporting period.	
RP number:	1
Duration:	from 31/05/2024 to 31/05/2026

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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.*

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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 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 ([SIOFA-PAM Project factsheet](#)) and on each of the subcontracted projects pages:

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The EU logo was also added to each subcontracted deliverable (see Deliverables 2.1 and 2.2), as well as to any presentation made by the consultants subcontracted.

The communication and dissemination of the project was mainly geared towards the SIOFA scientific and management community. Additionally, the SIOFA Science Officer presented the project to a general webinar (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mf4ArLLdovc>) organised by Harvest Strategies (<https://harveststrategies.org/>). The EU logo featured on this presentation as well.

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.

The Precautionary Approach Framework will be submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the SIOFA Meeting of the Parties in July 2026, together with a wide range of recommendations related to harvest strategies stemming from this project. The SIOFA Scientific Committee will continue its work on harvest strategies and has developed an indicative workplan on Harvest Strategies (Annex F of the SC11 Report).

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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.

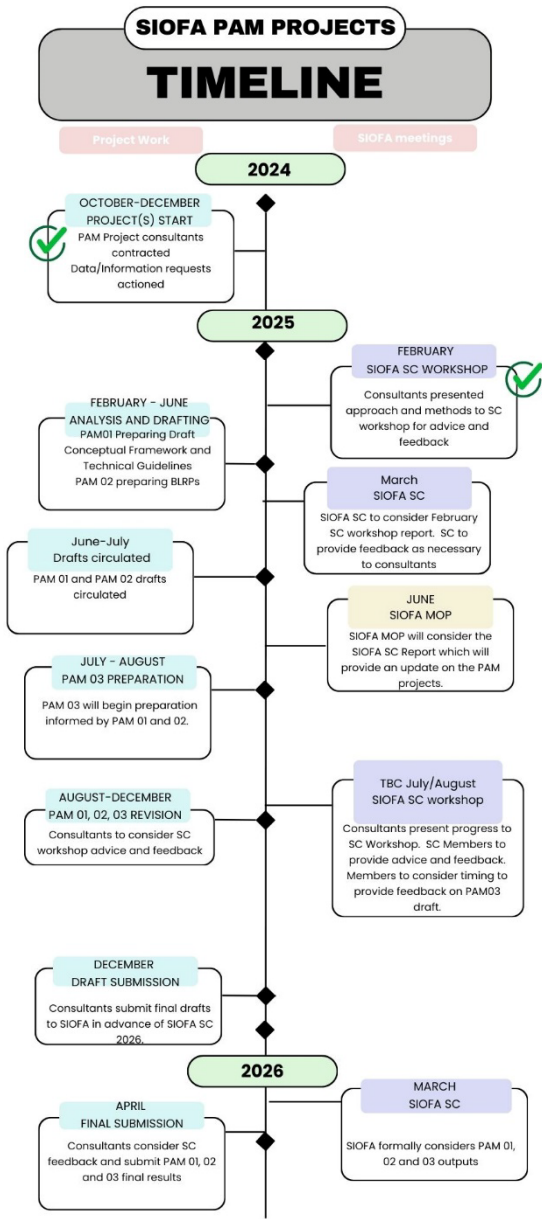
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2. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING

2.1 Work packages, activities, resources and timing

WORK PACKAGES



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 4 projects to be subcontracted (S.1/S.2/S.3/S.4), together with ad-hoc project Advisory Panels. The calls for applicants were published on the SIOFA website and a selection procedure was used to award the project to the best candidates for each project. All 4 subcontracts have been awarded, and coordination (including kick-off) meetings were held with subcontractors. The SIOFA Science Officer engaged in project coordination to ensure that each consultant delivered their work on time and with the necessary level of scientific detail, as well as ensuring that interim and final report were coherent with the EU requirements.
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) *(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)*

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).

No deviations from the planned budget.

Other issues

No budget issues

Work Package 2**Work Package 2: Project implementation activities****Activities**

Report on the implementation status of the activities that were to be implemented during the reporting period and explain deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement. In case an activity was not implemented or a deliverable not produced, please explain why.

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	The SIOFA-PAM project implementation is linked to the subcontracting of 4 projects to technical consultants: PAM-2024-01 Development of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework (PAF) PAM-2024-02 Determination of Biological Reference Points (BRPs) for key SIOFA fish stocks PAM-2024-03 Development of Harvest Strategies for key SIOFA fish stocks PAM-2024-04 Expert Review Panel for the Development of the SIOFA Precautionary Approach and Management Projects These projects were all finalised and the outputs are available at the respective links, as well as within Deliverable 2.2.

			Subcontracting S.4 (rapporteur assistance during meetings) has been awarded and used to cover the reports of 4 online meetings (see Deliverable 2.3).
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>			
There have been two instances of underspending during project implementation: Under Project PAM-2024-04 one of the expert reviewers had to terminate his contract earlier than foreseen, due to committing to a new role where a conflict of interest could be perceived. The corresponding contract was amended through a contract variation, including a corresponding reduction of the planned budget expense to account for the reduced work timeline and commitments. The reduced timeline allowed the expert reviewer to complete his report, but prevented him from presenting it at the 11th meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee. The expenses foreseen for a Rapporteur were also reduced as the costs for the 11th meeting of the SIOFA Scientific Committee were borne under the organisation budget, so only 3 online workshops were covered by a rapporteur under the project, reducing the related spending.			
Other issues	No budget issues		

Work Package 3

Work Package 3: Project communication and dissemination activities

Activities

Report on the implementation status of the activities that were to be implemented during the reporting period and explain deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement. In case an activity was not implemented or a deliverable not produced, please explain why.

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 2024. A Deliverable 3.1 (SIOFA-PAM Project factsheet) was officially submitted on 19 July 2024 and approved on the same day.
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) *(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)*

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).

No deviations from the planned budget.

Other issues

No budget issues

Subcontracting**Subcontracting (new subcontracts)** *(n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)*

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.

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	Develop the SIOFA Precautionary Approach Framework	This task includes the recruitment of consultants and expert reviewers to produce a task report and a corresponding revision.	62 167 (80% direct costs for Consultants and 20% for Expert Reviewers)	To have a specific technical report and a corresponding impartial/external evaluation of it	Public selection and direct call
S2.2	Determine Biological Reference Points (BRPs) for key SIOFA fish stocks	This task includes the recruitment of consultants and expert reviewers to produce a task report and a corresponding revision.	37 167 (80% direct costs for Consultants and 20% for Expert Reviewers)	To have a specific technical report and a corresponding impartial/external evaluation of it	Public selection and direct call
S2.3	Develop harvest strategies for key SIOFA fish stocks	This task includes the recruitment of consultants and expert reviewers to produce a task report and a corresponding revision.	49 666 (80% direct costs for Consultants and 20% for Expert Reviewers)	To have a specific technical report and a corresponding impartial/external evaluation of it	Public selection and direct call

S2.4	Meeting reporting	This task includes the recruitment of a rapporteur and the production of meeting/workshop reports.	1 707.02	To have a professional reporting during meeting/workshops, allowing experts and participants to focus on the content	Selection based on experience
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 proper project implementation. The areas of knowledge are very specific hence the need for outsourcing. Note that there have been two instances of underspending during project implementation, which are described under the project deviations in WP2 and detailed in the cost reporting table.			

Timetable

No deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

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3. OTHER

3.1 Ethics

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

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3.2 Security

Security
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).
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
 Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).	
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 (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies (e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc)). 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 (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies (e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc)). If NO, explain and provide details.	YES

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