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## Intersessional consultations on the HSBI procedures Identity card of inspector

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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 Inspectors, and HSBI questionnaire) drafted by the Secretariat during this intersessional period and provide recommendations to the 7th Meeting of the Parties.  This document is about the identity card for inspectors.
Recommendations
The Secretariat recommends the CC4 to agree on the identity card and proposes it to the Meeting of the Parties.

The Identity card identifying the inspector as authorised to carry out boarding and inspection (para 20). The CMM2019/14 - Paragraph 20 remains unclear on whether each CCP/FE should issue its own Inspection Identity Card, or if they should be harmonised on the SIOFA level.

- One CCP suggested to adopt a system similar to the one used by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (https://www.wcpfc.int/high-seas-boarding-inspection), which consists in compiling and posting on the organization's website samples of the Contracting Parties' respective inspection personnel identity cards.
- One CCP strongly prefers to use its own identity card for its Authorised Inspectors. This CCP reminded other delegations that whenever a separate SIOFA card is required, the national credentials issued to Authorised Inspectors by CP authorities will also be required onboard and should be made available upon boarding.
- The other CCPs agreed on a harmonized standard SIOFA template.
- One CCP believes one identity card with both SIOFA official working language on both side is better, it suggests that the contents of the French version should be exactly the same as the English version including the photo, pennant, issuing country and issuing date.

The propositions of amendment on the Identity card submitted (Same SIOFA logo and Information, expiration date of the SIOFA inspector registration, Boarding identity number, nationality of the Inspector) were included in a second template. Because of this new information, we could not keep a bank card format anymore, but we could conform with an Identity Card (larger) format. The template is illustrated on the next page.

Proposed exact size: 85 mm x 55mm



