

CMM 10(2026)¹

Conservation and Management Measure for the Monitoring of Fisheries in the Agreement Area (Monitoring)

The Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement;

RECALLING Article 6(1)(h) of the Agreement calls of the Meeting of the Parties to develop rules and procedures for the monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities in order to ensure compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Meeting of the Parties including, where appropriate, a system of verification incorporating vessel monitoring and observation;

MINDFUL of Article 18(3)(e) of the *Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (UNFSA)* which outlines the duties of the flag State are to take measures to ensure recording and timely reporting of vessel position, catch of target and non-target species, fishing effort and other relevant fisheries data;

NOTING Article 18(3)(f) and (h) of UNFSA relating to the regulation of transshipment on the high seas;

BEARING IN MIND that transshipment at sea is a common global practice, but that unregulated and unreported transshipment of catches of fishery resources, in particular on the high seas, contributes to distorted reporting of catches of such stocks and supports illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the SIOFA Area of Application (the Agreement Area);

NOTING the Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment endorsed by the Committee on Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at its thirty-fifth session from 5 to 9 September 2022, which seek to assist States, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs), and other intergovernmental organizations by providing standards for developing their policies and regulations that govern transshipment, with a view to integrating these in their regulatory frameworks;

ADOPTS the following Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement:

Scope

1. This CMM applies to all fishing vessels of Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties and participating fishing entities to the Agreement (CCP), engaged in fishing operations in the SIOFA Area of Application (Agreement Area) for fishery resources as defined in Article 1(f) of the Agreement.

Information on fishing activities

2. Each CCP shall ensure that its vessels maintain either an electronic fishing logbook or a bound fishing logbook containing the information relevant for their compliance with the data collection and submission requirements of CMM 02(2026) (Data Standards) with consecutively numbered pages.
3. Each CCP shall ensure:
 - a. that vessels flying its flag submit the fishing logbook data within 30 days of the completion of a fishing trip in the Agreement Area to its competent authority;

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- b. data referred to in sub-paragraph a. are submitted in accordance with CMM 02(2026) and maintained in accordance with CMM 03(2025) (Data Confidentiality); and
 - c. the quantities of catch recorded on vessels flying its flag correspond to the quantities of catch kept on board.
4. Each CCP shall cooperate with any reasonable request from other CCPs for any information contained in the fishing logbooks from the preceding 12 months for the purposes of control.

Entry- Exit reports

- 5. Each CCP shall monitor the entry to and exit from the Agreement Area of fishing vessels flying its flag, and their activities while in the Agreement Area.
- 6. Each CCP shall require its fishing vessels or relevant authorities to notify the Secretariat of each entry to or exit from the Agreement Area of vessels authorised to fish for species managed by SIOFA flying their flag, through a specific entry and exit notification by means of VMS reporting in accordance with the requirements of CMM 16 (2026) (Vessel Monitoring System), or by email, in the format provided in Annex 1.
- 7. In the event of a malfunctioning of the ALC on board a fishing vessel preventing the entry and exit notification by means of VMS reporting required under paragraph 6, the flag CCP shall require its fishing vessels or relevant authorities to provide the notification to the Secretariat, within 24 hours of the vessel's entry into or exit from the Agreement Area, via a manual report transmitted by email. The manual report shall include information on the activity of the vessel in the Agreement Area.
- 8. If a fishing vessel enters the Agreement Area with an observer on board, the flag CCP of the vessel shall require the vessel or its relevant authorities to notify the Secretariat by email, within 24 hours of the vessel's entry into the Agreement Area, of the presence of an observer on board the vessel.

Monitoring of at sea transshipments and transfers

- 9. For the purpose of this CMM, transshipment means the unloading of all or any fishery resources, including fishery products, on board a fishing vessel onto another vessel, without the fish being recorded as landed, as defined in the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment.
- 10. Each CCP shall ensure that vessels flying its flag only undertake transshipments at sea of fishery resources if they have prior authorization from their competent authority.
- 11. Each CCP shall ensure that vessels flying its flag only undertake transshipments at sea of fishery resources, with other vessels included on the SIOFA Record of Authorised Vessels.
- 12. Each CCP shall ensure that vessels flying its flag do not undertake transshipments at sea of fishery resources with vessels included in the IUU vessel lists established by CCAMLR or any regional fisheries management organization.
- 13. Each CCP shall ensure, for each vessel flying its flag undertaking an at sea transshipment operation, that:
 - a. the vessel notifies its competent authority at least 7 days in advance of a 14-day period during which the at sea transshipment is scheduled to occur.
 - b. the vessel notifies its competent authority 24 hours in advance of the estimated time during which the at sea transshipment will occur.

