## MoP-07-42

## 7th Meeting of the Parties of the South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (MoP7)

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## Revised SC report recommendations based on interventions received by correspondence

## *Relates to agenda item: 5* Working paper Info paper

## SIOFA Chairperson

**Abstract**

This document revise the SC recommendations based on interventions received by correspondence

**Recommendations *(working papers only)***

MoP to agrees on these recommendations

* **Agreed to defer the recommendations** outlined in paragraph 49, 134 and 155 to MOP 8
* Concerning recommendation 49, **Recommended** that if feasible, CCPs provide details on the use of fishing footprints this year in order to allow the next Scientific Committee to progress on the subject (FoT)
* **Noted** that the recommendations in paragraph 99, 111, 153 and 189 concern individual CCPs in terms of their contribution to SC and possibly concern the SIOFA budget and could be considered under Agenda Item 11
* **Noted** that EU will conidered the recommendations in paragraph 180 and 181 in the context of its future proposals
* **Noted** the advice paragraph 119 on the alfoninso stock assessment and requests the SC continue to work towards improving the alfonsino stock assessment [EU]
* **Adopted** the report of the 5th meeting of the Scientific Committee at MOP-07-18.
* **Considered** the recommendations from the Scientific Committee to the MOP given in the consolidated advice in Agenda item 13 of the SC5 report and summarised in the Scientific Chairs paper to the MOP, noting that the substantial consideration, if appropriate, will be deferred to the next MOP
* **Endorsed** the recommendation in paragraph 170 of the SC report which states “[t]he *Scientific Committee recommended that the MoP note the ongoing issues around data provision to the Secretariat that had delayed or constrained Scientific Committee work, including the ERA on other teleosts (SC5, paragraph 170); and recommended the MoP request CCPs facilitate timely provision of data to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee so that the Scientific Committee can undertake its work.* [JPN]
* **Endorsed** the recommendation in paragraph 199 of the SC report which states *“the SC initially recommended that 2.5 days be allocated for the PAEWG3 meeting,2.5 days for the SERAWG3 meeting and 5 days for the SC6 meeting*.” [JPN}
* **Requested** that the PAEWG prepare a paper outlining the options for different methodologies of different gear types and objectives as well as options for addressing the pending technical issues and associated consequences/trade-offs to facilitate discussions of the MOP 8 [EU]
* **Requested** the SC further elaborates the bycatch mitigation measures specified in paragraph 155 of the report in order to provide a solid basis for informed decision making.[EU]
* **Emphasised the importance of CCP bottom fishing impact assessments meeting the BFIAS, and recalled paragraph 75 of the MOP 6 report which asks CCPs to address gaps in their BFIAs to meet the BFIAs. [AUS]**
* **Emphasised the importance of both consultancies and CP/PFE driven contributions to drive forward the SC Work Plan [AUS]**
* **Thanked** Dr Ilona Stobutzki for her outstanding contribution to the work of the Scientific Committee.
* **Thanked** Dr Patrice Pruvost and Mr Lee Georgeson for their work as Chairs of the SC working groups, and Dr Tom Nishida for his role as Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee and his ongoing work as a Chair of an SC working group.
* **Noted** that the MOP undertook a recruitment process in September/October to trial an independent SC Chair, and welcomes Mr Alistair Dunn to the role of SIOFA SC Chair.
* **Confirmed** the ongoing appropriateness of the Scientific Committee Terms of Reference, noting these are reviewed annually, and that paragraph 3 on the election of the Chair and VC may need further consideration [FoT]