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Draft Arrangement between SIOFA and CCAMLR to enhance the
conservation and rational use of stocks and species of interest to both
parties

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Abstract

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between SIOFA and CCAMLR 'the Organisations' with a view to enhancing the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are of interest to both Organisations.

This paper was introduced at 2nd Meeting of the Scientific Committee. The SC noted the value of the arrangement in facilitating the SC work on stocks that are shared between SIOFA and CCAMLR regions

Recommendations

That the Meeting of the Parties consider this draft Arrangement for adoption

**Draft Arrangement between
The South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
and
The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources**

The South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (hereafter SIOFA) and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CCAMLR);

NOTE that the objectives of the South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (hereafter the Agreement) are to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the area of competence through cooperation among the Contracting Parties, and to promote the sustainable development of fisheries, taking into account the needs of developing States bordering the competence area, and in particular the least-developed among them and small island developing States;

NOTE FURTHER that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (hereafter CAMLR Convention) is the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources;

RECOGNISE that Article 16 of the Agreement requires SIOFA to cooperate, as appropriate, with other relevant organisations on matters of mutual interest and shall seek to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with such other organisations;

RECOGNISE that the Preamble to the CAMLR Convention considers it is desirable for CCAMLR to establish suitable machinery for recommending, promoting, deciding on and co-ordinating the measures and scientific studies needed to ensure the conservation of Antarctic marine living organisms;

NOTE that provisions of the CAMLR Convention address the conservation of non-target, associated or dependent species that occur in the same ecosystem as target species;

DESIRE to put in place, arrangements and procedures to promote cooperation in order to enhance the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are within the competence and/or mutual interest of both Organisations so as to avoid duplication or conflict between the activities of the two Organisations;

THEREFORE SIOFA and CCAMLR record the following arrangements;

1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT

The objective of this Arrangement is to facilitate, where appropriate, cooperation between SIOFA and CCAMLR ‘the Organisations’ with a view to enhancing the conservation and rational use of stocks and species which are of interest to both Organisations.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Organisations will establish and maintain consultation and cooperation in respect of matters of common interest, in particular the Organisations will:

- (i) exchange meeting reports, information, documents and publications regarding matters of mutual interest, consistent with the information sharing policies of each Organisation;
- (ii) exchange data and scientific information in support of the work and objectives of both Organisations, consistent with the information sharing policies of each Organisation including, but not limited to information on:
 - (a) vessels authorised to fish in accordance with the Organisation's conservation measures;
 - (b) illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing vessels and IUU Vessel Lists;
 - (c) catch, bycatch and vessel information and/or data;
- (iii) cooperate to harmonise approaches in areas of mutual interest and concern, most notably on bycatch of non-target, associated and dependent species (ecologically related species), compliance monitoring and evaluation schemes;
- (iv) where appropriate, collaborate on analyses and research efforts relating to species of mutual interest;
- (v) consider methods of recognising and cooperating with each other's conservation and management measures; and
- (vi) consistent with each Organisation's rules of procedure, grant permanent reciprocal observer status to representatives of the respective Organisations in relevant meetings of each Organisations.

3. CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

To facilitate effective development, implementation and enhancement of cooperation, the Organisations may establish a consultative process between the two respective Secretariats that includes, telephone, email and similar means of communications. The consultative process may also proceed in the margins of meetings at which both Organisations' Secretariats are represented by appropriate staff.

4. MODIFICATION

This Arrangement may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of both Organisations.

5. LEGAL STATUS

This Arrangement does not create legally binding rights or obligations.

This Arrangement does not alter the obligations of members of either Organisation to comply with the management and conservation measures of those bodies.

6. OTHERS

This Arrangement will commence on the date of signature.

Either Organisation may terminate this Arrangement by giving six months' prior written notice to the other Organisation.

This Arrangement will continue to operate until terminated by either organisation.

7. SIGNATURE

Signed at thisday of2016

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Chair CCAML