- c. the notifications referred to in sub-paragraphs a. and b include the relevant information available regarding the at sea transshipment in accordance with Transshipment Notification Annex II.
 - d. its competent authority transmits the notifications referred to in sub-paragraphs a. and b. to the Secretariat within 7 days.
 - e. an impartial and qualified observer is deployed on board every receiving vessel to monitor the transshipment.
Electronic monitoring can be implemented as an alternative or to complement the deployment of human observers. CCPs that elect to use the electronic monitoring shall ensure that all relevant aspects are monitored effectively.
 - f. the observer assigned to their vessel collect and record the information of each transshipment operation as indicated in the Transshipment Logsheet in Annex III.
 - g. the master of the vessel provides the observer on board full access to all operational areas of the vessel necessary to complete their duties, including the fish holds, production areas, crew, nets or other gear, equipment, and any documents related with the catch retained onboard.
 - h. the observer referred to sub-paragraphs e and f. provides a copy of the information collected as indicated in the Transshipment Logsheet to the competent authority of the observed vessel.
 - i. its competent authority submits the observer data referred to in sub-paragraph f. to the Secretariat, no later than 15 days from debarkation of the observer.
 - j. the vessel notifies all of the operational details to its competent authority, using the Transshipment Declaration in Annex IV, within 24 hours following the transshipment.
 - k. its competent authority transmits the Transshipment Declaration referred to in sub- paragraph j. to the Secretariat within 30 days.
 - l. where its competent authority authorizes the vessel operator to transmit the Transshipment Declaration referred to in sub-paragraph j. directly to the Secretariat, the vessel operator directs any requests for clarifications from the Secretariat to its competent authority.
14. Each CCP shall ensure, for each vessel flying its flag undertaking an at sea transfer operation of fuel, crew, gear or any other supplies, either as an unloading or receiving vessel, where one or both vessels has been involved or intends to undertake fishing for fishery resources in the Agreement Area during that trip, that:
- a. the vessel notifies its competent authority at least 24 hours in advance of the planned transfer.
 - b. the notifications include the relevant information available regarding the transfer in accordance with Transfer Notification Annex V.
 - c. the competent authority transmits the notification to the Secretariat without delay.
 - d. the vessel notifies all of the operational details to its competent authority, as specified in Transfer Declaration Annex VI, within 24 hours following the transfer.
15. The Secretariat shall make all information provided under paragraphs 13 and 14 available on the secure section of the SIOFA website as soon as possible.
16. Each CCP with a vessel flying its flag involved in a transshipment or transfer at sea shall take the appropriate measures to verify the accuracy of the information received in accordance with

paragraphs 13 and 14 and take appropriate follow-up action in the event that an observer reports discrepancies in the data reported by the masters of the unloading or receiving vessels or in the event of possible non-compliance with SIOFA CMMs, including coordination with the Port State where the receiving vessel is to unload, if it considers that an inspection of the unload is necessary.

17. Each CCP with a vessel flying its flag that receives fishery resources at sea from more than one unloading vessel shall ensure that such receiving vessel:
 - a. stores the fishery resources and related documentation from each unloading vessel separately, allowing to distinguish from which unloading vessel each part of the fishery resources on board comes, including through the use of canvas or nets to separate fishery resources on board and/or appropriate labelling for boxes.
 - b. maintains an up-to-date stowage plan and other documents showing the location and quantities of species received from each unloading vessel and retains these on board until the vessel has been unloaded completely.
 - c. makes available the information referred to in sub-paragraph b. to its competent authority and to the relevant port State when required.
18. Nothing in this measure shall prevent vessels from undertaking transshipments or transfers at sea in cases of force majeure or distress, in which case those vessels shall report their transshipment or transfer activities to their competent authorities and the Secretariat, as appropriate, in accordance with the relevant procedures and templates established in paragraphs 13 and 14, after the transshipment or transfer has been completed, including information on the circumstances giving rise to the force majeure or distress.

