## The Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) 7th Meeting of the Parties

**17-20 November 2020**

## CC-04-10

## Intersessional consultations on the HSBI

## Boarding Questionnaires

## *Relates to agenda item: 7*

## Proposal *[ ]* Working paper[x]  Info paper*[ ]*  Other Document[ ]

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**Abstract**

This paper provides a summary of the feedbacks from SIOFA Contracting Parties on the consultation launched by the Secretariat about the High Sea Boarding procedures.

The 4th Compliance Committee shall review the three working documents (SIOFA Inspection Flag, Identity Card for Observers, and HSBI questionnaire) drafted by the Secretariat during this intersessional period and provide recommendations to the 7th Meeting of the Parties.

This document collects 3 versions of the questionnaires that have been proposed

**Recommendations**

The Secretariat recommends the CC4 to agree on a questionnaire and proposes it to the Meeting of the Parties.

CMM 2019-14 refers to a standardised questionnaire for High Sea Boarding Inspection (para 22).

Seven CCPs have amended the initial standard questionnaire. All these responses are in the document **CC-04-10** **Annex A**.

All propositions have been considered and integrated into the *questionnaire* available in document **CC-04-10 Annex B**, it has been updated with the most recent corrections received

The EU suggested another presentation and drafted a questionnaire in a table format. Japan made some amendments on the table format submitted by EU as a simpler presentation. This format is available in document **CC-04-10 Annex C**.

*High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures Forum and responses*

These documents drafted after this first round of consultation were uploaded to the CC4 page on the SIOFA Website on 31 July 2020, and open for discussion before the Compliance Committee. No response was recorded on the forum pages so far.

However, two CCPs provided answer by email, that were circulated to all CPPs :

• Japan declared that it prefers the HSBI questionnaire originally proposed by EU because it considers simpler and easier for fishing masters and/or captains. It also made comments on the questionnaire circulated.

• Chinese Taipei shared the following opinions :
In their understanding, the "Multi-language Questionnaire" is intended to be used to "facilitate communications between the Authorized Inspectors and the master of the vessel", and the "Report of the High Sea Boarding and Inspection" is the only document needed be filled and submitted during HSBI. Therefore, they believe neither inspector nor master of vessel is required to fill or sign on the questionnaire. In addition to that, they suggested to delete the questions for which information can be found on the vessel’s documents, current permit, catch logs, and plotting.