Monitoring of transshipments in ports

19. Each CCP shall ensure that a vessel flying its flag that is carrying fishery resources shall only transship in a port if it has prior authorisation from its competent authority and the port State.
20. Each CCP shall ensure that vessels flying its flag do not undertake transshipments in port of fishery resources with vessels included in the IUU vessel lists established by CCAMLR or any regional fisheries management organization.
21. For each transshipment of fishery resources in port, the competent authority of the CCP of the unloading vessel shall notify, at least 24 hours in advance, the following information to the competent authority of the port State and to the competent authority of the receiving vessel:
 - a. the date, time and port of transshipment;
 - b. the name and flag of the unloading transshipping vessel;
 - c. the name and flag of the receiving vessel;
 - d. the weight of fishery resources (Kg) by species (FAO 3-alpha species code/group code/scientific name) to be transshipped.-
22. Where applicable, the competent authority of a CCP of a receiving vessel shall inform the competent authority of the port State of the quantities of fishery resources on board the vessel 24 hours before the transshipment and again 24 hours after the transshipment.
23. The CCP of the unloading vessel shall require that the vessel submits a Transshipment Declaration in accordance with the format set out in Annex IV to its competent authority, and that of the port State within 24 hours of the transshipment, and also provides a copy to the receiving vessel.
24. Where applicable, the competent authority of the CCP of a receiving vessel shall, 48 hours before landing of the transshipped fishery resources, submit a copy of the received Transshipment

Declaration to the competent authority of the port State where the landing takes place.

25. Each CCP with a vessel flying its flag involved in the transshipment in port shall take the appropriate measures to verify the accuracy of the information received in accordance with paragraphs 21 to 24 and take appropriate follow-up action in the event of discrepancies in the data reported by the masters of the unloading or receiving vessels or in the event of possible non-compliance with SIOFA CMMs.

Reporting of transshipments and at sea transfers

26. As part of its CCP Compliance Report under paragraph 12 of CMM 11(2026) (Compliance Monitoring Scheme), each CCP shall provide annually the following information, as applicable, to the Secretariat for consideration by the Compliance Committee in relation to each transshipment and at sea transfer by vessels flying its flag that took place during the previous calendar year in accordance with paragraphs 9 to 25:
- a. date, time and location of transshipment or transfer in accordance with the specifications in CMM 02(2026) (Data Standards);
 - b. names of vessels, flags and registration number/call sign of the transshipping vessel or transferring vessels;
 - c. tonnage of any fishery resources, including species/group name (FAO 3-alpha species code/group code/scientific name) transshipped;
 - d. type and description of transfers; and
 - e. any other relevant information.
27. The Secretariat shall report annually on the implementation of this CMM. As regards transshipments and at sea transfers, the report shall include information, aggregated at CCP level, about the number of events, locations, quantities of fishery resources (by species, product form and catch area) transshipped and transferred, which shall be made publicly available on the SIOFA website.
28. This CMM shall enter into force on 1 January 2024.

ANNEX I

REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSEL ENTRY AND EXIT NOTIFICATIONS BY EMAIL

Information required	Remarks:
Vessel name	<i>Name of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	<i>IMO number of the vessel</i>
Registration number	<i>External registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Entry or exit	<i>“ENTRY” or “EXIT”; free text message</i>
Latitude	<i>Position at the time of transmission (decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees)</i>
Longitude	<i>Position at the time of transmission (decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees)</i>
Date	<i>UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>
Time	<i>UTC time of transmission from the vessel (hh:mm)</i>
Activity in the Agreement Area (intended activity on entry OR activity carried out prior to exit)	<i>Fishing (FAO 3-alpha species code of targeted species), transiting, transshipping or transferring</i>
Observer on board	<i>“YES” or “NO”</i>
Heading (optional)	<i>Vessel heading when entering OR exiting the area (from 0° to 359°)</i>

ANNEX II

SIOFA TRANSSHIPMENT AT SEA PRIOR NOTIFICATION

The following information shall be provided to the competent authority/ies of the unloading and receiving vessels 7 days in advance of a 14 day window, and again 24 hours in advance of a transshipment at sea.

I. DETAILS OF THE NOTIFYING VESSEL	
Notifying vessel is UNLOADING / RECEIVING vessel (strike out as appropriate)	
II. DETAILS OF THE UNLOADING FISHING VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3–alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel owner and/or company information	<i>Name, complete address, email, phone number</i>
Vessel contact information (name, address, email and phone number)	<i>Master name, nationality, address, email, phone number</i>
III. DETAILS OF THE RECEIVING FISHING VESSEL	
Name of vessel	<i>Name of the vessel</i> Name of the vessel
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3–alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	<i>IMO number of the vessel</i>
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel owner / company information	<i>Last name, name / complete address / email / fax/phone number</i>
Vessel contact information	<i>Master name / nationality / address / email / fax/phone number</i>
IV. DETAILS OF TRANSSHIPMENT	
Transshipment authorisation identifier, if any	<i>Transshipment authorisation identifier, if assigned</i>
Transshipment authorisation issued by	<i>Name and email of the competent authority</i>
Transshipment authorisation validity period	<i>Start and end date UTC of the transshipment authorisation (YYYY-MON-DDT)-(YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>
Estimated date of transshipment	<i>Predicted date UTC when the master intends to conduct the transshipment (YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>
Estimated start time of transshipment	<i>Predicted time UTC when the master intends to start the transshipment (hh:mm)</i>

Estimated end time of transshipment	<i>Predicted time UTC for the ending of transshipment (hh:mm)</i>
Estimated location of transshipment	<i>Estimated position where the master intends to conduct the transshipment expressed as latitude/longitude in decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees</i>
<i>Fishery resources to be transshipped</i>	
Quantities to be transshipped - Species - Catch area - Weight - Product form	<i>FAO 3-alpha species code/group code/scientific name</i> <i>RFMO/A /geographical location / FAO Statistical Area</i> <i>Weight in Kilograms</i> <i>Preservation type and presentation type</i>
Number of units	<i>Boxes / packages</i>
Net weight of a unit	<i>Weight in Kilogram</i>

ANNEX III

SIOFA TRANSSHIPMENT AT SEA LOGSHEET

The following information shall be provided by the observer to the competent authority of the vessel

I. DETAILS OF THE OBSERVER	
Observer onboard the UNLOADING / RECEIVING vessel (strike out as appropriate)	
Observer name	
Observer nationality	
Observer competent authority	name, address, email and phone number
II. DETAILS OF THE UNLOADING FISHING VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	
III. DETAILS OF THE RECEIVING FISHING VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	
IV. DETAILS OF TRANSSHIPMENT	
Transshipment authorisation identifier, if any	
Transshipment authorisation issued by	<i>name and email of competent authority</i>
Transshipment authorisation validity period	<i>Start and end date UTC of the transshipment authorisation (YYYY-MON-DDT)-(YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>

Date of transshipment	<i>Date UTC when the transshipment was conducted (YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>
Start time of transshipment- (UTC)	<i>Time UTC when the transshipment started (hh:mm)</i>
End time of transshipment	<i>Time UTC when the transshipment ended (hh:mm)</i>
Location of transshipment	<i>Position where the transshipment was conducted, expressed as latitude/longitude in decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees</i>
<i>Fishery resources transshipped</i>	
- Species - Catch area - Weight - Product form	<i>FAO 3-alpha species code/groupcode/scientific name</i> <i>RFMO/A /geographical location / FAO Statistical Area</i> <i>Weight in Kilograms</i> <i>Preservation type and presentation type</i>
Number of units	<i>Boxes / packages</i>
Net weight of a unit	<i>Weight in Kilogram</i>
V. SIGNATURE	
Observer's name and signature	
Remarks or observations, if any	

ANNEX IV

SIOFA TRANSSHIPMENT AT SEA/ IN PORT DECLARATION

In port <u>Y/N</u> (strike out as appropriate) Name of port _____ <u>Port State</u> _____										
At Sea <u>Y/N</u> (strike out as appropriate) Latitude/Longitude _____ (expressed in decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees)										
Declaring vessel is UNLOADING or RECEIVING Vessel (strike out as appropriate)										
Name of declaring vessel:					Name of other vessel:					
IMO number of declaring vessel:					IMO number of other vessel:					
Radio Call sign of declaring vessel:					Radio Call sign of other vessel:					
External identification of declaring vessel:					External identification of other vessel:					
Flag CCP of declaring vessel:-					Flag of other vessel:					
Transshipment authorization identifier:										
Transshipment authorisation issued by (name and email of competent authority):										
Start of transshipment operation day/month/year from (time: hour/minutes, UTC)										
End of transshipment operation day/month/year to (time: hour/minutes, UTC)										
Declaring master's name & nationality:					Signature:			Date:		
TRANSSHIPPED FISHERY RESSOURCES										
Species (FAO 3-alpha species code/group code/scientific name and catch area(s)/RFMO/geographical location/FAO Statistical Area)	<u>Product form (preservation & presentation) 1:</u> _____			<u>Product form (preservation & presentation) 2:</u> _____			<u>Product form (preservation & presentation) 3:</u> _____			TOTAL Weight (Kg)
	No units:	<u>Weight</u> per unit:	Total weight:	No. units:	<u>Weight</u> per unit:	Total weight:	No. units:	<u>Weight</u> per unit:	Total weight:	

TOTAL										

FISHERY RESSOURCES REMAINING ON BOARD AFTER TRANSSHIPMENT										
Species (FAO 3-alpha species code/group code/scientific name and catch area(s)/RFMO/geographical location/FAO Statistical Area)	Product form (preservation & presentation) 1:			Product form (preservation & presentation) 2:			Product form (preservation & presentation) 3:			TOTAL Weight (Kg)
	No units:	Weight per unit:	Total weight:	No. units:	Weight per unit:	Total weight:	No. units:	Weight per unit:	Total weight:	
TOTAL										

ANNEX V

SIOFA TRANSFER AT SEA NOTIFICATION

The following Information shall be provided to the competent authority of the declaring vessel 24 hours in advance of a transfer at sea.

I. DETAILS OF THE DECLARING VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Registration number	
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	
II. DETAILS OF THE OTHER VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag	<i>Vessel flag (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	
III. DETAILS OF TRANSFER	
Estimated date of transfer	<i>Predicted date UTC when the master intends to conduct the transfer (YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>
Estimated time of transfer	<i>Predicted time UTC when the master intends to conduct the transshipment (hh:mm)</i>
Estimated location of transfer	<i>Estimated position where the master intends to conduct the transfer expressed as latitude/longitude in decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees</i>

Type and quantity received_ - fuel - crew - gear - supplies - other	<i>Liters</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Kilograms, tonnes, units</i>
Type and quantity unloaded - fuel - crew - gear - supplies - other	<i>Liters</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Kilograms, tonnes, units</i>
IV. SIGNATURE	
Name of master	

ANNEX VI

SIOFA TRANSFER AT SEA DECLARATION

The following Information shall be provided to the competent authority of the declaring vessel within 24 hours following a transfer at sea.

I. DETAILS OF THE DECLARING VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag CCP	<i>CCP where the vessel is registered (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	
II. DETAILS OF THE OTHER VESSEL	
Name of vessel	
Registration number	<i>External registration number if available, or national registration number</i>
Radio call sign	<i>International radio call sign of the vessel</i>
Vessel flag	<i>Vessel flag (3-alpha country code)</i>
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	
III. DETAILS OF TRANSFER	
Date of transfer	<i>Date UTC when transfer was conducted (YYYY-MON-DDT)</i>
Time of transfer	<i>Time UTC when the transfer was conducted (hh:mm)</i>
Location of transfer	<i>Position where the transfer was conducted, expressed as latitude/longitude in decimal degrees, to the nearest 0.01 degrees</i>

Type and quantity received - fuel - crew - gear - supplies - other	<i>Liters</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Kilograms, tonnes, units</i>
Type and quantity unloaded - fuel - crew - gear - supplies - other	<i>Liters</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Kilograms, tonnes, units</i>
IV. SIGNATURE	
Name of master	